

Iran's Missiles DECIMATE Israel, Trump STUNNED as Russia Enters | Krapivnik

Overnight, Iran's retaliation struck Israeli and US targets hard, including wiping out a Patriot missile battery, several key air defense radars, in addition to pounding Tel Aviv. Former US Army officer and geopolitical analyst Stanislav Krapivnik joins to break it all down. Follow Stanislav Krapivnik: <https://x.com/STANISKRAPIVNIK> <https://www.youtube.com/@MrSlavikman> PATREON.COM /DANNYHAIPHONG Support the channel in other ways: <https://www.buymeacoffee.com/dannyhai...> Substack: chroniclesofhaiphong.substack.com Cashapp: \$Dhaiphong Venmo: @dannyH2020 Paypal: <https://paypal.me/spiritofho> Follow me on Telegram: <https://t.me/dannyhaiphong> #iran #israel #trump #russia

#Danny

Greetings, everyone. Welcome back to the show. It's your host, Danny Haiphong. As you can see, I'm joined by former U.S. Army officer, geopolitical analyst, and commentator Stas Kropivnik. Stas, good to have you back on. How are you?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Always a pleasure, always a pleasure. Tired—I'm sure like everybody else—because, you know, nobody's willing to sedate Trump and keep him away from that freaking telephone where he keeps posting stuff. They need to do this just for humanity, for at least a day—just separate him from all that, from anything he can touch. Put him on a couch somewhere, let him sleep it off, you know. Don't give him any whiskey. We'll deal with that.

#Danny

Everyone, hit the like button as you come in—that really helps boost the show. We're going to get started right away, Stas, because I wanted your comment on this. We know that Iran's retaliation has been very undersold by the United States and Israel. We're hearing all kinds of reports about what Iran has been able to do, which I think is causing panic among the U.S. warmongering brass. Iran has hit these key radar systems, Stas. Most recently, they hit one—I believe it was in Jordan—as well as in the UAE. These radars are critical to the THAAD system, which you can help explain after I go over this. But here's another image of what happened in Jordan.

That is the radar system that's essentially been demolished by Iranian missile fire. Now, Stas, I believe—though the numbers keep changing—there are only eight of these THAADs in the world. And with their radars gone, we have Israel struggling very dramatically. This is *Haaretz* talking

about how alerts for Iranian missiles and drones, for their air defense systems to start firing, have dropped to just a matter of minutes. They can't even commit to a specific number of minutes for their warnings and the activation of sirens. I can play just a little bit of what that has actually produced in the last few days, Stas. Here you have an Al Jazeera report showing what Iran has been using—this cluster bomb missile—which has absolutely, well, you'll see here, Israelis reacting to the sight of them.

#Speaker 1

An Al Jazeera report.

#Danny

There you have the air defense systems working overtime for just one missile. And, you know, the damage has been done. We've seen images of massive destruction inside Israel as well as in surrounding areas. So, Stas, talk to me about what exactly you believe has been happening in this war. Where is it right now as we go beyond the one-week mark?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Well, first of all, as far as the radars go—those THAADs—that's the radar that goes with the THAAD battery. A THAAD battery is an anti-missile system battery. The interceptors, this project that's supposed to be cutting-edge technology, was lingering around for about 20 years. The military kept trying to kill it over and over again, but Congress wouldn't allow it to die because too many Congress critters were getting some good pork-barrel spending out of it. So it finally got birthed. They really wanted to stillbirth it or abort it, but no—it got birthed. While the radars are very good—they see over the horizon—they're also very bright, which means they get a lot of attention.

You do not want to get attention in a military conflict, because the more attention you get, the more "serviced" you become. And what I mean by "serviced" is you get shot at. That's a nice term for getting whacked—and they got whacked. But those aren't the primary radars. Those are mobile systems that go with the batteries. There are, I think, if I remember correctly, seven THAAD batteries in the world. One or two of them were in Saudi Arabia—they've been destroyed. They were sold to Saudi Arabia. And of the remaining five, the U.S. deployed two of them to Israel, maybe three batteries, but as far as I remember, it's two.

So they might have moved one of the radar systems into Jordan to make up for the stationary radars that Iran destroyed. Iran destroyed one in Bahrain, which was this giant radar system the U. S. used for targeting Russian ships in the north Caspian. And by "ships," in this case, I mean civilian transport ships—giving their coordinates to the Ukrainians. Which is hilarious, because all of a

sudden America's elite politicians have found out that, oh, Russia's giving those evil bastards—Russia's giving coordinates to those evil bastards. How dare they! Yeah, it's called payback. I'd have a few other words, but children may be watching. It's like, welcome to the payback. You want a proxy?

We can get a proxy too. And China's doing the same thing, by the way, with their Beidou system. So the fact that American politicians are in shock tells you how ignorant they are—how much they believe their own propaganda, that they're exceptional, that they can do whatever they want and nobody can do anything back to them. Well, no, it doesn't work that way. Unfortunately, the political class in the U.S. is mostly absolutely ignorant of reality. So that's one system. And that system that was destroyed in Bahrain was a billion-dollar system. There was another smaller system that worked in Tangent that was destroyed in Qatar. And we saw that—it was destroyed. What amazed me is how it was destroyed.

