

Iran FORCES F-35 Landing, Trump's Oil War BACKFIRES

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Welcome back to another update. We begin with the Strait of Hormuz in Iran, where despite all of the reports from the United States media, Axios in particular, that tens of millions, millions upon millions of barrels of oil are coming out of the Strait of Hormuz, Iran is demonstrating that it is enforcing its control over the key waterway with force. Iran has just launched anti-ship cruise missiles from Bandar Abbas in southeastern Iran, targeting vessels, which is an unusual location given that it is farther from the Strait of Hormuz than other typical Iranian launch sites.

And this came as an F-35 United States fighter jet put on its emergency signals near the UAE during these munitions attacks by Iran, which were fired toward the Strait of Hormuz from Bandar-e-Jask, and the fighter jet was forced to land in the UAE. Now, we have to talk about the reports of the wild success of the United States in its stealth operation, according to Mossad Unit 8200 reporter, agent-turned-reporter Barak Ravid, who said around 40 tankers transited in and out of the Strait of Hormuz overnight through the southern deep channel on Friday. Around 16 million barrels of oil moved out of the Strait through the southern channel.

Three U.S. officials told him, well, there are some problems with these reports. According to Drop Site News, they looked at the data from Kpler and actually found no tankers exited the Strait of Hormuz during that period. And here is the full report: Kpler's vessel tracking data shows zero west-to-east tanker crossings on Friday and zero barrels of oil exiting through the Strait, highlighting the enormous gap between Washington's claims and independently observable traffic. Now, it gets even worse for the United States because the United States is not only not able to hide its ineffective blockade, but it's also not able to hide the fact that it is indeed continuing on a path to war worldwide.

With Iran, a new deal with Qatar, a \$4.5 billion tanker deal, has raised questions over the purpose. Why is it that Qatar needs these KC-46As, these PW4062 turbofan engines, and 10 AN/ALR-69A

radar warnings, 15 Guardian laser transmitter assemblies, and other hardware, which are all being used, according to Iran, for the purposes of another phase of the war? Now, Iran has warned Gulf states against assisting the U.S. military. Chief of Staff Ali Abulani says any assistance or facilitation for U.S. forces would be considered participation alongside them.

In a post on social media, he said countries on the southern shores of the Gulf that have publicly said they would not allow Washington to use their territory against Iran should know that nothing escapes our notice. Now, this is an interesting dynamic because not only is Iran saying it is ready to retaliate in a preemptive manner against countries that continue to house things like refueling tankers, so key to the U.S.'s aerial attack on Iran in the future, but also we have the fact that Qatar is having major economic problems of its own, slashing its government budget by 30% as its LNG income collapses, according to a report from The Cradle citing the Financial Times. It's adding that Doha is also contemplating further cuts to deal with the fallout of the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran.

It set its budget to roughly \$61 billion, but it's not disclosed how much departmental cuts will reduce it. Of the other six Gulf states, Qatar faces the steepest downturn in 2026, an 8.6% decline in overall output. And why is that? Well, because Iran absolutely obliterated its Ras Laffan, which handles more LNG exports than any other facility worldwide, and was struck by Iranian drones and missiles in February, four days into the war. So Qatar is having major issues, and this economic war is set to have even more issues because Saudi Arabia, another hub for the U.S.'s refueling tankers. And a lot of reports have been saying that there has been a move to Saudi Arabia of U.S. hardware, military hardware, and assets out of Jordan and other destroyed U.S. bases, like in Kuwait.

But Saudi Arabia's visible oil exports have plunged to roughly just 2 million barrels per day in August, according to the latest Kpler data, as the Iran war and resulting disruption across key Gulf and Red Sea shipping routes squeeze the kingdom's ability to move crude, down from about 2.7 million barrels per day in July, and 56% in a single month since Ansar Allah announced their blockade on July 20th. So the Iran war damaged Saudi oil shipping and trade, and Ansar Allah is doing this as well. And now Gulf states are undermining the United States' crushing economic operation against Iran even further by quietly reaching out to Iran for new security arrangements, which is now a direct consequence, according to Mohammad Ghalibaf, Iran's parliamentary speaker, of the U.S. war against Iran. We've received numerous messages from neighboring countries about shaping new security arrangements and economic cooperation in the region. The United States put the security of every single one of its allies at such risk through bullying and pure disregard for their interests for the sake of Israel.

