

Stanislav Krapivnik: Russia-Iran Cooperation & Escalation in Ukraine

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Welcome back. We're joined today by Stanislav Krapivnik, a former U.S. Army officer and military analyst originally from Donbass. Thank you for coming on. I wanted to ask you about the rapidly changing situation in Ukraine, which seems to be shifting in a very big way. But first, let me ask about the war against Iran, because, well, as you know, everything is interconnected. How do you see the Iran war impacting Russia and, by extension, the war in Ukraine?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Well, let's begin with right now. Today the big cry of hypocrisy from the West is, "Oh my God, Russia is giving out satellite coordinates of our bases and ships to Iran for targeting." Yeah, well, welcome to getting it as good as you give it. And I'm sure the Chinese—of course the Chinese are doing it—they've got twice as many satellites, and they've got their Beidou system in power. I guess they can't really afford to piss off both Russia and China too much. But look, Russia has flooded a lot of equipment. And though nobody has admitted this, I'll say it because I'm pretty damn sure—but this is my opinion, it's not an official government line. Sorry, I'm not speaking for Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

But I guarantee you that the pilots in those MiG-29s and Su-35s, and the people running the control centers for the S-400s—which are still being carefully managed—are not Iranians. It takes much longer than four or five months to get pilots up to speed, and you really can't retrain pilots from older platforms to new ones. They'll always be second class—muscle memory, things like that. It's different aerodynamics. It's not like jumping from an old tank to a newer model tank that still runs on tracks on the ground. This is a very different thing because of aerodynamics. I'm telling you, those are Russians. And yesterday's shocking discovery was that there are Russian chips inside the

Iranian drones. And yes, we're using the last of our washing machines, dryers, and, you know, telephones to pull those chips out. Yeah.

As much as you tell the Europeans, "Oh yeah, we actually print our own chips, we can do that, we have those technologies,"—no, no, you're just white semi-smart apes, you can't. You're in the jungle, you're incapable of that. Okay, whatever. Welcome to the drones hitting the U.S. military. Yes, there are Russian chips all over those drones. And if you notice, the American Lucas drone is an exact copy of the Geran-3. Before that, the U.S. premiered a similar drone back in June, which is just a copy of the Shahed—the original Shahed first-generation drone. So they're not exactly creating anything new. Which, by the way, brings us to the subject of drones being used to set the whole Caucasus on fire—which they're doing very well right now. First of all, even though they're Shia, Aliyev is power-hungry, not exactly the brightest star in the sky, far from what his father was.

He's got a very power-hungry, and not exactly the brightest star either, wife—and her clan—that really want a war to annex parts of Iran, which is going to get Azerbaijan destroyed. They've also been pushing Azerbaijani nationalism in Dagestan, where they make up about five percent of the population. They're probably the biggest single minority there, not counting Russians, because Dagestan has around thirty different ethnic groups living in it. But still, with just five percent of the population, they're pushing this "this is all our land, not your land" ultra-nationalist line. And in inter-Russian schools, where the majority are Azerbaijanis, they're really pissing off the locals—the other ninety-five percent. Not the smartest move, but they're doing it. And I think, you know, these drones that flew in, this all goes back to a topic I pulled up.

Some of my sources in Georgia were in or around the Georgian government. A little over a month ago, the Georgian government allowed American military planes free access to Georgian airspace. Four C-130s landed over two days for, quote, "refueling" at Tbilisi Airport. What was loaded or unloaded, nobody knows—well, somebody knows, but it hasn't been disclosed. And all of a sudden, these Shahed-type drones appear out of nowhere and strike the airport in Azerbaijan, which the Israelis would never have a reason to do. Why would they do that? If they strike a military post, there's an Israeli post there.

Um, and Azerbaijan has declared—yeah, they've declared that this was a terrorist attack by the Iranians. "We have nothing to do with this, we have no reason to do this." You know, uh, what is it—it's not Arkham, Arkham's Lovecraft—the razor, uh, you know what I'm talking about? No, it's the theory of who has the most to gain. I can't remember the name of the author of the theory—the razor. I didn't want to say Arkham, but Arkham was a made-up town in Lovecraftian stories. Okay, so we'll go past that. Sorry. We're all tired, I know. I've been running on three or four hours of sleep for the last couple of days, so it does impair thinking a little bit.

Well, the Iranians have declared that this is a terrorist attack. They've mobilized their military, recalled their embassy, and said they will seek vengeance. Which, I think, if they actually do this, we may see the end of Azerbaijan as a nation in any real sense—especially considering the sole source

of revenue for Azerbaijan is oil. I've been to Azerbaijan many times, to Baku, because when I was director of supply chain for Albertan—regional director of supply chain for Eurasia—I'd go there to see my people working. On the south side of the peninsula, you have Baku; on the north side, across this little hill range, you have the offshore oil rigs, and all the offices and things like that.

And the expensive houses are primarily for expats, so it's all offshore and not far away. Plus, you have the Safar oil pipeline running right along the Iranian border, which can easily be taken out. So if they really want to—if Iran hits back hard enough, even just with drones—Azerbaijan won't have a money source. They'll probably have a revolution because their economy will collapse. Once the oil is gone, there's no other economy in Azerbaijan outside of agriculture. And if they keep pushing the Russian markets closed to them again, then they'll totally collapse because they'll have absolutely nothing left.