It was destroyed by a Shahed drone on the first day in. And these drones—they're slow, relatively slow. They've got a small moped-style internal combustion engine. They're loud; it sounds like a moped flying over your head. You're watching this drone, and it just nose-dives in. What amazed me was that nobody was firing on it. No assault rifle fire, no machine-gun fire, no Stingers going up—nothing. Everybody either cleared out and ran to their bunkers without doing any kind of air defense. Obviously, no missile fire from a Patriot, for example. Nothing. It just flew in, blew up a half-billion-dollar piece of equipment, and that's it. And there are a lot of American bases burning everywhere.

Twenty-two bases have been hit, including in Iraq—in Mosul, for example, the city America leveled to "free" it from a group that the U.S. CIA created. And right now there are battles going on in Mosul because, after Iran hit it for the Iraqis, Iraqi militia and regulars are now having firefights with U.S. troops trapped there. So unless the U.S. does some kind of convoy run to get those people out, there are about 2,000 Americans basically sitting in three bases in Iraq, cut off. When their ammo and food run out—yeah, they're screwed. One of those bases is in Kurdistan, which is pretty funny in this case because, oh, the U.S. just backstabbed the Kurds in Syria and let al-Jolani and the Turks massacre them. So now it's like, "We don't need you guys anymore."

Thanks for playing. Thanks for being on our side and being devoted to us. And then go bugger off and have Adam al-Jolani. You can now murder at will because, you know, al-Jolani plays basketball with a Central Command general. And, you know, he gets on stage in the U.S. He's—uh, as Trump said, "I put him in, I put this guy in." Oh yeah, yeah, yeah. He's your little bastard. So these, by the way, are the same Kurds they're counting on to throw over into eastern Kurdish territories and Iran to start a revolution there—the same guys they just betrayed, the same guys whose cousins and brothers or fathers were just massacred, women, children, all. You've got to love Washington. I mean, this isn't even amateur hour—it's Keystone Cops.

Uh, it's ridiculous. There's no strategy, no long-term plan. It's whatever works for them at the moment. You know, that's literally that political note about Trump—it's like they just woke up and

went to war. Yeah, pretty much. Well, they didn't just wake up and go to war; they woke up and were told by the Israelis, "You're going to war." And that was it. That was the final decision, which we got from Marco Rubio and from Johnson. It was a big word salad, but when you boil it all down—yeah, we weren't planning on attacking them, but the Israelis were going to do it, so we had no choice. So we know who your masters are. You could've just said, "Have at it. We're out of here. Have fun. We're not doing anything. Get whacked."

That's your problem, not ours. But no, no, no—it's time for Americans to die, and die. A lot of Americans to die for the greater good of Israel. I mean, while Israel's committing genocide in Lebanon, they're talking about how they're going to settle Lebanon with Israeli settlers. Come on—stay, exterminate the local population. And the Christian population too, which is one-third of Lebanon—Orthodox and Catholic. But, you know, to the Zionist evangelicals, those aren't Christians; they're some kind of pagans, unfortunately. So that's what we have. What we see here is a three-phase process, and we're somewhere between phase two and three. And when phase three comes in, everybody's screwed—really, really badly—on the receiving side.

Phase one: you take all your cheapest junk and throw it in mass. But you're not throwing it to destroy the air defense system; you're throwing it to blind the air defense systems. The forward bases were hit, the forward radar system destroyed, airstrips hit—so you can't get planes up as easily for recon and air defense. Phase two: you don't throw as much, but you throw enough to keep using up the anti-air defense system. So you keep throwing whatever old stuff you have—your medium-age stuff—while your good stuff is still held in reserve. Once those missiles are used up, and just so we're clear on what we're talking about, the two batteries of FADS had 192 missiles between them—192 interceptors.

There are about 70 more interceptors spread out among different U.S. units for the other three THAAD batteries. Okay, 70 more. And the U.S. sold a certain amount to the Arabs and others, but those have been used up. U.S. manufacturing is about 10 missiles a month—handmade, by hand. The U.S. comes in there with about 1,000 Patriot missiles. In a normal case, it's about two missiles per target, so you're looking at, what, around 500 targets—and then you're out of missiles. You know, in one of my updates, I had the shot of the day—it was ballistic and all. By the speed of it, it wasn't anything hypersonic, just a relatively slow-moving ballistic missile coming in somewhere in the suburbs of Tel Aviv.

Eleven. Eleven! Eleven Patriot missiles—\$66 million went up to meet it—and they missed. All eleven Patriot missiles missed, and the ballistic just goes through and blows something up. Yeah, at that rate, you're not going to have a lot of missiles left. That was, by the way, those eleven—that was about a week and a half of manufacturing production, because the Patriot is now produced at about thirty-five to forty missiles a month. That's it. And they're also done by hand. By the way, so is the Tomahawk. Why are they done by hand? Because of the way the Pentagon pays out for manufacturing to suppliers. They do a cost-plus system. So if we decide your profit margin is going to be 10%, and your item costs \$100, we pay you \$110. There's your profit margin.

