

Iran WRECKS Trump & Israel's War Plan! | Mohammad Marandi

Prof. Seyed Mohammad Marandi discusses how Iran has wrecked Trump & Israel's war plan set to detonate at any moment and the Yemeni people's blistering offensive that has shut down multiple airports in Saudi Arabia and obliterated huge sections of the Saudi kingdom's oil infrastructure. LIKE the video and Subscribe for more in-depth geopolitical analysis Leave your thoughts in the comments below! Support the Channel: Patreon: <https://www.patreon.com/dannyhaiphong> SUBSCRIBE ON RUMBLE: Rumble: <https://rumble.com/c/DannyHaiphong> Follow Me on Social Media: Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DannyHaiphong> Telegram: <https://t.me/DannyHaiphong> Support the channel in other ways: <https://www.buymeacoffee.com/dannyhaiphong> Substack: chroniclesofhaiphong.substack.com Cashapp: \$Dhaiphong Venmo: @dannyH2020 Paypal: <https://paypal.me/spiritho> #iranwar #trump #israel

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Welcome back to the show, everyone. As you can see, I'm joined by Professor Saeed Mohammed Morani from the University of Tehran to go over the latest updates. So, Professor Morani, let's begin with this. It seems like Iran is wrecking the U.S. and Israeli war plans that are on the way, similar to prior to February 28, 2026, when the U.S. and Israel began their war. Iran is conducting massive military drills and missile tests in the country, including 30 ballistic missiles or so launched today. And this comes as I'm sure you've been seeing all the reports of the transport aircraft and cargo coming into Israel. It seems that air defense batteries might be a key component that Israel is getting and receiving whatever is left of them from the United States, as they both jockey over how to frame a coming strike on Iran, which could come before the midterm elections or Israeli elections, or it could happen afterward.

It's not so sure yet, but the U.S. is said to have been pressing Israel to go for a quote-unquote solo strike against Iran, which the defense chief in Israel has said will postpone the election. Iran has also stepped up its tanker attacks. This is one image off the coast of Oman. There have been several pretty big tankers actually hit in the last day. And here's another image of this. Some say, though, that it was not necessarily a missile strike, but actually an Iranian naval mine that got the violating vessels destroyed. The United States also published this video saying that they hit an Iranian cargo tanker themselves as it was trying to leave the blockade line, quote-unquote. And this is the first time that this has happened in a long time. Donald Trump is said to be getting ready, Professor Morani, to enter the war against Yemen that Saudi Arabia has launched.

And this is because the United States has had to witness Saudi Arabia getting absolutely razed by Yemeni missiles, including the King Khalid International Airport. Twelve people were killed yesterday

and dozens of others injured from Yemeni missile strikes. This was confirmed—actually, dozens, I say dozens, over 300 people were injured. And this airport is still closed, and Saudi infrastructure is being struck down all over the place. Professor Morandi, what's going on here? What's your assessment of where we are at now? This war seemingly continues to expand across the region. The United States and Israel appear not to be so sure about how to approach Iran at this point, but it seems that they're preparing to do that. What have you made of the responses and the developments occurring here?

#Mohammad Marandi

As expected, we are moving closer towards a renewal of the aggression, the military aggression. The war has been going on for quite a while now, and the Americans are trying to strangle Iran and, of course, strangle Yemen. And the belief is that actually it was Trump who encouraged Mohammed bin Salman to launch the war against Yemen. And, of course, it started with the attack on Yemen's international airport in Yemen as a plane was about to land, and Yemen decided to retaliate and demanded that the siege on the people of Yemen, which has been going on for many years, be brought to an end. This starvation siege, the sort of starvation siege that has been imposed on Cuba, on Iran, before in Syria, and anywhere where the United States and its proxies and the Israeli regime are unhappy with people.

So the Americans, from what I'm hearing, they are prepared for war. They're prepared to restart the aggression, and they are trying to focus on preparing for an assault. It's not for sure that a war will happen. Nothing is ever for sure. But they are bringing in the necessary equipment for launching the war. They already have almost all that is necessary for conflict. Of course, the situation in Saudi Arabia did not go as planned. I really do not comprehend why Mohammed bin Salman or Trump or anyone else thought that this would be a good idea. Yemen had already, after seven years of genocidal war against the people of Yemen, this huge coalition, which included all the countries in the region except for Iran, it failed.

And the West was supporting it. We recall back then what was happening and how it was so bad that even some senators in the United States were trying to bring it to an end, and they failed. But ultimately, Yemen forced the Saudi regime, the Israeli regime, the Saudi regime to accept a ceasefire. And because they were, after years of genocidal war, they began to develop their own indigenous technology, missile and drone technology, with Iran's assistance. But obviously those missiles and drones were being made in Yemen. You can't just bring in all these missiles and drones to besiege countries. So the technology was indigenous. They had young engineers with Iranian help to develop these programs.

