

Iran ATTACKS USS George Washington, Trump to NUKE Pickaxe?!

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Welcome back to a breaking news update. So history is being made now in this war, and I'm here with my buddy to talk about why this is so important. So the United States has, on September 5th, struck three Iranian oil tankers. One of them sunk, according to CENTCOM reports, in the Gulf of Oman. Now this is the first time that the United States has sunk a tanker in the Strait of Hormuz, or anywhere, since the war began, and the first time that the United States, according to CENTCOM, has targeted commercial vessels since World War II. But what was Iran's response? And it was quite devastating. According to some reports, six, several of which were affiliated with the United States and under U.S. naval escort, were hit in the Strait of Hormuz in a single day.

But this is not all. Not only this, but Iran fired at a U.S. naval vessel, the USS George Washington, the aircraft carrier that replaced the USS Lincoln in the region after the USS Lincoln was essentially taken out of service due to a massive number of sailors attempting to take their own lives, as well as incredible reports about how decrepit and damaged the vessel was from its own internal rot. While the USS George Washington, which has many of the similar problems, was forced to take evasive maneuvers after a dozen medium-range anti-ship ballistic missiles, several of which were fired at the USS George Washington and its protective U.S. destroyer.

These ships were forced to take evasive maneuvers and exit the battlefield area, likely outside of the Gulf of Oman altogether, into the Arabian Sea or Indian Ocean. So this is an incredibly important report. Iran now directly warns Trump that all U.S. naval ships are targets. Any strikes on Iranian ships will be met with multiple strikes on vessels linked to countries participating in the aggression on Iran. So this is a major escalation in the war. It is one which is historic because this is the first time Iran has attempted to hit a U.S. aircraft carrier. And many people have been wondering when this time would come.

And in many cases, this is nothing but a warning to the United States that this is indeed possible, and that if the United States keeps on effing around, it will definitely find out. Now, what's so interesting about this is Pete Hegseth did respond to the United States striking Iranian tankers, and he said the following. He said, "It's simple. If Iran shoots at U.S. ships, confirming that Iran actually shot at U.S. ships, we will destroy and sink all their oil tankers. All they have to do is not shoot at the U.S. Navy." Well, isn't this interesting? And he says, of course, that the oil tanker fleet of Iran is defenseless with no Navy or Air Force. But then how is Iran firing at U.S. naval ships without a Navy or Air Force?

So that means it has a military, at the very least. But we also know that Iranian small boats and the IRGC Navy are making many of these reports about the activity that's happening in the Strait of Hormuz. So, of course, it's a lie. But the bigger point here is that Pete Hegseth was forced to acknowledge that Iran fired at the U.S. Navy itself, and not only this, that this is going to force a U. S. response. And what is this U.S. response? To fire at Iranian oil tankers. Do you see this equation here? Do you see what doesn't add up? To fire at Iranian oil tankers means that you are acknowledging that there is an asymmetry in this war, that there is no one-to-one ratio in the use of force here.

Iran is taking the war to the United States Navy itself, while the U.S. is backtracking and taking it to Iranian commercial shipping, which is not to be underestimated. It's not to be underestimated about the impact on Iran. Of course, Iran does not want its oil tankers to be hit in this way. But the fact of the matter is that generally, in the past, how the U.S. would respond to strikes like this would be to engage in aerial and standoff munition strikes against Iranian targets, military targets, and civilian targets inside of Iran. But ever since the United States hit that wedding in Sirik, which killed a half dozen people and injured over 50 people at a wedding party, we haven't seen the United States engage in kinetic action on Iran, on Iranian soil.

And this is because not only the munitions shortage, not only the fact that Trump is now subjecting—get this—Trump is now subjecting U.S. military personnel to polygraph tests, which have already been proven for years and years and years and years now, if you know anything about polygraph tests, to be incredibly faulty. They are not to be trusted necessarily in their results. But nevertheless, Trump is subjecting U.S. military personnel to polygraph tests. And so what does this tell you about where this war is? It means Trump is the desperate one. Trump is the one getting Pete Hegseth out there talking about how oil tankers will be taken out.

A tanker for a naval vessel? Now, of course, the U.S. policy officially right now, CENTCOM's, is a tanker for a tanker. But Iran has already demonstrated that it has the capacity to take out twice as many tankers as it did U.S. in one go after Iran's tankers were targeted by the number of three. So again, what this is demonstrating is that Iran has actually taken full advantage of the battlefield

terrain and that it has gained an upper hand in this war, one that is now looking irreconcilable and actually unparalleled, where it is not possible for the United States to regain any kind of asymmetrical power over the Iranian military.

But nevertheless, that's where things are on the Iran front. The USS George Washington now is under fire. The USS George Washington will have to stay some 500, 600 kilometers away that U.S. naval vessels have generally stayed in order to conduct their operations. This has become a crisis because we know that the USS Lincoln—we know that there are sailors on board there that talked about how horrible the conditions were, and how they were essentially forced by the Iranian battlefield makeup, the way that Iran has shaped the battlefield, to leave, and that they were told they couldn't talk about the conditions on board the USS Lincoln, that they had to stay silent.