So the emphasis for any private company is obviously to make their missiles as expensive as possible, and you do that by putting them all together by hand. You don't have any automated facilities to turn them out in large volumes, so the missiles become extremely expensive. I mean, the Patriot—the PAC-1 Patriots—were about a million dollars back in 1991 or '92. The PAC-3 Patriots are about six million. So, you know, a little bit of inflation over the thirty years in between. And that's what you do: you put them all together by hand. But of course, you can't really surge that much in production.

And it actually amazes me quite a bit. With a trillion-and-a-half-dollar official Pentagon budget, the actual U.S. military budget is about 30% of the total government budget. It's just hidden in chunks. For example, half of NASA's budget is actually military. Then you've got Veterans Affairs, which is a separate department, even though in almost any other government it would be under the Ministry of Defense—or, in the U.S. case, the Ministry of War. So it's separated out, but it's really still all part of the Defense budget. In a trillion-and-a-half-dollar official Department of War budget, they couldn't find ten billion or so to build a new factory over the last four years, knowing they don't have enough missiles. Eh, you know, what can you say? Government officials.

So they're running out of missiles. Long story short, they're now trying to strip missiles out of South Korea, out of Taiwan, out of other locations—Patriot missiles—to bring them in. If they even bring those in, that's maybe another seven or eight hundred missiles. Okay, so you've bought yourself maybe another four or five days, a week max. Right now, with what's on hand, anywhere from a week to a week and a half from now, there will be no missiles. Iron Dome is the same thing. Arrow in Israel is the same thing—they're out of missiles. Because it's a hell of a lot cheaper to make a simple ballistic missile for a hundred thousand dollars while the other guy's throwing six-million-dollar missiles at it. You know, even if your economy is that much bigger, it still runs out of money. And that's not even counting drones. So once your defensive missile systems are done or overwhelmed...

You can always overwhelm the system, too. You just send such a big wave that they don't have time to reload, and whatever they can't hit just gets through. But the Iranians aren't doing that. That's a short war tactic. We saw that in 2012—sorry, in the twelve-day war that summer. The Iranians would just overload the system. They sent enough ordnance that you couldn't shoot them all down because you'd run out of missiles. And good luck trying to figure out which one is the newer, more accurate missile that's going to hit the target tighter than the older ones. This time, Iran is going for the long war.

Trump was claiming that the Iranians were calling him and asking for—yeah, that's BS, total BS. And once that came out, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Iran was asked, and they were like, "Hell no, we're not. We'll stop when we're done—when we feel like we're done." And that's when Trump came back with, "Oh, I'll accept nothing but unconditional surrender." And then he said he'd text the Ayatollah—"Okay, Mr. God's chosen"—because the heretical Christian Zionists actually believe he's

God's chosen to lead them to whatever. So, you know, it's desperation at this point, because they know in a week and a half, give or take a few days either way, they're out of missiles. Now what do you do?

Now comes phase three, and that's when Iran pulls out its high-quality hypersonics and everything else that's going to hit on target. Whoops—plus some random satellites up top giving them exact coordinates of every target. We don't know whose satellites those could be—nice nudge—but yeah, then you've got a problem. You've got a very big problem for the U.S. military, for the British, French, Germans, or whoever wants to join in—for the Israelis, obviously. You've got a very, very, very big problem. What do you do now? I don't know. I don't know what the U.S.—the U.S. could leave. I mean, you could just say, "Oh, sorry, okay, we've done what we could, we're out of this," and take the smack upside the head and leave.

But they won't do that, because the politicians will just double down. Israel could go for a nuclear attack, which would be, at least politically, the end of Israel forever. The U.S. could do the same—it would probably be the same thing. Or Russia and China could step in and counter-threaten with nuclear weapons. And then we might have a nuclear war. You know, who knows? Orange Man, nut job, might just go for that. I don't know how much he—listening to him—yeah, I don't know how much he's in reality, honestly speaking. Trump 1 and Trump 2 are radically different people. I mean, just listen to his speeches, listen to the way he spoke in the first Trump term, and listen to the way he speaks now.

His vocabulary—his choice of words, his sentence structure—it's just chunks. It sounds like an eight-, nine-, ten-year-old talking. It's vastly different. I'm not saying Trump was any kind of genius to begin with. Well, most Republican politicians are far from any kind of genius. Some of them have barely room-temperature IQs, probably lower than that. It's a popularity contest. And that goes for the Democrats as well as the Republicans. Look at Ocasio-Cortez. I mean, good God, you've got a bartender with all the intellect of a bartender now as a senator. Woo! Yeah, that's getting the best and brightest right there. I guess you ran out of looks. I don't know, right? But the point is, these are the people you have in power. These are the people you have around you.

And the generals aren't going to say anything because they want their big-money careers after they're no longer generals—when it says "General, retired, R-E-T" behind their title. They want the big-money career, so they're not going to do the honorable thing and resign rather than carry out idiotic, suicidal policies. God forbid that—then they don't get the big-money contracts. This is the government the U.S. has. This is the government you're living under right now. Never mind. The majority of D.C. elites, you know, they literally just don't rape children. They sometimes don't eat children. Quite literally.