And they began to strike the Saudi regime and the Saudi oil industry. And that caused the Saudis to end the war. Well, today, Yemen is much stronger than what it was three and a half years ago. And the Saudi regime is significantly weaker than what it was three years ago because of its involvement in the war of aggression against Yemen. So why would Saudi Arabia be foolish enough to enter this

war? Who knows? But in any case, this has further weakened the U.S. position. And if you've noticed, Yemeni missiles and drones are not being brought down by air defenses. Either the Americans don't have air defenses anymore, or the Americans are just giving it to the Israelis and they don't care about anyone else.

So, we'll have to see how things play out. But the Iranians are putting more pressure on the United States. They are making it more difficult for ships to pass through the Strait of Hormuz. Over the past 10, 11 days, the Iranians have increased the number of ships that they've struck, ships that were not obeying Iran's orders with regards to passing through the Strait of Hormuz. And thus the amount of oil that flows through the strait has declined significantly. And I think this is a policy that will continue for the time being. That's why Trump is so desperate. That's why he's so desperate about a deal and an agreement between Russia and Ukraine. But the Iranians are going to keep up the pressure.

And if the United States does restart this war, if Trump carries out his threat, his genocidal threat against the Iranian people, and targets Iranian infrastructure, then you can be absolutely certain that Iran will take out the infrastructure of U.S. proxies in the region, and of course that of the Israeli regime. But U.S. proxies in the region, because they are so bound to the United States and so important for the U.S. economy, they will suffer the consequences because they are part of this war. They are guilty of aggression against the Iranian people. Ordinary Iranians consider these countries, the regimes—Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar—to be the enemies of the Iranian people. They're the enemy, just like the United States, just like the Israeli regime. They're the enemy.

They've facilitated death and destruction in Iran. Without provocation, they assisted the Israelis during the 12-day war. And this war, one of the things that American refuelers did was that they would refuel Israeli fighter jets. So free oil, free jet fuel from these countries were being used by the Israelis to bomb Iran, and of course, their radar installations. So they are guilty of war crimes against the Iranian people. They have no excuse. Just like now, you see the Western media, Western elites, and regional despots, and these Wahhabi and Salafi takfiris on the payroll all complaining about Yemen, whereas it was the Saudis that started this genocidal war and restarted the war, and complaining about Iran striking at these Arabs, even though they were part of the war against Iran. But no one believes them anymore.

People across the world have woken up to the reality. They know it was Yemen and Iran that tried to stop the genocide in Gaza. That's why they're bombed. That's why Ayatollah Khamenei was martyred. That's why Sayyid Hassan Nasrallah was martyred. That's why the prime minister and the cabinet of Yemen, they were attacked and martyred. The prime minister of Yemen, by the way, the martyr, was a Sunni. The government in Yemen is a coalition government that is led by Ansarullah, but these are not Houthi rebels, as the West likes to say. They are a government, and that's why

they underestimate them. When you're a Houthi rebel, who would believe that you can make your missiles and drones, like they portray them, as if they are in caves in the mountains or in the jungle, hidden somewhere.

And then the government is—the Yemeni government, according to the West—are the people who live in Riyadh, in Saudi Arabia. But in any case, we are heading for a very decisive moment, in my opinion. I think this is—I'm not saying the end game—but probably the next few weeks will be decisive for the world. Because if the United States makes the wrong move, if Netanyahu makes the wrong move, if the Zionist lobby and the Israeli regime get their way, then I think we're going to see a collapse of the global economy, and the collapse of these regimes in the region that are bound to the United States.

#Danny

Yeah, great points. I wanted to actually bring back up, too, given that last point you just made, of CENTCOM bragging. This is the first time in a long time—I can't even put a date to the last time the United States claimed to have struck an Iranian tanker. But I think what's so interesting about this, too, is that the United States has been very careful not to do something like this because of oil prices. But Iran has not been careful. Iran has been, every single day, hitting now a record number of tankers, stopping the flow of oil, as you said, coming out and into the Strait of Hormuz. And now the IRGC Navy, the Iranian Navy, is saying that they are going to target more vessels off the coast of the UAE should they not leave a particular port.

So there's a lot of activity happening in the Strait of Hormuz, and the United States, it appears, is walking a very fine line and having a hard time deciding how to respond to Iran at this point. And what you said about Yemen is so interesting too, because I can't imagine, despite the fact that the reports are from early on that Trump and the United States administration, you know, pushed Saudi Arabia to conduct this attack, everything that's happened since then appears to be going so badly that now the U.S. is possibly going to, whatever, send whatever they have in the region to try to bomb Ansar Allah and the Yemeni people as well, whatever that will do. Your thoughts on that? I mean, the U.S.—I've heard that five plans, five plans to strike Iran and Yemen have been introduced to Trump by his request just in the last month or so alone, and he's rejected all of them in the final analysis. Your reaction to all of this?