But again, Aliyev seems very hell-bent on being Ukraine 2.0. Ukraine 2.0 is stuck between Russia and Iran, and he's ticking both of them off as much as possible for his American and Israeli backers. And now I'm hearing from Georgia that the Israelis are there trying to really stir things up and get a war going between the Georgians and Russia. So they're trying to light up everything and everyone around. Just like that missile that was heading toward Turkey—it was some mystery missile that appeared out of nowhere. And, you know, the Iranians said, "We didn't fire it." So the Americans are desperately trying to set the whole region on fire because they can't defeat Iran.

America is running out of missiles—defensive missiles first. Offensive missiles will go quite a bit sooner. I think they're hitting Iran right now with JDAMs, which are glide bombs. They're definitely hitting them with missiles. Well, I mean, they are hitting them with missiles, but I think the Tomahawks are probably going to start running out soon. So that's the situation there right now. Iran has done an excellent job of de-Americanizing the Gulf. And Russia needs to thank Iran, because the one-billion-dollar radar system that Iran took out of Bahrain was the radar system that could see into southern Russia. The Ukrainians were getting coordinates from that radar to hit Russian civilian shipping in Astrakhan and those areas.

It's gone. And the secondary radar in Qatar is gone. Iran has hit 22 American bases, including occupation bases in Iraq, which are now also under fire from Shia militias, because Iraq has been demanding the Americans leave for the last ten years. The U.S. has just been saying, "Whatever." So that's one of those issues. I think the region's going to go a lot further still. Israel's taken massive damage. There are reports of public unrest because the areas they said were safe are not safe. Something like 200 buildings have been destroyed inside Tel Aviv, and they keep coming in constantly.

And the Israelis are screaming about war crimes. The people committing genocide on all their neighbors—except for Jordan so far, and Egypt—are screaming about war crimes. So, you know, the hypocrisy is rank. But the American missiles, the defensive missiles—not only are there not enough of them, or even nearly enough of them—the production rates are subpar. And you can't expand

that without building new facilities, which is amazing, considering how badly the Americans needed Patriot missiles to supply their Ukrainian proxies, never mind all their other proxies and vassals around the world. The Americans are producing about 35 to 40 Patriot PAC-3 missiles a day.

I mean, I'm sorry—per day? No, a month. About ten THAAD missiles a month, which is absolutely nothing, as you know. So, no—and by the way, China has also cut off the U.S. from dual-use rare earth magnets to the point that the newer F-35s, there's even a video that came out showing this, don't have the radars up front because there are no magnets for those radars. To counterbalance the weight loss from that, there was a video showing the military welding weight plates underneath the nose cone to keep the avionics balanced because of the loss—or the lack—of that radar system in the newer planes. So this is going to get very interesting, very, very quickly.

And by the way, Tomahawks are also built manually. The reason they're built that way is because of how the U.S. handles a lot of these contracts with corporations for equipment. It's called "cost plus." So, whatever the cost is, plus your profit margin—say it's 10%—if the item costs \$100, you charge \$110 and get your \$10 profit. Well, the incentive there is to make it as expensive as possible, and you can't make it any more expensive than putting it together by hand. All those missiles are literally assembled by hand; they can't just stamp them out. There's only so much you can do. So, yeah, the U.S. is doing very badly with this. It obviously didn't plan enough.

Politico even had an article saying it was as if the Americans just woke up one morning and decided to have a war. Well, they didn't decide to have a war—the Israelis did. And wherever the master goes, the slave will follow very closely. We saw that from Marco and Johnson when they put out that word salad about why they went there. But if you boil it all down, both of them basically said the same thing: "We weren't really planning to attack Iran, but the Israelis are going, and we had no choice." So, okay, we know who the master is in this relationship.

#Glenn

I saw Speaker Mike Johnson give a speech where he said that America hasn't gone to war—they just went in in a very limited way, and then Iran declared war on them. So if you really think about it, Iran is the aggressor here. It's kind of amazing to say. But about what you said regarding the false flag, it's interesting, because Iran doesn't shy away from proudly taking responsibility for all the attacks on the Gulf states, the American bases, and everything else it hits. But then, on these two or three targets—which makes no sense at all and would be completely reckless—like Saudi Arabia, Azerbaijan, and that missile heading toward Turkey, Iran says, "This is not us."

And, you know, they called Saudi Arabia, saying, "This attack on the oil fields? Not us." They didn't shy away from saying, "We attacked Qatari and Emirati energy facilities." So it's worth asking why—why those targets, which make no sense—would they deny, when they take responsibility for the rest? So I assume there's a good chance this is, as you say, a false flag. Indeed, the U.S. and Israel, when they haven't achieved their objective of a quick regime change and it drags into a long war,

they need foot soldiers. And they're not going to put boots on the ground themselves. Not yet, at least. Well, actually, they won't, sir.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Exeter really wants to put American boots on the ground. I don't know where the hell he's going to get those boots from, but he really, really wants to.

#Glenn

Yeah, I read some Israeli politicians saying they haven't ruled out Americans putting boots on the ground. That's an interesting point.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

What's his name—Galant?

#Glenn

Yeah, this one, yeah.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

We haven't ruled anything out.