I mean, you know, plenty of small-time and medium-time celebrities and other people were telling you, "This is what's going on," and everybody looked and said, "Yeah, that can't be right," or, "It's a conspiracy," or whatever. No—it's much worse than you think. These are the elites you're living

under. So if they're willing to eat children of their own people—quite literally—rape them, murder them, whatever the hell they're doing... if you read the accounts, it's mind-bogglingly insane. What are they willing to do to you, or to another country? And now the U.S. is saying they're out of missiles, they're out of this, they're out of that. Far from it.

They're not doing the big waves they were doing in the 12-day war because they realize this is going to be a long-term fight. And the political class was in a panic, and all these other papers were in a panic, because they discovered the U.S. was planning for a 100-day war—which was supposed to be a four-day war, then a 30-day war. We're on day eight now, I think. Sorry—yeah, day eight. They all start to blur together. And now they're looking at a 100-day war, and there are no munitions for that. The Tomahawks are going to run out. Right now, they've started dropping JDAMs, which are glide bombs. Basically, you take an old iron bomb and put wings on it and a module to control where it's flying as it glides down.

Sometimes they'll even put a small jet engine on it just to push it a little farther. But in the end, it's a glide vehicle coming down, so it lets you strike from much farther away. It's basically a dumbed-down cruise missile with a very small engine—or maybe no engine at all, just lift from the plane. That's what they're hitting with right now. I mean, I watched some of these videos—you can hear the sound. It's a very distinct sound of JDAMs coming in because they're not very aerodynamic, obviously. They're not meant to be. They're iron bombs that you drop from a plane. And the reason they're hitting civilians is because they can't find the military targets.

The U.S. Air Force has been doing that since World War II. They always think if they murder enough women and children, society there will collapse, and then you can just walk in and take over. It has never happened once. Never. Because the people may not like their government, but they see who's murdering their children, and they're going to rally around the flag. That's natural human instinct, no matter whose country you're bombing. You can buy the elites out, you can do things like that. But bombing them out? No, it doesn't work. It just doesn't work. But they never learn. I think they just enjoy murdering women and children, honestly. I don't care—either they're stupid, or they enjoy it.

#Danny

Well, Stas, I wanted to demonstrate a bit of this air defense issue you just outlined. Here's a Patriot missile system that was destroyed by Iran in the UAE. I just want to show people there's a direct connection between these systems being destroyed by Iran and what you see, for example, at the Dubai airport, which has been shut down. It shows exactly the phenomenon you're talking about with Iranian drones.

#Speaker 2

Here we go—another drone. I don't know if you can see it or not, but you'll start to hear it soon. It's coming to the airport, to the airport again. Yeah, straight to the airport.

#Danny

So these kinds of direct hits are happening all the time throughout the Gulf and in Israel as well, in large part because they're acknowledging it, Stas. What you're saying isn't really being denied anymore, even in the mainstream media. Look at this—Allies are afraid this war is going to leave them without the weapons they bought. We already know they're trying to strip South Korea and Japan of anything they have in order to keep this going. But it's not so easy, is it? And where does this leave Israel, too? Because Israel—now that we've had Przesekin say, "Okay, we might not be hitting the Gulf as much anymore unless the bases are used for this war"—Israel wasn't on that list. Israel continues to be hit every day. Where does that leave them with these air defenses? Because they rely on them very heavily as well, especially when they start to run out.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

You know, one of the reasons I've got to hit the bases is because there aren't enough targets worth the opportunity to hit anymore. Quite literally. I mean, I've got lots of videos of American bases burning—ammo depots hit, fuel depots hit, headquarters built. The Fifth Fleet has no place to go except back home to America. Its ports are destroyed, burned out. I love when Trump is like, "Oh, I'll just escort those tankers right through the Gulf." Okay—how many sailors are you ready to lose before you say enough is enough? Because there are going to be a lot of dead ones, and a lot fewer ships left in the U.S. Navy if you do that. You've got to be either senile or, I'm sorry, butt-ass ignorant. I mean, look at a friggin' map—it's 35 kilometers at the narrowest point. You don't need land-to-sea missiles. You know what you need?

You need about a thousand kids with drones—just regular FPV drones, line of sight. And the bigger ones, they've got a larger battery pack with an RPG round attached. You just start throwing them out there, and you'll overwhelm any defense of any ship in an area that narrow. That's it. You're going to shoot every single one of those kids sitting under every single bush? You're not going to find enough of them, especially considering it's a mountainous area looking down on you. But they sure as hell can find you out in the middle of that very narrow strait. I mean, that's the reality of it. Welcome to modern technology. They may need to use sea drones, but they could use those too. Plus, even though Iran's surface fleet—its large ship fleet—has been destroyed...