#Mohammad Marandi

Yes, and I think it's quite clear that whoever sides with Saudi Arabia, they're siding with the genocidal regime that's backed up by the empire and an ally of the Israeli regime. So, yeah, that says more than enough about whoever sides with the Saudis. More than enough. So I hope that regional countries reconsider, especially because their own people are opposed to such acts, to their

involvement, their government's involvement. And it won't change the outcome. And also those who are saying, "Why is Iran striking tankers?" These tankers, this oil belongs to those countries that engage in warfare against the Iranian people.

And instead of apologizing to the Iranian people, they continue to attack and assault and help the United States fight in their attempt to strangle the Iranian people. These governments are the enemies. They are the enemies of the Iranian people. So why should Iran allow Saudi oil just to get through, or Kuwaiti oil, or Qatari gas? The former prime minister of Qatar just last night said the enemy, the main enemy, is Iran. After all Iran did for Qatar when the Saudis and the Emiratis were trying to overthrow the government. They engage in war against Iran. As we speak, tens of American refueling jets are in Qatar, ready to take off to refuel jets on their way to bomb Iranian schools and hospitals.

The audacity of these people, the audacity, the shamelessness of these regimes. And now Al Jazeera—you should see Al Jazeera Arabic. It's like Al Arabiya. It's just a propaganda channel trying to compete with Saudi channels in its hostility towards the people of Yemen, forgetting that they helped the Saudis with the genocide in the years. I was banned on Al Jazeera for a while. After I spoke twice at the beginning of the genocidal war, I was on Inside Story twice, and after that, they stopped inviting me. And I was told by producers at Al Jazeera that they told them not to invite me. So that's where Al Jazeera was. That's where Al Jazeera was when the Saudis were bombing.

I'm sure you recall they bombed weddings. They bombed a school bus. They bombed a funeral, killing hundreds of people. They starved the country. The Americans and the Saudis in the Red Sea, they would stop boats, and then in one, I remember an American saying on one of, maybe your show, I don't recall who it was, saying that he was on one of these naval ships, American naval ships, and they stopped a boat and they saw there was medicine and they dumped it into the Red Sea. That's what they were doing to the people of Yemen. They were starving them. They were trying to bring them to their knees. And that's what the people of Yemen were standing up against. So how is Trump going to defeat Yemen now? They've already lost once. And they've lost Iran too. Now they're going to fight both at the same time and win? In any case, what we're seeing is a major confrontation about to take place.

Again, I'm not saying it's for certain, but I think the chances are very high. And the Iranians are ready. Right now, some of the schools on the islands in Iran, they're online because they're prepared for war. It could happen tonight. It could happen tomorrow night. Trump says he won't start a war before the midterms, but when was Trump honest? You know, he's one of the most dishonest people on this planet. So he could launch an attack tonight, or Netanyahu. And, of course, sadly, regimes in the region, they're on the side of the Americans. I mean, instead of Erdogan trying to stop the aggression, he continues to transport oil to the Israeli regime. He complies with American demands with regards to Iran, and he wants to send support for Saudi Arabia against Yemen. Where do these regimes stand? It's quite stunning.

#Danny

Yeah, with Donald Trump, word is certainly not bond. Nothing he says can be trusted. And I think Iran has been acting accordingly on this, which explains why Iran is making these war preparations and stepping up its control over the Strait of Hormuz, ironically, or maybe unironically, I should say, stepping up as the United States tries to double down. Donald Trump tries to double down on saying that the U.S. controls it. Well, the last couple of weeks have, I think, been a rude awakening for anyone paying attention to what's going on. Professor Moradi, I wanted your reaction also to, you know, these are some of the scenes coming out.

Saudi Arabia is in big trouble. This almost feels unprecedented from prior moments in, what is this now? What is it, 2026? So, 12-plus years of Saudi aggression, U.S.-Saudi aggression on Yemen. Well, most of the footage we're seeing coming out is coming from Saudi Arabia getting hit. This is the attack yesterday on King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh. Today, as we've been preparing for this show and getting into it, it's been struck again, this time at Terminal 4, and there are casualties now reported there. So maybe you can help us understand how it's possible that Yemen has been able to build up this kind of strength.

Now it seems like it almost feels like what we are witnessing—well, of course, the Yemeni armed forces don't have a huge air force. They're not flying fighter jets over Saudi airspace or anything like this. Certainly, their capacity to attack is just apparently far greater than it was in prior Saudi escalations, U.S.-Saudi escalations. How did this happen? Because it almost feels—well, of course, Saudi Arabia is targeting civilians in this latest round of war, and that's a horrible thing. Yemen is getting big hits on big, important Saudi infrastructure, airports, of course, with the air blockade they announced, and of course the oil infrastructure, which is certainly not safe.