#Glenn

But they're very open about it already. They're trying to mobilize Kurdish forces and other minorities. They're saying, "We want to get boots on the ground. We'd like to use proxies." So, yeah. And again, it's not that different from the Ukraine war, when the Georgian prime minister and his predecessor both said that what's driving Western policy toward Georgia these days is regime change—to open a second front on Russia. So, you know, I think that's reasonable.

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So, first of all—as Tucker himself mentioned, by the way, citing his sources, and as it's been reported in the local press—Israeli agents were arrested in Saudi Arabia while planning explosives, and they were also arrested in another country. But look, it's basically a coalition against a coalition, because you already have, to begin with, Iraq, Hezbollah, and Yemen. And Yemen's been keeping kind of a lower profile right now. Everybody's waiting for the U.S. to run out of interceptor missiles—just so the audience understands, the level of interceptor missiles. The THAAD system originally had something like 480 missiles produced for seven batteries.

Two batteries went to Saudi Arabia. They've been destroyed. The THAAD has a very good over-the-horizon radar, but it's bright—it's incredibly bright—so it draws all the attention of enemy radar. And in combat, the last thing you want to do is draw attention, because those that draw more attention get more "service." Servicing a target means you're shooting at it and blowing it up. So it's a nice way of saying, you know, we don't kill, we "terminate" the enemy. No—we kill them. We blow them up into little pieces. It's the same damn thing. It gets serviced, it gets destroyed, it gets shot at. So those two radars are gone.

And that's a billion-something dollars each, by the way, while we're at it. But the problem was, after the 12th Day War, the U.S. used up something like a third of its THAAD interceptor missiles. And the THAAD interceptor missile is a piece of crap—a \$12 million piece of crap. It's a project that lingered around for 20 years and just wouldn't die. Plenty of attempts to kill it. Plenty of senators needed the pork for their states, so it wouldn't die. The military tried to kill it numerous times—it just wouldn't die. And finally, it actually was given birth. It uses 1950s–1960s concept technology, in that normally when you fire an interceptor missile—so here's the problem.

You can't hit a cruise missile. You can't hit a hypersonic missile. Ballistic missiles go almost at the same speeds, but they're on a parabolic arc. So if you see it coming—your radar picks it up, it sees the speed, the arc it's coming in on—your computer will quickly pull out a formula and calculate the coordinates and time when that missile will be on its inbound course. Then you launch something in its path that's supposed to intercept it on that parabolic arc. Because, you know, plus or minus maybe wind factors, wind shear factors—but the missile's basically on a predictable trajectory.

Hypersonics don't. They maneuver. So it's almost impossible for a computer system—well, I guess if it had enough missiles. But, I mean, how many missiles are enough missiles? Never mind if the S-550 can do it, because it's popping out of the tube going Mach 1 and accelerates to Mach 13, so it can actually match speeds. But the way most interceptor missiles work—and all these are subsonic interceptor missiles—the way they work is they get close enough to a target. The target's here, they get somewhere around here—maybe up front is best—and they explode. And this cloud of shrapnel, small pieces going at a high rate plus the missile's speed, just rips the missile or the plane to pieces. That's how it normally works.

But the old technology before that was to hit a missile with a missile, and that's what THAAD is. It's trying to do bullet-to-bullet contact—it literally has to strike the enemy missile, instead of just blowing up nearby and taking it out by damaging it. No, no, it has to actually strike. Bullet hits bullet. It's crap. They don't work. They're horrible. I mean, there are two Patriot missiles for a pack, three Patriot missiles for one THAAD missile at this point. And they're being produced ten missiles at a time. The two batteries that went into Israel had 192 missiles—that's it. And there are about 70 others in other locations for the U.S., and around a hundred-something that were bought by the Arabs, which are probably used up already, too.

There are no more interceptor missiles for the THAADs. That's it. They're gone. They're done. In a month, you'll get ten missiles—about two, two and a half missiles a week. And then you've got the Patriots, which aren't much better. You're producing about thirty-five, forty missiles a month. And there were about a thousand missiles that came into this. So if you're looking at two missiles per target on average, then you get, what—five hundred targets? Which is not much. But then you get examples of—I put this in one of my update videos—the video of a, I mean, I don't know what generation ballistic missile this was, but it was a basic ballistic missile. It wasn't even going that fast, definitely not hypersonic. And it's flying, and eleven Patriot missiles are launched. They all miss.

It's somewhere in the suburbs of Tel Aviv. Sixty-six million dollars just flew off in every direction. And by the way, those missiles will land somewhere, too. They have explosive warheads, and they've got fuel in them. And everything that goes up comes down—and we're shooting them over cities, so they come back down over that city. They'll blow something else up, too, when they land. You know, it's just the nature of things—gravity. So right now it's phase two. Phase one was when you were using cheap equipment to take out cheap, older missiles and drones to blind the enemy. They took out the radars.

And what amazed me, honestly, was when the Qatari radar ball was taken out—it was hit by an old Shahed drone. And they're slow, let's start with that. They're loud, too. You can hear that little moped engine—bop, bop, bop, bop, bop—as it's flying. Somebody's filming from, I'd say, about a kilometer away, from a high-rise building. And the thing just keeps going—bop, bop, bop, bop, bop—then you see Stingers going up.