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They briefly saw their entire existence on the line. So the Gulf countries, these include the UAE, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia in particular, have reached out to Iran for independent security arrangements away from the United States. And for many who call Iran's Masoud Pezeshkian a moderate and somebody who may undermine more militant factions in the Iranian government, Iran says the

world has approved our victory over the U.S., according to The Hill. This is citing Masoud Pezeshkian's comments saying that the war between the United States and Iran should actually just end now because the world has accepted Iran's victory in the conflict. "The entire world approved of our victory, and the U.S. is hated," he said to the IRNA news agency.

And this is in response to Trump's call to increase economic warfare against Iran in order to squeeze it, and, as Scott Bessent said earlier, inspire the population to conduct regime change against the country. So what does all of this say about the current state of the war? Well, one, it says that actually, according to reports, Iran is not having difficulty enforcing its blockade and its stranglehold over the Strait of Hormuz. What it would say is, with its territorial integrity and sovereignty, as it continues to enforce a zero-tanker limit on the Strait. And this is in contradiction to attempts by Barak Ravid and the Trump administration to manipulate the market and say otherwise.

This also contradicts the notion that Axios put out just days ago that the Strait of Hormuz is not just being reopened, but that the United States has a stealth operation which is evading Iranian missile and drone fire and allowing all of these tens of millions of barrels of oil to get out of the Strait. Well, not only does the Kepler data contradict this, but also Iranian actions in being able to fire its missiles and drones from its various launch positions even further out from the Strait of Hormuz area and toward vessels shows that, between the numbers and between Iran's actions, actually the situation in the Strait of Hormuz is the exact opposite of what the United States says.

And now, what does it mean for the war that Gulf countries are beginning to signal to Iran that they do not want to get into another situation where they are the center of conflict? Well, it shows that the United States' prestige and hegemony in the region only is further degrading. When you have the UAE, especially the UAE, which is a big partner of the United States and Israel, it has tried from the very beginning of this war to be its number one partner in the Gulf against Iran. When it is reaching out to Iran for an independent security arrangement, then that means that there are major problems for the Gulf in general in what a future war on Iran would look like. The writing is on the wall. The United States is out of interceptors.

The United States is out of long-range munitions. If it were to restart a war, it could not provide interceptors to either of these two Gulf states in order to defend them and give them offensive capabilities to even do damage against Iran. It's gotten to the point where these Gulf states, operating as satellite military bases for the United States, have ultimately been rendered useless in that regard. And now it's their economies, it's their very lifeline economically, that stands to suffer the most. And we are seeing that in the data coming out of Qatar and Saudi Arabia, that their oil production and gas distribution has been greatly cut, causing economic contraction.

This economic contraction has been talked about for many months now in the Gulf region because of the massive damage that was done, not just to energy sites and U.S. bases, but overall to the ability of these countries, which do not have diverse economies, to operate in the global economy. And what does it mean for Gulf countries then to pursue a deeper partnership with Iran around

security? Well, what it means is that the multipolar world is set to get even stronger because, despite the lack of trust that Iran has with any of these states—and ultimately there will be no reason to trust them because they have operated as satellites of U.S. military power and power projection and aggression for the duration of this war and prior to this.