#Mohammad Marandi

Well, first of all, we should remember that, again, this war, this renewed fighting began with the Saudis bombing an international airport as a civilian airliner was about to land. I know some of the people who were on that flight. They were returning from Iran, from Ayatollah Khamenei's funeral. And I knew some of them. I met them at the hotel in Tehran. We spoke, and we had conversations with one another. We had tea, and they're friends of mine. They were on the flight as it was about to land. So, and then the Saudis have, as I said, for years imposed a siege on the civilians of Yemen.

And then what did Yemen say? It said, okay, for now there's a siege on Saudi ports in the Red Sea. And then when the Saudis continued with the war, they said more recently, they put a siege on Saudi airports, and they told people to leave. They told people to stay away in retaliation to the siege, to the bombing of Yemeni air. So this strike on the airport in Riyadh was in response to a strike on the airport in Yemen hours earlier. Now, these Wahhabis and Salafis on the payroll, I've seen these bots and whatever, that they've been saying that this is a military airport in Sana'a. Seriously? Ansar Allah has a military airbase?

It's just unbelievable to what lengths, how far people would go to justify genocidal aggression and to justify the actions of a regime that's bound to the empire, that pays Kushner and Witkoff huge sums of money, that pays the military-industrial complex of the United States huge sums of money, that puts all its excess wealth in the U.S. stock market and the bond market. They'll just justify whatever this regime does. But yes, the tide has turned. And Saudi Arabia is very vulnerable because of its oil industry. It has nothing more than an oil industry. That's what keeps the regime together. And now it's being hit day and night.

And imagine, Danny, imagine what Iran could do. If this war restarts, Iran can take out everything in one wave. Iran can finish off Qatar's LNG industry, the Saudi oil industry, the Kuwaiti oil industry, the Emirati— it could bring these regimes down quickly. Look at what Yemen is doing despite the siege. So again, Yemen is only retaliating. It did not start this war of aggression. It warned people to stay away from these airports and the infrastructure that's targeted. But no one wants this war. All Saudi Arabia had to do is just to end the siege on women and children in Yemen. But apparently that's for Mr. Erdogan and others.

That's fine. That's okay. For Western analysts, we saw Western politicians condemn Ansarullah for the strike on the airport. For 11 years, they've been supporting the Saudis and their strikes on targets across the country, including that very same day. That's how the empire and its proxies and its subordinates work. And the reason why they underestimate Yemen, Danny, is because of racism and Orientalism. They call the Houthis rebels, as I said, like they're in these caves somewhere. They're the government in Sana'a. They've been the government for 11 years. They head a coalition government. They have universities, schools. So when Iran helps them with their military industry, they have young engineers who can develop that industry.

It's obvious that Iranian missiles and drones are not going to Yemen. It's surrounded. It's under siege. It's clear that Iran has helped, but these young engineers have developed their own industry. And when you underestimate a people, when you call them rebels and backward, then you miscalculate. The Saudis miscalculate, and the West, their overlords in the West, miscalculate, just like they did with Iran. Go and look back at the reports on Iran's drone program 10 years ago. They would always make fun of Iranian drones. They made fun of it. I mean, they just said, "Oh, the Iranians, they can't purchase fighter jets, so they developed these drones, ridiculous drones." And Iran's missile capabilities were ridiculous. Well, then we saw what happened in the 12-day war.

But more importantly, in this war, they underestimated Iran. Why? Because they present Iran as backward, mad mullahs, a regime, an unpopular regime that's always about to implode, that's hated by its own people, and all the other nonsense that you see in Western media. So they believe their own propaganda. And based on that propaganda, they did the right thing. All you had to do is just give it a slight push, and it would come down like a house of cards. Well, they did the same for

Yemen. And in the next phase of the war, I think the world—if Trump is foolish enough to obediently restart the war—then I think the global economy and the U.S. economy will go to a very dark place. I think it will be catastrophic for the world. I think it will make the 1930s look like a deep recession.

#Danny

Well, obviously, there's major concern because the Trump administration wouldn't be lifting—or, should I say, scuttling—its own sanctions on Russia to begin the import of diesel fuel from the Russian Federation. That wouldn't be happening if the economy was all great and the United States had all the control. The Strait is completely under U.S. control. None of that would be happening if the crisis wasn't very real. And, you know, it appears to us, Arandi, that the Saudi regime and, of course, their U.S. backers are not really good students of history. Because Ansarallah reminds me a lot of the Vietnamese, but with ballistic missiles and drones and incredible levels of advanced technology now that they have largely built, if not entirely, themselves. Because people don't remember that the United States, before they entered in 1965, was actually involved deeply with the French-backed regime and the French to try to prop them up and save them for almost a decade before that. It was 1954 that they sent their first intel into Vietnam to help them out in logistics.