It still has about 20 submarines—diesel submarines—out there somewhere, maybe a few less. I don't know. The Americans are claiming they have someone, but they've got tons of speedboats. And by the way, that last American tanker that was hit and burning was hit by a sea-to-sea missile fired from a speedboat. So, you know, what you're looking at here... you're just screwed. I mean, if Trump is going to go for it—he could. Who knows what he could order? There are no admirals going to quit. I'd be surprised if any admirals quit. They'll try to execute the insane order. I mean, my God,

you're looking at possibly the 82nd Airborne, 101st Airborne, maybe 10th Mountain being tossed either onto Turkey's border with Iran and toward Iranian Kurdistan, or to Azerbaijan. It looks like, you know, exercises have been canceled for the 82nd Airborne.

Leave has been canceled. So I guess these guys are going to go on a death ride into the mountains of Iran, where drones are waiting for them and the Iranian army, dug in, is waiting for them—along with the idiots in Azerbaijan who seem really eager to have their country disappear off the face of the map, because they've pissed off both Russia and Iran. Eight million versus a combined 250 million—the math is great. But Azerbaijan is more or less flat compared to either side of Russia's Dagestan or Iran's Azerbaijani areas. And you're not going to get the Azerbaijanis to rise up, because you know what? They're extremely well integrated into Iranian society. How well integrated are they? Well, the previous president was Azerbaijani, and Khamenei is Azerbaijani, so the new Ayatollah—his son—is Azerbaijani.

They're very integrated into the ruling class. They're not going to rebel. They're part of the elite. They're not some small minority off to the side that nobody remembers. They and the Persians are on equal footing ruling Iran. They're not going to rebel—they have no reason to. On the other hand, Azerbaijan may disappear or have its economy ruined because it's a one-trick pony. Its number one industry is oil. I used to be in Azerbaijan a lot because I had people working there. I was director of supply chain for Halliburton Azerbaijan, for Eurasia. It was actually my favorite place to go because Baku is a pretty cool city.

You could go hit the bars and things like that—never mind, they're Shia Muslims. You could go hit the bars and places like that. So, you got done in the office on the north side of the peninsula, drove to a good hotel on the south side of the peninsula, and then had a couple of drinks with my managers who were working for me. Compared to everywhere else I went, that was a cold place. Most of the other places were in the middle of absolutely nowhere. You're sitting in some container with a bed in there—like, yay. But, you know, it's part of the job. The problem is, outside of oil and agriculture—and agriculture is exported to Russia—there's not much else.

Otherwise, it goes bust. The last time Russia sealed the border and said no more agriculture, that was a big problem. Oil and gas exports—that's it. It's pretty much a one-trick pony. Hydrocarbons. You remove that, and Azerbaijan drops to third-world status very, very, very quickly. Um, but I guess they want a war. These mystery drones—and I'll repeat—the Lucas drone, the American Lucas drone, is an exact copy of the Russian Geran-3. And back in June, the U.S. unveiled its new drones that were an exact copy of the Shahed drones. So these mystery drones started hitting—for some reason, you know, just flew into Baku, or, I'm sorry, into Azerbaijan.

It was Baku, south of Azerbaijan. It hit the airport, and then it hit something else—I don't remember what. They were flying into Cyprus to hit Cyprus, and there was a missile flying to hit Iran. Now, the representative of the housing party in the U.K.—which is a very tiny minority party—but also the RAF, both stated that what hit Cyprus was not an Iranian drone, not an Iranian missile. They won't

say whose it was, but we know several Israeli agents were arrested in Saudi Arabia and Qatar, trying to blow up oil equipment to get everybody involved in this war.

And, you know, a little over a month and a half ago, Georgia opened up its airways for U.S. military flights. And within a week of that—actually, within two days—four C-130s landed to refuel at Belize Airport. Hmm, I wonder what they were carrying aboard those C-130s. Maybe, oh, I don't know, drones? You know, something like that. Because mystery drones are now popping up all over the place. So, I don't know. I mean, they're trying to get this going because the missile campaign and the bombing campaign aren't working. They're killing lots of civilians. One day they killed over a thousand civilians—hit thirteen hospitals and medical points. Thirteen. Hit two more schools. Because...

#Danny

Oh, Stas, it looks like we've lost you. Are you still there? Yeah. Can you hear me? Yeah, I can hear you now. Okay, continue.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

I think they're trying to cut us off.

#Danny

They don't want us talking about the—well, actually, Stas, I wanted to talk to you. You know, you've mentioned all these problems we've covered up to this point. The United States is trying very hard not to look panicked, but there are a lot of indications that the opposite is true. Here's what Donald Trump said right after Przesekin gave the so-called fig leaf—but I think it was more like a chess move—around the Gulf states, saying, "Okay, we won't hit you if you're not being used militarily to hit us." Trump made this big statement about wanting unconditional surrender because Iran is being beaten to hell. It's the loser of the Middle East. It will be hit very hard.