No point defense systems. Nothing. And this thing is going slow—and this is an American base. If this were a Russian base, there'd be Russians running around with assault rifles trying to shoot the damn thing down. No American soldiers anywhere, or at least none armed to try to take down something that slow, hitting and destroying something that expensive and critical for American defense systems. So they blinded them. Now they're just using slightly newer systems to drain the resources of the U.S. military and the Israelis through defensive missile fire.

And then, and only then, are you going to get the really expensive stuff coming in—the hypersonics, the high-end ballistic missiles—when there's nothing left that can be fired up to take them out, except maybe F-16s or F-15s firing air-to-air missiles. So it's all ahead. Everything is still ahead. And the U.S.—it's being estimated somewhere—the Chinese are publishing photographs of all the damage. The American companies have at least a 92-hour delay before they'll publish, so you can't really get a fast estimate. The Chinese are publishing live, you know, the damage to all these facilities. Their estimates range between \$100 and \$150 billion in damage—just along the Gulf Coast. Just the Gulf Coast.

#Glenn

You mentioned before that Russia was probably offering intelligence, and I don't know—like you said, I don't know why this would come as a big shock. That's actually why I wanted to ask about the Russian involvement here, because when the West got so deeply involved in this proxy war in Ukraine, I was warning that, you know, the West engages in everything. It's hardly even a proxy war—they supply the weapons, the military planning, the intelligence, the targeting, even have contractors to pull the trigger. So my warning was that NATO countries tend to go to war quite often.

So we could end up in a situation where the tables are turned and suddenly the Russians could respond in the same way. And now, of course, we see that some Europeans are considering entering the war—primarily the UK and France. Iran has already warned that Europe would become a legitimate target. My first thought when I heard that was, after years of European countries striking into Russia, I thought about the invasion of Kursk, when you had all those German generals come on TV saying how wonderful this is—this is where the Russians won in the Second World War.

Now they'll be humiliated, all that kind of stuff. I was thinking, you know, if a situation ever arises in the future where the Russians have the opportunity to essentially return the favor, then there's a good chance they might. And again, this seems like such a scenario. So I was just wondering how you see it—how likely do you think it is that the Russians would essentially supply some long-range missiles, some intelligence, some strike data, saying, "Here's where you press this button, and it'll hit here"? Do you see—without oversimplifying—anything like that developing?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Again, I do not represent the Russian government, nor do I speak for the Russian government. Hell yes—100%, they deserve it. Look, by the way, my relative has been getting shot at for 12 years in the Donbass. So yes, I have a lot of dogs in this fight. They're surprised and shocked? Of course Russia is giving information. It would be insane not to. Iran is not going to fall. Iran will not fall.

#Glenn

If Iran falls, the Caucasus falls, Central Asia falls, and a lot of other things fall.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

The U.S. is not going to get its grubby hands on Iran. That's it. The U.S. is a genocidal regime—we see what it's doing. The reason it's blowing up civilians right now is the same thing the U.S. always does when it runs out of targets. And it's running out of targets not because it's destroyed Iran's anti-air systems or anything else, but because it can't find them. It did the same thing in Yugoslavia to the Serbs when they couldn't find the military, because the military dissolved into the mountains and said, "We're waiting for you. Come and get us." "Oh, okay, well then we'll go blow up women and

children, because they don't run as fast, they don't hide as well, and they can't shoot back." This is the same typical thing the U.S. is doing right now. It's committing genocide. It has always committed genocide.

I'm not even going to go into deep history. Okay, let's go a little deeper—let's talk about the Philippines. We're not even going to talk about the American Indians. When the U.S. took the Philippines from Spain, officially, I think it was General Smith who was in charge. He said that 50% of the population had to be exterminated for the U.S. to pacify the Philippines. They ended up killing about 20% of the population. Most Filipinos don't know their own history because they're not taught that in schools by a subservient government that answers to the Americans. Twenty percent of the population—concentration camps, I'm sorry, relocation camps—concentration camps, mass genocide to break the Filipino back, because the Filipinos were promised liberty, and instead they got a master that was much worse.

The Spanish at least looked at them as fellow human beings. The Americans wrote about them as "half devil, half child" that had to be put down. General Smith—and Roosevelt, who wrote him a letter thanking him for his great work in the Philippines—said, "Any boy over twelve is going to be our enemy, so we have to kill him." That was the American approach in the Philippines. Plus, the Filipinos were Asians. Oh, and they were Catholics. They weren't real human beings, for that matter—not to the evangelicals. Neither were the Orthodox, for that matter. They did the same thing to the Germans. Out of six million German civilians killed during World War II, five million were killed by U.S. and British firebombing of every single German city.

Everyone remembers Dresden—every German city was bombed. They killed about 70,000 French by burning French villages. They didn't even have any Germans there, for whatever reason. I guess they wanted to smack their ally, Charles de Gaulle, upside the head or something. They didn't even bomb Paris when it was already empty of Germans and declared an open city. If anybody doesn't believe you, look up the historical documents—it's not hard to find. I wrote a dissertation on the firebombing of German cities. It was a sign to me. I got a three on it because my military instructor didn't like my conclusions, not because of the quality of the work. I didn't even know that subject until I started reading up on it. Holy crap.