#Danny

That didn't go well. That didn't go well at all. And technically, the Vietnamese already had power. They had already overthrown the French, like, nine years before that. So it's a very similar situation where you have Yemeni people. They have a government that they have established and obviously stood by. And yet, despite the same resistance but with better technology, the Saudi regime and now the U.S. still can't seem to wrap their heads around why things are not going well. This is a pattern in history that seems to be repeating itself. And Iran seemed to be a blunder and miscalculation of historic proportions, despite the fact—I always say—the U.S. and Israel, they can't stop when it comes to Iran, in large part because they can't tolerate Iran and what it represents for them. So your reaction to any of this?

#Mohammad Marandi

You know, Danny, the United States failed against Yemen. It failed against Iran. Now it wants to win against Yemen and Iran combined at a time when its regional proxies are becoming increasingly fragile. It's not going to work. And the Iranians have been preparing themselves for this next phase for months now. Ansar Allah is destroying the Saudis. And so if the Americans restart this war, and let's say the resistance in Iraq gets involved this time around, because last time around they weren't deeply involved, they did fire missiles and drones at the U.S. occupation forces in Iraq. They fired missiles and drones at U.S. troops in Kuwait.

But if the United States wants to go for another war this time around, the resistance in Iraq will probably be as productive as Yemen. So if you see this combined force fighting, there's not a chance

the United States has any good options. And as I said, the global economy will collapse. There will be no oil or gas coming from the Strait. And Iran is showing very clearly right now that it controls the Strait. And another thing that the Iranians have done over the last few days is that they struck ships outside of the Strait. They struck a tanker with, I think, four missiles and destroyed it off the coast of Qatar.

If anyone looks at the map of the Persian Gulf, that is deep. That is on the other side of the Persian Gulf. So Iran can strike anywhere. Those who think that the Strait of Hormuz is all-important, it's not. The Strait of Hormuz is good for regulating ships, allowing ships to go through. But if Iran wants to shut things down, they can shut down. They can destroy all the ships off the coast of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, variously. There's nothing that can—if they can take out U.S. bases in Jordan, you can be absolutely certain that they can take out tankers off the coast of Qatar or Saudi Arabia. So now they're showing it.

So there's nothing the Americans, from what I've heard—a former American four-star general did a study—said that 150,000 American troops would be necessary for a war that would take months just to secure the Strait of Hormuz. They don't have those troops. They don't have that time. The global economy will tank. But let's say they do that. What about the Saudi oil installations? Iranian missiles and drones can destroy all of them, the gas installations. Yemen's doing it as we speak. Iran's capabilities are infinitely greater than Yemen's. Or the ships in the Persian Gulf. So there's nothing they can do about it.

And Iran has every justification to take them out because all these regimes killed our kids. They participated in this war. They killed our kids. They killed our women. They killed our men. So what is the United States going to achieve? Nothing. Greater hardship, of course. They'll kill Iranians, just like they've already killed lots of kids. They're targeting—I mean, the U.S. Treasury Secretary, he is mimicking Hegseth. Bessent is showing his newly discovered masculinity and saying how he's going to take out the Iranian people, bring them to their knees, crush them, destroy the economy, like the ruthless barbarians that they are. But it's not working. And ultimately, they're going to bring down the global economy. And then people across America are going to seek these people out.

Who was it that brought this catastrophe upon the Americans? It was the Zionist lobby. It was the Israeli regime. It was the Hegseths and the Bessents and the Trumps and so on. This will not end well for them. I don't like war. And Iran did not start this war. Iran did not start the previous war, nor did it start the war that the United States waged against Iran in the 1980s through Saddam Hussein, and then ultimately the United States got directly involved. The United States waged three wars against the Iranian people. That's besides maximum pressure. Why? Because the Iranians are against genocide. Why? Because the Iranians support liberation movements across the world, but most importantly, the people of Palestine. That's Iran's sin.

That's Yemen's sin. That's Hezbollah's sin. That's the sin of the resistance in Iraq. That's it. They want to be independent, and they support the women and children of Gaza. That's the sin. No one

should be deceived. And those on the other side, they're the ones who are transporting oil to Israel. They're the ones doing trade and business with Israel. They're the ones who are providing technology to the Israeli regime. They're the ones who are helping the Saudis kill people in Yemen. They're on the other side. There are two sides to this on this battlefield: the empire and the axis of resistance. Everyone on the battlefield is defined as being either with the empire or the axis of resistance. There's no sitting on the fence here.