And, you know, if there's no unconditional surrender, he's going to be choosing the leader, etcetera, etcetera. This is Donald Trump's rhetoric. Now, you posted, Stas—and I really want you to, if you could—help people understand what exactly is going on here. Let me see if I can find your post. No, no... oh, here we go. It's the very last one. Your post where you talked about air superiority over Iran not being achieved—you said there's a misconception in the information space that the U.S. and Israel have established full control over Iran's airspace. And you posted these maps, especially this one, showing where Operation Epic Fury is firing. So talk about this, if you could, and how that reflects how you're seeing the United States, as well as Israel, react to how this war is going.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Well, I mean, they did destroy a certain number of launch vehicles that were above ground. But there are a lot of launch vehicles kept underground. They come out when it's time to launch the missiles, then go back through whatever tunnel leads them in. Iran has what they actually call "missile cities," which are these huge fortified underground facilities. By the way, they can also assemble missiles there, fuel them, and continue the process. Some things, like the actual body of the missile, have to be done in a factory environment, but once you have the rolled steel, sheet steel, and the different parts for assembly, you can keep putting them together underground. Drones, by the way, are much easier.

Setting up a modern drone factory isn't that expensive and isn't that hard. You don't need big rolled steel tubes for your missile body. You know, drones can be made mostly out of polymer materials or plastics. So they do have these, and the U.S. has not destroyed them. In fact, it's pretty hard to find them in a country that's 70% mountains—very, very high mountains. Which is, by the way, okay, so you're going to throw American infantry units against what, about almost a million-man army and militia that's dug into the mountains? Okay, man, have fun. I wouldn't want to do that, but, you know, okay, whatever. So they're having a lot of problems, which is, again, why they're bombing civilians.

They did the same thing in almost every single instance. The most famous one was Clinton bombing Yugoslavia, which was supposed to last seven days but ended up lasting 98. They started bombing civilian hospitals, trains, markets, churches, and so on because they couldn't find the Yugoslav military. The mountains were just sitting there, waiting for the Americans and NATO to come in so they could start hitting them—which, by the way, the Iranians are doing the same thing. It's all about that. They have different bases, and they're sitting there in their bunkers waiting. "Well, are you going to come, or are you not going to come?" And as the Iranian foreign minister said, "Well, aren't you being pummeled? Aren't you going to surrender?"

No, you really are ready to take on the U.S. Army. Yeah, we're waiting for you—come and get some. And they're shocked. I mean, these are the same people who are in shock, saying, "Why are you—how can you justify hitting American bases?" I don't know, because they're freaking shooting at us? I mean, this was NBC, by the way. Give them this, at least—they allowed the foreign minister of Iran to answer. But, you know, who writes your questions? I mean, sir, these are the same people. "How dare the Russians give coordinates?" It's the same mentality: "How dare they proxy us? We're the only ones—we're the exclusive people that can proxy everyone else. Nobody can touch us. They're not allowed. It's in the bylaws."

See, we wrote the bylaws. See, those are our bylaws. But at this point, you know, the air defense systems—I don't know how much they're degraded. I can't say. I mean, obviously. And there's this other moment where we found out that the U.S. Air Force is bombing drawings. And there are lots of their own images. I mean, they're pretty damn realistic-looking drawings when you're looking through whatever filtered camera they're using. But, you know, when you hit smack in the middle of a parked fighter plane and it just becomes a big smoking hole while the rest of it's still there—

obviously, you hit concrete. Very well-painted concrete. Oh, like this helicopter? Yeah, right here. You don't see parts of it flying anywhere because, you know, you hit concrete.

#Danny

Congratulations. Somehow, Stas, this was just hit by what I assume was a powerful missile or bomb, and yet the helicopter remains intact.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Absolutely. So how many of these phantom targets they've counted as destroyed, I don't know. But, you know, the simple fact is this isn't even a mock-up. You make artillery pieces by taking a pipe—sometimes you use wood, but it's better to take a pipe. You put the pipe on there, put a couple of wheels together and some kind of block, and you cover it all up with netting so you can't really see the details. And that gets hit, and it's just a pipe and a couple of wheels or tires that fly off. Yeah, okay. But this isn't even that. This is just drawings. I mean, quite literally, these are freaking just obviously very well-made, life-size drawings—but they're drawings.

I'm amazed. I mean, I didn't think it would be possible to trick modern systems this effectively with this. So yeah, even my jaded eyes are open. Whoa, seriously? You can do that too? No way. But yeah—way. The U.S. has bombed, and Israel has bombed, a lot of chalk drawings or paintings, whatever. You know, whoever did them—uh, kudos. You proved you can trick modern warfare that badly. Normally they'd at least make a mock-up out of wood or something and put a heating element in to make it look like there's an engine running or something. But no, these are just drawings. I mean, I don't know what else to say to that. Wow. Just wow. Yeah.

#Danny

Well, I wanted to—one, I wanted to play Pete Hegseth's message about the war, and then ask you about Russia's involvement and pull up a story about this, because I think there's really something going on here. The longer this goes on, and the more these problems are being reported—the fact that the U.S. is wasting munitions in a lot of cases, hitting decoys—while the mainstream media, through Pentagon sources, is saying there are shortages everywhere, the air defenses are running out, and ammunition is running low. It seems like the bluster only gets more and more intense. And, you know, I think you've heard the adage about insecurity: the more you're having troubles and struggles with a myriad of problems, the more you might lash out. Here's Pete Hegseth doing just that.