Marceau destroyed Aleppo when they were fighting in there—destroyed it basically to "free" it, to free it from the very ISIS, al-Qaeda, whatever you want to call it, that America fed, created, and put in power in Syria. They wiped the city out. They just bombed the city, killed half the population, and put a flag on it and said it's free. They've done the same thing before. They did the shock and awe in Iraq and in Yugoslavia when they couldn't find targets. They were hitting hospitals, schools, markets—two trains they took out on bridges—and they claimed the trains were just speeding along and happened to appear as the missile came. It turned out later they'd sped the film up four times. And when you look at those trains, they're like 1940s steam locomotives.

How would they fly? This is a steam locomotive—it's not going to fly. Sorry, you have to call it on that. A lot of people did. And they do it all the damn time. They do it because they get frustrated; they believe in breaking people's backs. It never works, because even if you hate the government, it's not the government that's killing your children—it's those guys who are killing your children. And the government is the only thing that could save you or your children. So you're going to rally around that government, you're going to rally around that flag, and you become an ultra-nationalist because your children are dying. Which, by the way, Ukraine did the same thing, by American instruction, in the Donbass.

The Donbass would have gone very differently—not counting Crimea, particularly Lugansk and Donetsk. There weren't that many people actually ready to fight. They didn't want to overthrow the government; they wanted federalization—the right to elect their governors, the right to have a say in where their money went—because Kiev was just stealing blind and not investing a penny back into those provinces. But they weren't ready to fight. What the Ukrainians did was start shooting at everything and everybody. And, you know, for an average Russian man, even if he doesn't want to fight, when he sees his wife or kids, or his cousins, or his neighbor's kids getting killed, he's got to take a rifle in his hands and go for vengeance.

And the Iranians are no different. You think the fathers of the 165 little girls who were murdered—massacred—by the U.S. military are just going to lay their weapons down? They will never lay those weapons down. They'll go for revenge until they die, to get revenge against the people who murdered their families. In Tehran last night, I think the casualty count went up to about a thousand killed. Thirteen hospitals and clinics were hit. They go specifically after civilian targets. They destroyed a really beautiful stadium in the middle of Tehran—just wiped it out. Why? Because they've even hit UNESCO heritage sites. Why? Because that's how they fight: they try to destroy the country down to its foundations.

The Israelis really want to destroy the country—to destroy the foundation—and they want to destroy every country in that area down to its foundation. Look at what they're doing in Lebanon. The Christians in Beirut thought they were going to sit this one out, let Hezbollah fight. Well, now the Christian sections of Beirut are getting hit too, by the Israelis. So the Christian militias there are going to have to choose: either run or stand and fight. And I think they'll stand and fight, even though they're not all that strong. But when you push people into a corner, thinking you can exterminate them with glee—well, yeah, they do have a tendency to fight back.

And then the West is always shocked when it gets smacked in the head by the people it's trying to murder. "Oh, how dare you fight back? That's worse than the Nazis of the '40s!" The Nazis of the '40s expected you to fight back. They just thought, you know, "We're the superior race, we'll beat you." But these exceptional people don't expect you to even fight back. You have no right to fight

back. That's why they said—and Iran did everything correctly in this, absolutely—because the U.S. approach is, "Well, we couldn't kill you off this time, so we'll put a cork in it for a couple of months, maybe half a year, maybe a year, and then we'll come back again."

And constantly they're trying to undermine the government. And Iran warned them: we're not going to hold back. If you hit even a small strike, we're going all out. And the U.S., of course, knowing everything and everybody—without ever having any real plans or knowledge of anybody or anything—because, you know, they're all little brown people over there. I guess they're all Arabs or whatever. Who cares—Persians, Arabs, what's the difference? Believe me, a lot of them think that way. I served on staffs, and they have no concept of differences in nationalities. It's all run by stereotypes—ignorant stereotypes, extremely ignorant stereotypes. You start explaining to people the differences here and there, their eyes cloud up, they roll back in their heads, and they don't hear you.

They don't care. It's irrelevant information—just tell me when to drop the bomb. That's the beginning and the end of the whole conversation. And the Iranians are not going to fall apart. The Azeris are not going to go over to Azerbaijan. In fact, the Azeris and the Persians are very close in that society. Khamenei—one of the previous presidents of Iran—was an Azeri. They're Azeris. So the Azeris actually hold quite high levels of power in Iran. So this is a whole different level. And even the Kurds have fled. I said, there's no combat here. This is just American—like Bloomberg saying, you know, the Indians aren't buying Russian oil anymore, the Russian economy is collapsing. They're trying to shape events by lying.

And the Kurds have said, we stand for peace. We're not going to—there's no combat here. I mean, they're trying to get the Kurds of Syria to go in and fight for a homeland in Iran, right after they betrayed the Kurds of Syria and had them massacred by the Turks and by the al-Qaeda terrorists that are now running the show in Syria. I mean, those people aren't dumb either. They're not Ottomans who are just going to go fight. They know who's killed their women and children—that's the Americans. In this case, America backstabbed everybody around there the moment it was convenient. Same thing the British do all the time. There's an old saying about the British: it's better to be an enemy of England than a friend.

At least the enemy knows who stands against them. And it's the same thing, by the way—even if it happened, the Turks would then have to go into Kurdistan, because they'll never allow an independent Kurdish entity on their border. It would be a horrible thing for them. So these uprisings aren't going to happen. At most, there may be some groups of terrorists or very small groupings, but it's not going to be any mass uprising. Iran has a huge army. And Hegseth—well, Hegseth is a psychopath. I mean, the Christian Zionists are heretics. Somebody may hate me for saying that, but they are. They're dispensationalist heretics, a heresy that came up in 1833, if I remember correctly—John Darby popped that out of nowhere.