#Danny

Well, I don't know. Pakistan and Turkey, they said that they're supposedly not supporting Saudi Arabia directly, but they're in a defense pact, so they're supporting a little bit. Maybe they have been conducting strikes, or at least Pakistan, on Yemen, but then they say they haven't done that. So there's obviously a lot of fear and waffling and attempts to walk a fine line because, in many respects, especially with regard to Saudi Arabia, a restart of this war, as you said, would be a disaster for Saudi Arabia because of what Iran could do to it. And that would inadvertently complete the defeat of Saudi Arabia to not just Iran, but to Yemen. I mean, what Iran could do to Saudi, just because it has the capabilities of taking out Saudi oil infrastructure and whatever the hell else exists there militarily in particular. Well, that's a reality that seems to be on the minds of all of these countries that are trying to waffle, like Pakistan as well.

#Mohammad Marandi

I know that the people of Turkey fully support Palestine, and I'm sure that they overwhelmingly oppose the policy of helping the Israeli regime through transporting oil from Baku. And I'm sure, I don't know about the numbers, but I'm pretty sure people in the Republic of Azerbaijan are not happy with the regime's support for the Israelis. But in the case of Pakistan, what I can say is that I've been told—I mean, I don't know what the polls are in Turkey about Erdogan's involvement in the Saudi war against Yemen—but I do know that popular opinion in Pakistan is very much against it. So I hope that the Pakistani government makes the right decision and refrains from supporting a regime that's in the U.S.-Israeli camp, that's waged war against the Iranian people, that's carried out a genocidal war against the people of Yemen, and that has done nothing for the people of Gaza.

So I hope Turkey and Pakistan make the right choice. But in any case, this war is between the empire, the Trump regime, the Zionist regime, and the Axis of Resistance. And I have no doubt that the United States under Trump will fail, and that the Israeli regime and the Zionist lobby, they're more than willing to sacrifice the U.S. economy if they can score a win, but they're not going to score a win. They'll sacrifice the U.S. economy, but they will not emerge victorious. So at the end of the day, the only reasonable solution for Trump is to implement the MOU. And what is the MOU? It's to end the genocide in Gaza, which is, I'm sure, outrageous for these Western elites.

Ending it is outrageous. It is to end the occupation of Lebanon. Again, really unacceptable, to end the siege on Yemen. Have you seen anyone in the West complain about the siege on Yemeni women

and children, or these takfiris in this region funded by these dictatorships? And to give back Iran's stolen assets and to end the siege on Iran. I mean, the demands in the MOU are very reasonable. The United States lost the war. They carried out aggression. They murdered kids. They murdered our leader. And so these demands are, I think, the minimal demands. And they're humanitarian. The genocide in Gaza must end. It shows where Iran stands and where the other side stands.

#Danny

Yeah, and that point on Palestine is very important too, because not only is it correct, as you stated, that one of the main reasons, if not the main reason, why Iran is attacked, why it's under fire in the media too, is because of their support for the Palestinians, but also that the Palestine question, the liberation of Palestine, is so focal, if not one of the most important questions for the United States and Israel as well, for their larger ambitions. Not simply because they terrorize Palestinians and do horrible things to them in order to shore up Israel's very existence, but there's obviously the liberation of Palestine.

#Mohammad Marandi

Every day they're gunning down kids.

#Danny

Yeah.

#Mohammad Marandi

Every day they're gunning down kids. It's just amazing. Every day they're killing kids and women. And then you see their apologists say that these are terrorists. I mean, these kids are terrorists. These women are terrorists. These ordinary... And regardless of what they think about Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, this is supposedly a ceasefire.

#Donald Trump

Yeah.

#Mohammad Marandi

And throughout this period, have you seen one Western regime impose sanctions on the Israeli regime, either before the ceasefire or after the ceasefire—the fake ceasefire? And those regimes in the region that endorsed this ceasefire in Egypt, they're all the ones who, instead of building a coalition to support the Palestinians, are building a coalition to kill the people of Yemen—the people who tried to force the Israeli regime to end the genocide by shutting down the Red Sea to Israeli

regime forces. And then you see these, again, these Saudi apologists saying, "Why is the Red Sea open to Israeli shipping?" I don't know what the status is now, but Yemen said it will carry out a ceasefire if Hamas carries out a ceasefire.

When Hamas accepted the ceasefire under duress, because these countries of the region were helping Trump put pressure on Hamas. When Hamas accepted the ceasefire last year, Yemen accepted. They joined the ceasefire. They said, "We will do as Hamas says." But these apologists try to rewrite history, just like they rewrite Iran's history. Sometimes you see online, they say Iran purchased weapons from the Israelis in the 1980s. All fake. Iran never purchased any. Ansarullah never said they, you know, when they say they don't block Israeli ships, it's because Ansarullah said they will act in accordance with the decisions made by Hamas. So people, by distorting reality, they may be able to deceive the naive, but they can't change reality.