#Speaker 3

The amount of combat power that's still flowing, that's still coming, that we'll be able to project over Iran is multiples of what it currently is right now when you add up our capabilities and those of the

Israeli Defense Forces. And we have no shortage of authorities. The admiral knows we have clear objectives with maximum authorities on the battlefield. The dumb, politically correct wars of the past were the opposite of what we're doing here. They had vague objectives with restrictive, minimalist rules of engagement. No more.

Our authorities, his authorities, CENTCOM's authorities—through the President and myself—are maxed out. Our capabilities are overwhelming and still growing, as are those of our Israeli partners. Our munitions are fully stocked, and our will is ironclad, which means our timeline is ours and ours alone to control. We'll take as long as it takes to ensure the United States of America achieves these objectives. As we flow more forces and more capabilities, and as our munitions—flying over the top—have even more devastating effects, we set the tempo, we set the timeline, led by the commander on the ground.

#Danny

Those are very contradictory things. They're all spoken with the theatrical bluster of someone trained in the media circus that is the United States. But nonetheless, Pete Haiphong says contradictory things: we're so overwhelming, we have all these munitions coming in—but, you know, the timeline stops. That "as long as it takes" line sounds like you're not going to be able to achieve your objectives very quickly. And now there's panic over Russia. Maybe you can both react to this and help us understand exactly how Russia is providing assistance beyond the intelligence spin we're hearing now. Are you there?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, it's an article. It's not—

#Danny

Yeah, this is what we're being told. We're being told that Russia's providing intelligence to Iran about U.S. positions in the Middle East, helping them with targeting across the region. Sharing information about U.S. assets is the first indication that Russia is indirectly aiding Iran. So, yeah, react to anything in Danny Haiphong's bluster here, while admitting that this is going to take a while—or at least as long as it takes. And now we have Russia entering the frame.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Well, I'll start with number two first. Russia entered the fray the moment Iran finally got around to signing the mutual—well, it's not a mutual defense document like the one Russia has with North Korea and Belarus. Russia wanted that; the Iranians didn't. But it is a cooperation agreement. Unfortunately for Iran, they didn't sign an actual defense agreement early on. In these six months, Russia has brought in MiG-29s and Su-35s, which can take out an F-35—even though the F-35 is

fifth generation—because it's a pretty crappy plane, but it has stealth. The problem is, with the S-400 systems and the modern planes, the Su-35s, they can see the stealth. So that's a null. Then Russia—what they're not talking about—is the Mi-28 helicopter gunships.

That's for in case the Kurds, Azerbaijanis, or whoever decide to start trouble. What they're not talking about is all the other technology Russia brought in. Russia upgraded the drones. Russia upgraded the avionics. Russia upgraded the propulsion system. Russia upgraded the jamming system. Russia upgraded the identification system—the heads-up displays for the legacy planes. And guess what? When the blown-up drones started showing up, pictures came out of Russian microchips. It's the last of our washing machines, I know. We started pulling them out of phones and showerheads, just to find whatever we could. But yeah, Russia apparently is able to produce quite a few, at least for military-grade, microchips.

Wow. Because, you know, somehow we keep shooting missiles that we should've run out of three years ago. So those have all been provided to Iran. And again, I don't speak for the Russian government, but this is my view on things—my personal view. So that's my qualifier in this case. Whose pilots do you think are in those planes? Whose officers do you think are controlling those S-400s and the radar systems? It takes a year to train up an officer for a modern anti-aircraft system—at least on the Russian side. It takes at least a year to train a fully competent pilot, from nothing to being fully competent, for any modern airframe. This isn't World War II, where supposedly most soldiers could be trained up in about a week.

If you train airmen who were trained on another platform, they're never that good. They're second class at best. Simply put, muscle memory goes to what they were trained on and grew up with. Aerodynamics is different for every single type of airplane—sometimes radically different. They're all jets, but they're very different from each other in reality. That's why you don't see F-16 pilots flying F-18s. They can't. So, it took only six months. Obviously, I'll let the audience guess whose pilots are there, whose technicians are there, and whose technicians are in the Baidu satellite-based radar systems—the Chinese ones. They don't look like Iranians. They look like Persians or Azeris. So, you know, yeah, exactly.

Russia has tried to talk calmly to the U.S. for years now. For four years, the U.S. military has been actively shooting HIMARS-based missiles into Russian cities. I mean, it's a war. Nobody wants to admit it because they don't want to go into a full-blown war, but it's a war. And when those HIMARS get blown to hell, those are Americans going down with that HIMARS system. When those Patriot batteries get destroyed—there are 94 people in a fully staffed Patriot battery—those are either Americans, British, Germans, or Poles. Because they didn't train up that many Ukrainians, and a lot of Patriot systems have been destroyed. So who's manning them is the next question, obviously. So yeah... you'd have to be a first-grade, level-99 idiot not to understand that you're going to get proxied just as badly as you were proxying them.