#Glenn

Well, I could say where he popped it out of, but children may be listening to this program.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

And it's this dispensationalism. In Christian theology from the very beginning, the Jews were those who followed Christ. Whether they were Hebrews or Gentiles, they were the Jews who followed Christ. And the Jerusalem on the ground is just stones. What you're aiming for is the spiritual Jerusalem—the heavenly kingdom. So the dispensationalists, and the Schofield Bible that came out and taught them what they're supposed to think when reading the Bible, changed and skewed everything. They're aiming for that Armageddon. They want the end of the world. But they need to get Armageddon—they need the third temple. To get a third temple, they need an ethnically and religiously pure Israel. And before that, they need a new Israel to begin with. So you're dealing with people who are very sick in their heads. I mean, you saw that—I don't remember her name—the head of the faith office for Trump.

#Glenn

I don't know her name, but I saw that video. And then she just keeps striking—strike, strike, strike, strike, strike.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

And she's doing it for like three, four minutes. And the angels come and kill him, kill him, kill him. My God, these people are psychotic. I grew up around a lot of them—they're literally psychotic.

#Glenn

Well, it's not a good look when you're making a case that you have to defeat the theological enemy because it's too extreme. So no, it's not a good look at all. But let's—we have a little bit of time left—let's shift the focus back to the Ukraine issue, because there's now talk about a possible Russian spring offensive coming up. And it looks as if there's a possibility of swallowing up both Slovyansk and Kramatorsk in some kind of big cauldron. Again, this would be the remaining part of Donetsk, which would then put all of Donbas under Russian control, which is quite significant. I was wondering, did you see the cauldron forming there? And also, with the attack on Iran, how do you see this impacting diplomacy? Because the Russians seem to be getting—not fed up, but they feel like there are no serious negotiations, essentially. Those are very clear signals coming out of Moscow.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Look, again, the head of the government, McGinry—they're still, I mean, Whitcoff is going to come back into the White House, I mean, to the Kremlin, believe me. They'll let him in. I don't know how much they'll listen to him, because even as a bag man, he's proven to be a lout. He wasn't able to—

well, you know, they counter, "At least we can bribe them with business deals and get them to calm down." But no, that hasn't worked either. There's massive anger inside Russia. I'm not talking about the man on the street; I'm talking about the officers I know, a lot of the politicians I know, and myself. The point is, look, there's going to be a lot more pressure on the government to act—not act the way it's been acting, but act decisively.

And by "decisively," I don't mean just in Ukraine. I'm talking about NATO bases along the Ukrainian border that are feeding Ukraine. I'm talking about Estonia. Because, look, the example is quite simple: Iran has beaten the crap out of this. It's destroyed 22 American bases. They're shooting down F-15s, they're hitting American forces. There's one Arleigh Burke destroyer—grainy photos, but it's been hit. And the targeting was handed over by some satellite, we don't know which, to the Iranians while it was refueling. Whether the Lincoln was hit or not, I don't know, but it's 2,000 kilometers away, out of range, which makes it combat-ineffective because the planes would have to be refueled twice just to get to the edge of their firing zone and come back.

All of that is an example—and World War III didn't start. No nuclear war started. And the point here is, why the hell aren't we doing the same or worse? We can do whatever we want. We've got the capability to strike everything in NATO if we wanted to. And I guarantee you one thing: the U.S. will never, under any circumstances, surrender New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Washington, or any other city—even Oklahoma City—for London, for Warsaw, for Paris, or any other European city. If it comes to a nuclear war, the U.S. will not get involved unless it's being shot at itself. Because the Europeans are vassals, they're meat, and they are expendable.

Whether they want to admit it or not—and I don't think most Europeans, still egotistically, want to admit that they are meat—they'll be surrendered to the meat grinder of war sooner or later by the Americans. They are second class. Their leadership is bought and paid for, or raised in America, and they all have positions waiting for them in some think tank. Europe is expendable. Most Europeans, egotistically, don't want to understand that. I get it—you've been taught all your life that you're the center of humanity and civilization, everything that's right in the world. You don't want to admit that, but actually, you're just used material, and your betters—your owners across the Atlantic—are more than happy to expend you.

Look, America calls World War II "the good war." Not because they were fighting Hitler. And you know what Article V does? In Slavic languages, we don't have articles. The "V" just underlines "the good"—the very good war, basically. In Slavic—well, sorry, I already said that. In the U.S., it's called the good war not because they were fighting Hitler. It's the good war because it raised the U.S. from the Great Depression into the prime economy of the world, with 56% of world GDP and more than half of the world's gold reserves. Because everybody else whacked each other really, really hard, and it took a while for everyone to get back on their feet.

And then eventually the U.S. dropped to, I think, around 16% of world GDP, maybe 20% now. Well, in 1998, in Forbes, I read for the first time an article that said, "We need another good war. We

need to have Europe destroyed so we can rebuild it, write off our debts, and become creditors again." That was 1998, in Forbes. Yeah, it was an opinion piece. But you know what? If they're talking about it in Forbes, they've already been talking about it for a while. And for the next 30 years—or, well, 28 years, the best I can tell—Europe has been steadily pushed in that direction. They need Europe half-dead, destroyed.