#Danny

Yeah, and it's quite obvious that the reason why this huge reign of terror over Palestinians continues, in conjunction with all these other wars that reign terror on ordinary people from Yemen to Iran as well, is because the liberation of Palestine would mean essentially the end of U.S. empire in the region. Because without an Israeli regime that is as emboldened and as, you know, built for terror and genocide like it is, the U.S. really does have nothing left. So I think that's what makes it all the more critical that we make these connections, because without them, we don't understand the gravity of these war crimes. You know, it's so important to understand it like this, in my opinion.

But first of all, I did want your reaction. I'm not going to play them because I actually find them to be incredibly insulting. And Donald Trump has a big enough mouthpiece. But you probably saw his recent comments at a GOP midterm election rally where he called Iran a lunatic nation and mocked its particular practice of Islam as just rabid with nuclear ambitions. What do you make of this? Because he even went so far as to say that he says a lot of stupid things and people would still clap. So, you know, I can play that after you get your comments and your thoughts on this. It's almost theater of the absurd in many ways. But yet this is the, I think this is a reflection on the U.S. as a hegemon, superpower, quote unquote, and empire.

#Mohammad Marandi

I think it says more than enough about the MAGA cult, and that he can say anything, anything stupid and any lie, they'll just cheer for him. That just shows that the MAGA cult is genocidal and morally bankrupt. You know, he would also say that to the victor go the spoils when he talks about Venezuela, and the same cult, they would cheer him on. So, you know, they have no sense of morality. And of course, a cult that says that Jesus supports genocide obviously should not have any sense of morality. But we all know that Iran has never pursued nuclear weapons, ever. Iran's nuclear program, like all other high-tech programs that Iran pursues, is in line with its national interests. And Iran will continue to pursue it based on principle. And there's no evidence.

I've advised your viewers in the past: read books like *Going to Tehran* by Flint and Hilary Leverett. But there's a good book—it's rather old—but it's on the nuclear program, called *Manufactured Crisis* by Gareth Porter. They can go back and see the roots of the issue. After the JCPOA, the nuclear deal, the amount of International Atomic Energy Agency inspections in Iran was more than the rest of the world combined. They didn't find any evidence of a nuclear weapons program. But the West used the nuclear program, like terrorism, like human rights, to antagonize Iran, to corner Iran, because Iran is independent, because Iran supports the Palestinian cause, and of course Cuba and South Africa during apartheid and so on. But mainly, it's independence, and also it supports the Palestinian people.

That's what creates such outrage in the West, hatred and hostility. So Iran was not pursuing a nuclear weapon. And when Trump speaks about Los Angeles and San Diego, who knows what the Zionists will now do as a false flag operation tomorrow. I think people should be worried about a false flag operation more than anything else somewhere in the United States. But, in any case, when he says he spoke to the Iranians, whenever he speaks to them, he says, "You're crazy." He's never spoken to any Iranian people. He has never. The lunatics are in his cabinet. The lunatics are the Zionists who see Palestinians as Amalek. Those are the evil. I don't want to say lunatics because that sort of takes away from their evilness.

#Danny

Yeah, it also might be an insult to real people who are crazy. The actual people, these people are beyond the pale. Yeah, continue, sorry.

#Mohammad Marandi

So in any case, the problem with the Iranians is that they want to be independent. They support the oppressed, the marginalized. The Palestinian people—for the Iranians, Iran will not accept them being exterminated. So while the Saudis try to exterminate the so-called Houthis, which is a—they use it as a slur, just so your audience knows. It's used as a slur. Alhamdulillah, it's not the Houthis. But in any case, just as the Saudis would like to exterminate them, as they've been trying in their genocidal war, and the Israelis are trying to do the same to the people of Palestine, Iran will stand up to these regimes. And the Trump regime and all those who support them, they will be remembered in history books. But more importantly, there are things that are much more important than history books. They will be remembered in this world and in the next.

#Danny

Well, let's take a brief listen to Trump, not on the Iranian comments, but I found this so interesting. I mean, if this doesn't show exactly where we are in terms of the U.S.'s political situation and a declining empire, I don't know what does. He's at a midterm rally in Tennessee yesterday, like last

night. Here's the comment that I just thought was not just hilarious, but also pretty telling, as you said, and disturbing. Yeah, that's true.

#Donald Trump

No, it's true. No, there's such love. It's like—I mean, it's amazing. When you stand up here, it's just like the love. I could say the stupidest things and you'd clap. You know, I love you so much. But we don't say the stupidest things. We say things of common sense.

#Danny

Yeah, sure. That last part may be the most untrue.