So there's not only a major military defeat here. Not only has the U.S. Navy and the U.S. military been humiliated, but they're trying to cover it up. And that's how bad things have gotten. Now, of course, the Iranian tankers that were hit were hit around Kharg Island. And we know that the Trump administration right now is thinking about maybe planning a strike not only on Kharg Island, but also on Pickaxe Mountain, which is supposedly the area which has a lot of Iranian enriched uranium hidden beneath it. And the belief is that strikes in these two locations will cripple Iran's capacity to not only develop its nuclear program, but also its economy.

And now the entire strategy is to strangle Iran economically. Now, Iran can weather this storm. They've already proven that they can weather the economic storm. According to the Iranian Oil Ministry, they are targeting a 250,000-barrel-per-day goal in oil production, and they've already reached about 80,000 to 100,000 barrels per day. So that goal is becoming more and more achievable the longer this war goes on. But as Professor Mohammad Marandi and many others on the show have noted, Iran uses much of its oil for domestic consumption, especially in times of war. And while Iran would love to be able to freely trade its oil, it is going to ensure that it is ready to fight this war for the long haul.

But nevertheless, oil is still getting through in large part because of the teapot refineries that are making their way to Asia and then from Asia to China, which buys 90% of its oil. So, Iran can outlast this so-called tanker war. They can. And they've shown every single day that they can hit U.S.-escorted tankers, supposedly. And when I say escorted, what I really mean is that the United States is putting up some kind of aircraft above the skies, likely hugging the Omani corridor and the attendant countries in the Gulf that border that side of the Strait of Hormuz.

And they're trying to escort these tankers out and fire at anything—Iranian small boats, drones, missiles—that are fired their way. And it's been shown not to be very effective because every single day Iran is hitting tankers. But also, it demonstrates, too, that U.S. aircraft, U.S. Air Force aircraft, the technology, the F-35 and other U.S. fighter jets, are also vulnerable because a few of those have

had to take evasive maneuvers. And this has been actually confirmed by Axios. So nothing is safe for the United States right now. And this war is only getting more dire. Diesel gas is going up above \$6 a gallon. The U.S. economy is in dire straits. Inflation is set to rise even more.

Food costs are through the roof. There's talk about a global food crisis on the way. The Gulf economies are struggling. They are collapsing. The UAE, Qatar, Saudi, they are all losing massive amounts of revenue because of this war. So this is getting really bad. And we aren't hearing the Gulf countries make any fuss about this. We aren't hearing any attempts to push the Trump administration back into the MOU terms by regional countries. No, what we have right now is a massive malaise and descent toward oblivion for both U.S. interests in the region, U.S. military power in the region, as well as the Gulf states, which have been used as a launching ground for this war.

And this war is set to escalate because it is quite possible that the U.S. is contemplating a tactical nuclear strike on Pickaxe Mountain to break it. And if that were to happen, we would be in the throes and in the midst of a nuclear war. Now, Trump has ruled out nuclear weapons use in this war publicly. But privately, we have heard from military officials anonymously that the Trump administration has been considering this for quite some time, in large part because Pickaxe Mountain is seen as such a fortified area and an incredibly difficult location, landmass, to make any damage toward. And the belief is that a tactical nuke would do it.

But what a tactical nuke would do would set the precedent of nuclear war in this particular conflict and globally, the first time used since World War II, when strategic nukes were used to bomb and absolutely devastate the people of Japan and the surrounding region in the Pacific, for no reason, mind you, as historian Peter Kuznick and so many others have outlined. The United States knew that the Soviet Union had entered the Pacific War. They knew that they were going to march on Japan and force surrender, and that Japan would surrender. But they dropped the nuclear weapons anyway in order to send a message to the Soviet Union. So now, the Trump administration is looking to possibly send a message to Iran and the rest of the world.

This is the neocon agenda, to send a message to the rest of the world that the U.S. still has something to play, still has a card to play. It's a very small card, and that card would essentially just trigger a global catastrophe, but would do absolutely nothing for U.S. power in general. So now, a summary of what happened. Okay, so... the U.S. targeted three Iranian oil tankers after reports that Iran had fired at the USS George Washington and its destroyers with anti-ship ballistic missiles. Iran then targeted three U.S.-backed oil tankers and three additional U.S. vessels, which could have been commercial vessels, or could have been naval vessels, destroyers, or the like.

So that is the latest kinetic action. There were some talks that maybe the U.S. was going to strike Iran at night, but they didn't do it, and they keep doing this. The markets are absolutely in tatters. There are major problems with the markets, and there are reports that the reason why also the United States won't make an escalatory move right now is because of the economic situation,

because of how delicate it is, and because oil is rising close to now \$100 a barrel. But that number might seem small because that was where it was, over 100, for so many weeks during the initial period of the Iran war, that one might think that's not that big of a deal.