The U.S. is not going to fight in a Europe-wide war. It's going to become neutral. Sure, Europe will get an instant European army—it'll just be NATO switching patches to the EU. But the U.S. isn't going to fight. The U.S. is going to sell equipment to make money, and then it's going to come in on monopoly contracts to rebuild whatever's left of the Europeans and take whatever they want. That's the whole aim. The Europeans just don't want to admit that. I mean, they're literally standing with one foot hanging over the cliff, and they still don't want to admit they're about to go over it.

I mean, I guess you could almost understand some of the Jews heading to the trenches to be shot by the Ukrainian nationalists under the tutelage of the SS, probably thinking, "Well, this can't be real." Even as they're walking over the corpses of the previous ones—"Well, this can't be real. I just can't admit it. This can't be real." I think all of Europe is basically that group of Jews walking over the corpses of other parts of Europe, getting ready to be shot, and still not wanting to admit that this can't be real. It's very real. I don't know how else to put it. I mean, it may be a vicious way of saying it. It may offend somebody. Well, I'm sorry.

Sometimes you've just got to smack people with the truth, because if they don't get it any other way—well, Europe is being led to extermination, or at least a very good chunk of its termination, by its own politicians, by the owners of those politicians, and by the blind stupidity and egotism of a population that doesn't want to admit what's about to happen. Or if they do understand and they're not doing anything about it—well, I don't know what to call people like that. I mean, if you've got children, and you're looking at them, knowing what the future is, and you still don't want to get off your arse to do something about it—I mean, you're ruled by Epstein elites. My God, the people eat children.

Literally, they eat children. They eat their own children. I mean, well, their own people's children. They won't touch their own. I don't know that far. I mean, what can you expect from people like that? What can you expect from that kind of elite? They'll sacrifice anybody. It doesn't matter to them. So... Europe—on the Russian side, Putin will be under a lot of pressure. "Why aren't we doing the same thing?" Russia has 350,000 troops it can toss into any part of that front. Ukraine can't stop that. I mean, quite literally, at this point, you could run a tank army right in. Sure, you'd suffer heavy casualties the first day or two of operations, but that front would rip. It would rip almost instantly.

#Glenn

There aren't enough Ukrainian troops in many of those areas.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

And if you put up the White Swans—the big strategic bombers—and just literally carpet-bomb those areas, you'd go right through that front. There aren't enough troops on those fronts. There are enough troops to fight off, you know, small units of three or five men attacking, sure, but not enough to stop a brigade, not enough to stop a division barreling down on them, especially if there's carpet bombing ahead of them. Russia can do that. It's just not being allowed. The Russian military is not being allowed to do that. How long that lasts, I don't know. Quite literally, if Russia wanted to Gaza any Ukrainian city, it could Gaza any single Ukrainian city without a problem.

It could take Bakhmut and turn it into one big crater if it wanted to. It doesn't. I don't know why. It's tolerated. Budanov and the rest of them should have been dead men walking a long time ago. They're murderous terrorists. And by the way, you hear that—you hear that constantly from a lot of people in at least the lower and mid-echelons of power. They're very upset about this. How long can we keep the gloves on? I don't know. But Iran is setting a very high bar for Russia, and a lot of people are seeing this and saying, why? Why aren't we doing that? We can. We've got more than enough resources to wipe out half of Europe if we wanted to. We don't particularly want to, but the Europeans seem all bent on it for whatever idiotic reason.

I mean, at least we've cut all gas supplies to Europe. That's 15 to 17 percent of Europe's gas gone. Uh, because, you know, yesterday Peskov said, "That's it, we've made the decision—no more gas for Europe." Plus, out of the Gulf, you're looking at, you know, for political and other reasons, and what some of the politicians are saying, it looks like it's going to be a hundred-plus-day war at least. So, at least a hundred days. Nothing's going on physically—Qatar has switched off the LNG plant. The LNG plant has been damaged, so the damage has to be repaired. Plus, when you're powering up a fully switched-off LNG plant, it takes between two to three weeks to power it up.

Because you're powering up one section at a time, testing to make sure there are no leaks, testing to make sure all the systems work properly, and then you walk down the technological chain to finally get the LNG out the other end. I mean, you've got to dry the gas, cool the gas, store it, and so on. So you're looking at possibly another hundred days, plus another three weeks to get the system up—if everything is repaired and doesn't get any more damage. And then there's the time for the ships to get out and back up to Europe, which will be another week and a half to two weeks. So you could be looking at another four to five months of no gas from Qatar. And that's another 20% of Europe's gas. Europe just basically lost 35% of its gas.

#Glenn

The fact that they're now seriously discussing whether or not to open up with Russia, hoping that Russia will sell, I think that really shows how bad things are in the Middle East right now in terms of energy supply. From what you're saying, I hear the same thing coming from Moscow—that the

anger is really growing, boiling over. And, of course, after seeing what's happening in Iran, many are also asking, why have a slow war of attrition? And, of course, it's mixed with the strategic calculation that there's a desperate need to restore deterrence. But I think the decapitation strike on Iran as well raises the question: why wouldn't the Americans do this to us? And again, I'm sorry.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

It did. It did. 9/11 drones—it's a decapitation strike. Now, look, Trump was talking with Putin before. Then he goes in with Zelensky, and they were supposed to come out and have a conversation with the press. And as they start that, the drones are flying. So what it should have been, I guess, is that they were replying as they were going to come in there, and they struck Putin. They've struck the Valdai residence—whether Vladimir Ilyich was killed or not, they'll have a declaration: "Well, you know, the issues are taken care of." Look, Americans do this all the time. And this is part of British history, by the way.