#Mohammad Marandi

Yeah, he exposed his contempt for this immoral cult. But, you know, this reminds me of 2016. Remember when he said that if I shoot someone on Fifth Avenue, in Manhattan, of course, that my supporters will continue to support me?

#Danny

Yep.

#Mohammad Marandi

That was an extraordinary moment, too. It's the same mentality. He's plugged into something very sinister. Not that his mainstream political opponents are any better. I mean, the White House under all the previous presidents in contemporary history have been—I mean, throughout history, but in contemporary American history—they've all been involved in genocide and death and destruction and domination across the board. We don't need to go into that.

#Danny

There are historians that can give the details.

#Mohammad Marandi

But, I mean, it's not as if he—I mean, the current genocide, the ongoing genocide in Gaza, began under Biden. But this cult is particularly disturbing, the fact that he can say anything and they'll just cheer him on.

#Danny

Yep, and what he said there, in terms of people will still clap for him even if he says something stupid, it runs so deep in that earlier comment before his first term about shooting someone and getting away with it. His supporters will still be with him. It's not unlike even all of his opposition, where, yeah, you've had instances—Biden, Obama, Clinton, I'm gonna go on and on and on—where they do absolutely not just horrific, horrific things abroad, but they usually don't promise anything. It's actually a myth that they promise anything. But even the insinuation of improving the lives of their own constituents is almost always never accomplished.

But yet still, there's usually some excuse for that that's made up. There's some reason why you still have to rally around one of these two monstrous parties, and Donald Trump puts, I think, a real big spotlight on that just for the simple fact that he often does say absurd things, stupid things, and sometimes very accurate things that are troubling because he just doesn't give a— Inadvertently, yeah, he doesn't care. And that's different for the U.S. regime. Most of the time, the political class cares because they care about the people that back them.

But Trump, he knows he's riding a wave, and he's fine. So, Professor Rondi, your final comments in the last five minutes here on the situation. In particular, we didn't get too much into the whole diesel situation earlier, with Russia now providing it to the United States, supposedly in order to mitigate the diesel crisis. Some went so far as to say that Russia was betraying Iran. Iran doesn't seem to think of it that way. But your thoughts on the landscape as a whole and how it continues to change and be impacted by these wars that the U.S. and Israeli regime and Saudi regime are engaged in.

#Mohammad Marandi

Well, the diesel issue, I think we should remember that tomorrow is Monday and markets open. So obviously Trump will try to manage the prices or to manipulate prices once again, as he traditionally does. But the agreement with Russia is not going to change the situation. And the products that usually leave the Persian Gulf and through the Strait of Hormuz include large amounts of diesel and gasoline and sulfur and helium and all sorts of other products, as well as fertilizers. So that shortage is not going away. And so the genocide has to stop. And the siege on Iran has to stop. And it's not very difficult. All Trump has to do is abide by the piece of paper that he signed. But if he doesn't, then the situation will continue and it will get worse.

And as I said, the belief is that the United States is on the verge of another assault on the Iranian people at the behest of the Zionist lobby and the Israeli regime. And this will prove catastrophic. And it will, by the way, help Yemen in its war with the Saudi regime, because the United States, if it goes to war with Iran, Saudi Arabia will be in deep, deep trouble. In any case, while the world is being pushed over the cliff, we should continue to remember what's going on in Gaza, to keep reminding people that kids are being starved of food, medicine, that the real numbers of the dead in Gaza are in the hundreds of thousands, people who are denied medicine and hospital services, and people who've lived without their, you know, many people, they don't have the proper food. Children who have certain conditions, they need certain foods, and thus they die of malnutrition.

And the Israelis do that intentionally. They prevent even oxygen from getting to the remaining health centers in Gaza. It's an evil regime with an evil ideology. And we should remind people day and night what they're doing, because the more we expose them, the more difficult it becomes for regimes in our region to collaborate with them, to cooperate with them, to provide them with the energy to sustain themselves, the business to strengthen themselves. And it would make it more difficult for Western regimes to continue to close their eyes to the reality that exists and the reality that they enable.

#Danny

Well said, Professor Saeed Mohammad Marandi. Always great to be with you. I put up earlier, if you just search, you know, Gaza, Israel, you'll see every day Israel is conducting strikes, is doing exactly what Professor Marandi said. So important to note that because it's part of this larger movement, this larger war, and, you know, there's got to be a reckoning. And indeed, it seems like we're moving very rapidly toward that. Everybody, hit the like button before you go. That helps boost the show in YouTube's algorithm. Go to the video description below for the place to support this show: Patreon, Substack, and much more. I'll be back tomorrow, same time, 1 p.m. Eastern Time, with our mutual friend, Pepe Escobar, to continue to unravel the truth about our current situation geopolitically. All right, everybody. Hit the like button, as I said, before you go. And I'll see you all then. Bye-bye.