But it will strengthen the multipolar world in that if these Gulf countries are reaching out to Iran for independent security arrangements, you better believe they're reaching out to Russia and China as well, assuring them that these independent security arrangements will only strengthen the ability for Russia and China to trade with the Gulf states under more secure and more reliable political and military arrangements to protect their assets. So this is set to diminish not just the U.S.'s military standing, which is really the only foot it has to stand on at this point as an empire, but it is also going to be the knife in the back, or the final dagger, to the U.S.'s economic hegemony in the region, which has been dwindling for some time and ultimately has been eviscerated by the massive consequences of the war, especially in the realm of energy.

So we are set to see more of this coming in the future. Iran has noted that it has the right, in response to economic warfare, to preemptively strike if it feels that that will secure its ultimate victory. That you have Mossad officials saying we should end the war, not in a passive way, but in a way of declaring victory, I think shows and demonstrates where Iran is right now, while the United States and Trump and J.D. Vance and the architects of this war in Washington are all singing a different tune, focusing on economic warfare and trying to scramble for further preparations, as the Qatar refueling tanker deal demonstrates, for another round of attack.

And Trump has said that bombing is not excluded in the U.S.'s current approach with Iran, even though it is focusing more on economic warfare. But even though he said that, we have to understand that any kind of bombing campaign that resumes will likely be limited in nature, given the major munitions shortages and the possible impact that a renewed war would have on the global economy. The Trump administration is heading fast toward the midterm elections. The GOP does not want to see a massive sweep there. And so it's likely that we are going to see, up until November, maybe even a little onward, an attempt to manage this war in ways that quiet down the reporting, the news.

This is why you don't hear about the F-35 squawking. This is why you don't hear about Iran firing at vessels in the Strait of Hormuz, turning them back. This is why you have fake reports about tankers leaving the Strait of Hormuz carrying millions upon millions of barrels per day, when it is in fact fiction. It's because right now the Trump administration is on a major PR campaign to try to mitigate the impact of this war, which is having major consequences for prices overall in the United States—a price hike. Now there's a trade war with Canada that is heating up, which is likely to increase prices in the United States even further.

Diesel gas is up around \$5.50 a gallon, and that could go up in the coming days as the market starts reacting as strongly to Trump administration, Trump Truth Social posts, Trump administration

reports and comments, as well as, of course, Barak Ravid of Axios always and frequently stating that there is some kind of breakthrough happening in the Strait of Hormuz. Time is going to pass, and time is not on the side of the United States, which has had an off-ramp during the memorandum of understanding to try to actually come to a permanent ceasefire and an end to the war.

But it had to be on Iranian terms, and that is what the United States Empire just could not accept. So this is indeed a major crisis. There was a letter published in The Guardian today by a bunch of academics, and even some who would be called progressive and very much anti-establishment, like Mumia Abu-Jamal, a political prisoner in the U.S., Judith Butler, and others who said—Robin D. G. Kelley—these are all respected intellectuals, activists, who said that it's Iranians that are, like, between the scissors of two blades, the two blades of a scissor: the Iranian regime, they called it, on the one hand, and the U.S.'s war of aggression on the other.

But in fact, it is the United States and it is the U.S. empire that is caught between the blades of two scissors: its own warmongering on the one hand, which causes major economic impact not just on the world, but on itself and on the population it so needs to control to continue on with its imperial endeavors; and then, on the other, the resistance in the region, which is only causing that impact of the war to be exacerbated further and further. And it's the U.S. empire that's caught between these two things. Iranians are quite clear about what they want. They want an end to the war on their terms. They want justice for those who were killed. They want war reparations.

They want an end to the fighting on all fronts. And they want their sovereignty of the Strait of Hormuz to be respected, a deal with Oman to be conducted without U.S. influence. The U.S. now, under Trump, is trying to bomb Oman if the deal isn't good enough, sending huge signals of public pressure, let alone whatever is happening in private in the background that we don't see. So overall, Iranians know what they want. They're in the streets every single day protesting and demonstrating. It is actually the U.S. empire that needs to be the focal point at this point for those who are looking at this war, because it is the U.S. empire that refuses to end it, that continues on this path.