If you look at Milošević, in the middle of negotiations they struck his residence in 1994 and killed part of his family. They do this all the time. You go into negotiations, you'd better have triple life insurance. You know, have you ever read **A Song of Ice and Fire**, the series, or **Game of Thrones**, the book series? It's based on that—well, they have the Red Wedding, if you're familiar with it, where they end up killing the Starks during the wedding. Martin wrote that based on historical events, and when you start looking at history, there are five or six massacres like that in English and Scottish history over the last four or five hundred years.

This is part of the culture—the Anglo approach. They don't have this whole concept of guest rights. In Russia and many other countries, if somebody comes into your house, you're absolutely responsible for them. If someone insults them, it's an insult to you. He's your guest under your roof. The Anglos don't have that concept. They don't. They'll bring somebody under their roof and then murder them. The Pilgrims even did that—they had a massacre of Indians. They invited them to a feast and then poisoned them. They killed over 300, and it was considered a great victory against the "Red Devils." It's insane when you really start reading actual history. So that they do this—it's not a surprise.

But who do you negotiate with? You can't trust the Americans. You can't trust the British. How can you negotiate with people who murder members of the government? The Israelis do this constantly. I mean, absolutely, this is their modus operandi—to murder the people they're negotiating with. I don't know how you get out of this concept. The only way you get out of it is if you beat the Americans hard enough that they leave. And when the missiles run out, they probably will leave. The question is, will they ever come back into the Gulf, anywhere near? Because the Gulf states, by the way, have been shown they're not a priority on the totem pole.

As a matter of fact, they're at the bottom of the totem pole. All those promises—"You're in the big club of our empire, we'll protect you"—have been blown to nothing. By the third day, Saudi

politicians are screaming, "Well, why aren't you protecting us?" Because there's never been anything to protect you with. And you're not the priority. Americans aren't the priority. Israel is the priority. Israel holds the money. Israel holds the Epstein files, obviously enough, and whatever other materials they have over them. Most of the American Congress takes large amounts of money from the Israeli lobby. There you go—he who pays chooses the tune, as the saying goes.

#Glenn

So just to sum up, you would then have a very dangerous situation in the Middle East. I think we're heading into an extremely dangerous situation with the proxy war in Ukraine. I think the anger is boiling over in Moscow as well. And as all of this is happening—you know, you turn on the TV and see Chancellor Merz at the Munich Security Conference bragging about the casualties they've caused in Russia. I mean, the things happening now are just so reckless. If future historians look at this, they'll more or less repeat the same question: how could we sleepwalk into World War III like this and not change course? It's truly mind-boggling.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

I'll say one thing, because I've got to go too—I've got another engagement. For the last two years, I've been saying this, and I've said it on a lot of Russian television: if we don't strike hard, we'll reach a point where the only way to stop a nuclear world war is by making an example of somebody. More likely a city like Lvov, which would be wiped out by a Russian nuclear strike as a warning to everyone else—"you're next." This either ends, or you're next. Because the Europeans have become either complacent, ignorant, or illiterate. Half of Americans are quite literally illiterate. According to U. S. government statistics, 40% of eighth graders can't read in America today.

It's insane. The statistics are absolutely insane. Twenty-one percent of the adult population is fully literate, and thirty-two percent is partially literate. So half the population in the U.S. cannot read or write, cannot do arithmetic. You can't tell them anything because they don't know anything. But people—maybe they watch too much Hollywood. They've been taught by articles like one the Washington Post published about seven years ago, saying you don't really have to worry about a nuclear war, it's not that bad. If you're at ground zero, you die instantly; everyone else just hunkers down for 24 hours, the radiation drops rapidly, and then you can walk out. Quite literally, this was an article by a major U.S. newspaper.

They've lulled most of Europe and the West into a catatonic state. They don't understand what a nuclear war really is. Sooner or later, I think Russia will be forced to make an example of something before it goes fully nuclear everywhere. And what's the easiest thing to do? Probably Lvov, or a city around there. Give them a 24-hour notice by leaflets to get the hell out, and then drop a nuclear warhead on it—something like a 75-kiloton Zircon missile. That's a Russian tactical weapon. Russia doesn't have any smaller tactical missiles. The Russian tactical is about twice the size of Hiroshima, just for reference. But like it or not, that's probably where we're heading.

#Glenn

Many European leaders don't even talk about nuclear deterrence anymore. They talk about nuclear blackmail or something like that. So, as I said before, it's a very dangerous direction we're heading in. Anyway, you have to run, so I'll just say thank you for taking the time.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

No problem. It's always a pleasure to run. I hope I wasn't too dire. Actually, I do—I hope I was too dire. Maybe it'll shake somebody up and wake them before it's too late, because we're sleepwalking into World War III. We're already in World War III.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

It doesn't matter how bad it gets with the modern technology we have.