But now, with all the market manipulation, now with all that we know about the reality of the situation on the ground economically, both domestically in the U.S. and globally, we know that \$100 a barrel really actually signifies closer to \$200 a barrel in impact—the inflationary prices, what's happening to people at the pump, but also the fact that the U.S. is running out of its Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and it is facing, ultimately, an economic catastrophe, a global economic catastrophe, with the shortage of goods that are no longer coming through the Strait of Hormuz or commercial trade in general. So ultimately, the United States is moving toward catastrophe. Now you see desperation: Jared Kushner, Steve Witkoff in Russia.

They've had to travel all the way to Russia to try to negotiate some kind of peace terms with the Russian government, with Vladimir Putin. Three hours spent by Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff, these fake diplomats who absolutely know nothing about diplomacy. They were forced to sit down with Vladimir Putin as he ran them the riot act and said, "This is what we're doing. This is how we're succeeding, and we're going to continue. And if you have a proposal for us that's going to meet ultimately our demands and what we want, then sure, we will consider it." But it is highly likely that we will see more Trump administration caught with its pants down and having to beg Vladimir Putin to resolve something with the Ukraine conflict because of the war on Iran being completely and utterly lost.

And now they have to try to go to this other conflict that they forgot about, or at the very least, they stopped talking about, while they supply Ukraine with the weaponry and intelligence to commit terror on the Russian people. Now they have to beg Putin and say, "Hey, can you give us a victory, please?" This is the pathetic situation of the United States right now. It's an absolutely pathetic situation of U.S. military power and U.S. hegemony. It doesn't mean it's not dangerous, as I heard to my friend Brian Berletic, friend of the show, and KJ Noh. The U.S. is incredibly dangerous because the United States can still maim. It can still murder. It can still conduct military operations which do damage to people.

And sanctions and the blockade on Iran do damage to people. It does, meaning that Iran's economy has to evade and try to get around the restrictions, and it has to deal with its own tankers, as we just saw, get hit. But it is not by any means decisive. There is no decisive strike for the United States in this war. There's certainly nothing decisive about what it can do to Russia, which is very little. And so, with this lack of precision and lack of decisive action possible to be taken by the United States, well, that means that U.S. hegemony is really just holding on to what it can. But that won't last forever, and it's not lasting forever, because Iran is now in a more powerful position than it was before the war.

Iran is now dictating terms. Iran is now shaping how the battlefield is going to look from here on out. It is going up the escalation ladder, which means it has a lot more cards to play. And the fact of the matter is that all of this is leading to higher prestige and higher legitimacy for the multipolar world, which, as Professor David Gibbs has said, is in fact a good thing for the world because it means that there's a possibility of a more peaceful and prosperous alternative. And in fact, that's what it is. I mean, when you look at China, when you look at Iran, when you look at Russia, when you look at the countries that are engaging with them, it means that these countries are going to pursue alternatives to the dollar.

It means they're pursuing alternative development. It means they're developing independently. They're building these corridors. They're building these integration projects. And ultimately, they're looking at their own prosperity first and the prosperity of the people of their countries first over the profits and warmongering and chaos-inducing diktats of the U.S. Empire. That's where we are. That is the world situation. That is what shapes the reason why Kushner and Witkoff are on their knees in Russia. It's why the United States Navy now, and Pete Hegseth of the U.S. War Department, has to acknowledge that there is now a total asymmetry in this war, that there is no more balance here.

It is Iran in the driver's seat. And it is Iran that, over time, we will see the regional situation change dramatically, even for the Israeli regime, as they try to take advantage of the U.S. tying up Iran in this direct confrontation with the U.S. Navy by moving on Lebanon. They are not safe either. They've raised the alarm of a possible Iranian strike on them. Now, while that's not necessarily imminent at this time, according to reports, let's be quite honest that there are reports that the Axis of Resistance are preparing coordinated attacks on Israel. And that very well could be possible in the near future. And it will be. It will happen.

And Israel also is facing now a desalination plant crisis because of all the sewage that has been flowing into the Mediterranean because of the destruction of Gaza and what that did to what was already a fragile sewage system that barely existed in the first place. Now it is all leaking into the desalination plant, the desalination areas of Israel, leading to algae bloom, leading to toxicity, and of course leading to karma for the Israeli regime. But that karma will get a lot worse because the Axis of Resistance will eventually strike, and that will be led by Iran. So Iran is looking to enforce its demands. It is very likely that this war will not only continue into 2027 and beyond, but that it is going to include another confrontation with Israel. This is the end game. Israel wants Greater Israel.

The United States Empire wants hegemony in the region, and it wants to use this region as a launching pad for a full world war with Russia, China, and Iran. It wants to destroy all alternatives to its rule. TINA: there is no alternative. That's what was declared after the Soviet Union fell in 1991, but now all these plans have gone wrong, absolutely to shit. And we are at the end game. We are truly at the end game. And that means that the U.S. military, the U.S. hegemony, is going to do

everything it can to sow that destruction. But without further ado, everyone, that's my report for today. The world is certainly a chaotic place right now, but it is one that is not without hope. So I hope that all of you have a great rest of your day and that you keep fighting on.