And the reports today demonstrate that this path has major consequences, that the Gulf countries are looking at a catastrophic decline, if not a pathway toward their total demise. Because let's be honest, monarchies don't tend to last forever. Actually, monarchies like the ones we see in the Gulf tend to be incredibly temporary, especially when they are not dominant like the Western monarchies were, of the feudal and early expansionist imperial era of European capital. No, this is the Gulf states, who are completely dependent on the U.S. militarily, in terms of tens of billions, if not hundreds of billions of dollars.

Remember, for the Trump administration, Donald Trump himself, the Gulf states are the Mecca, for lack of a better term, of U.S. domination, both financially and militarily in the region, touting the Abraham Accords to normalize with Israel and touting all of these deals with the UAE and Saudi Arabia, et cetera, around investment, all of which have gone out the window in order to satisfy Zionists, the neocon warmongers, and of course, all those who profit from endless war. And so

sacrificing all of that for a war on Iran that has only led to defeat will go down in the history books as one of the major points of reference for when the end of the U.S. empire has started to come about. We are in that process, and it's not—it's not one motion.

It's not a single event. And I think some have misconstrued the analysis on this program as viewing a single event, a single punch, a knockout blow, right? Like Muhammad Ali against George Foreman, for example. No, actually, this is a process. It actually is more like Muhammad Ali and George Foreman because it is the resistance, it is the multipolar world that is taking a lot of hits by a flailing U.S. empire. But this process of decline that we are seeing now in West Asia for U.S. hegemony has led to Iran securing a major blow to the United States empire, and the rest of the world now with major opportunities to continue onward, dealing their own kind of blows in their own way in order to build a new order. And that's exactly what's happening.

Prestige, for example, with regard to China, is at an all-time high, where Western countries now, their populations view China more favorably than the United States. The Arab world, the African populations across the 50-plus states there, they all view China already more favorably than the United States, which is no surprise given the U.S.'s history in those countries, in those parts of the world. But now Europe, Canada—China has built a massive amount of prestige on its rising and powerful economy, Russia, its military superiority status, and now Iran with its victory over the United States. And this is only set to build, right? There will be more outcomes like this in other parts of the world, including in this region, which only build upon this. And there will also be setbacks at times, which mean that more people will suffer and that this process may be prolonged.

But again, when we look at, for example, a chart of, let's use U.S. capitalism's boom-bust cycle, oftentimes people will say, well, you can't say capitalism is in decline or dying because boom-bust is part of its overall process. But if you look at U.S. capitalism, those booms and busts follow a trajectory actually downward in terms of its overall size, market share of the world economy, and its rate of profit actually is declining. Hence why there's so much debt to furnish these profits. So again, we have to understand that there will be ups, there will be downs, there will be ebbs, there will be flows within an overall process of change and transformation.

But overall, that process of change and transformation is happening. And so the reports today indicate that that change is happening maybe faster than ever, faster than those who have resisted it—those Gulf monarchs, those satellites of U.S. empire in West Asia, and now those who actually pull the levers in Washington and in the Zionist regime in Israel—had assumed it would occur. So buckle up, everyone. We are in for an immensely wild ride as we continue to report on the war with Iran, as well as its global implications, which continue to shape the world around us in profound ways. The summer is just starting to reach its endpoint.

And political machinations in Washington are likely to get more desperate as election cycles and economic woes, as well as the fact that Iran consolidating its power, only means that the United States will have to act more quickly in order to try to reverse this outcome, which appears, for right

now—I will not be a soothsayer or make a prediction—but appears right now to be not just incredibly difficult, but maybe impossible at this point, given the level of preparation, steadfastness, and resources that Iran now has at its disposal. These are very interesting times. And I will be back with you for the next report and the next live show very soon, as this is a daily program. But be sure to hit the like button before you go. That helps boost the show. And, of course, all the places to support this show—Patreon, Substack, Buy Me a Coffee, and much more—are in the video description below. See you on the next live show. Until then, bye-bye.