They're going to have a chance to proxy you. Guess what's going to happen? Welcome to—you know—what goes around comes around. What's good for the goose is good for the gander. You know, it's karma. We could do a lot of things, but, I mean, you get the point. So, there shouldn't be any surprise in this at all—that this is happening—not one tiny bit. As for Hegseth, well, in a perfect world, he'd be standing in a tribunal, watching his own videos as evidence against him. He's a war criminal. I mean, let's just put it the way it is. He's a war criminal. Not just now—he was a war criminal when they were shooting at speedboats and fishing boats. He was even more of a war criminal, without any doubt, when he was telling them to double-tap the survivors. He's not just a war criminal; he's a criminal under American law.

Because the Constitution says any law or treaty, including the law of nations, that is approved and ratified by Congress becomes the law of the land. Shooting people who are clinging to pieces of wood after surviving the sinking of their ship is illegal. It's murder. When they sank that frigate—the unarmed frigate—okay, first of all, it is a warship, so it's a gray area, you know, could have, should have, would have. They knew it was unarmed, but it's still a warship, and it belongs to the military you're fighting. So technically, you can sink it. The more humane thing would've been to surface, give them a chance to surrender, and tow them to some port and turn them in. But okay, they sank it. Technically, they're allowed to do that.

What they're not allowed to do is leave the sailors there to drown and be eaten by sharks. Sharks infest those waters. The entire crew died. That is a war crime. So there are war crimes from head to toe. Targeting civilians specifically is a war crime. When you're hitting civilian buildings randomly, it's a war crime, for God's sake. And apparently now they're starting to admit that, well, maybe they did hit that school of 165 girls. Let me ask you a simple question. Somebody—God forbid this ever happens to you—but somebody kills your kids, what are you going to do? You're probably going to pick up a rifle and go kill them, as many of them as you can, until you die yourself. Because that's human nature. You kill my kids, I'm going to take revenge until the day I die.

And there are 165 fathers who are going to be looking for blood vengeance—and that's just at that school. Yesterday, a thousand civilians were killed in Tehran. A lot of buildings were destroyed, so you don't know—hospitals, everything. Do you think their relatives are going to just go to peace? I go on a channel called El Mayadeen. I go on there as an expert. They're based in Beirut. So I'm talking to the director—I'm not going to name him—the director of the office here in Moscow. I ask, "How's your family doing?" He says five members have been killed by the Israelis. I mean, he's an old man, so he's not going to go fight, obviously. But you think the family members are just going to say, "Oh, you know, it happens"? No, they're going to want revenge.

#Danny

I mean, look at what's happening to Israel now. They're in a dogfight. They're being absolutely whooped by Hezbollah, and they're trying to censor that. It's really hard for them, but Hezbollah is whooping them on the border. It's a crisis for them.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Yeah. Hezbollah, which was holding its peace according to the ceasefire, by the way. So... Israel is a runaway rabid dog right now. That's the government, that's the people in charge. They're a runaway rabid dog. There's no rationalizing with people who believe they own everything between the Euphrates and the Nile, and that they're going to fix it all by getting rid of the people who live there and colonizing it themselves—over however many millions of people they have. They're going to get rid of a couple hundred million other people. How do you talk to people like that? People who look at you and say, "We're touched by God, we're genetically better than you, you're just a smart monkey."

You can't talk to people like that. You can't rationalize with people like that. It's the same thing as with Nazi Germany. They believed maybe they weren't touched by God, but that they were a superior race to everybody else. And you're just **untermensch**—you're just one step above a ground slug, a sloth. How do you rationalize, except with the barrel of a gun? That's the only thing you have left. Because when they're beaten and you're standing on their throat, then you can start rationalizing with them, because they have no choice. In any other position, they're looking at you as an **untermensch**—you're not worthy of even talking to them. How do you rationalize with people like that?

#Danny

You can't.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Because their mentality doesn't allow it.

#Danny

Yeah, well, there are reports that Hezbollah has perhaps downed a helicopter. Of course, these are just reports—we haven't seen any verification, image-wise. That doesn't mean it didn't happen, because the sensors are absolutely incredible right now. But there are reports of Hezbollah downing a helicopter, of capturing IDF troops. There's heavy fighting all across Israel—the border in the south of Lebanon right now—in reaction to the massacre that Israel is trying to commit as fast as it can by air, in order to achieve "Greater Israel." That seems to be the Israelis, being rabid as they are.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Where earlier they were mostly just hitting Hezbollah and not hitting Beirut, they've now started hitting the Christian sectors of Beirut. And the Christians make up about a third of Lebanon's population. True, the Lebanese army is a joke, but it still has troops—some troops anyway. Light equipment, but still. So the Christians are now looking at what? The Orthodox and the Catholics—they're looking at what? Either your families die—they may die anyway—or you run, or you stand and fight. And I'm pretty sure they're going to stand and fight. They have no choice at this point. They were formerly allied with the Israelis. Obviously, they're not allies anymore, not when Israel's hitting the Christian districts, the churches, and everything else. They are quite literally gauzing Beirut right now.

There are videos coming out showing them dropping 2,000-pound bombs. You drop it at the base of a building to collapse the whole thing and kill everyone inside. And that's what they're doing—they're committing mass genocide. This time they're not trying to play one side off against the other; they're just going for mass genocide against the entire population. Regardless of religious faith, regardless of outlook, it's genocide. Call it what it is—a war criminal committing mass genocide that America and its allies in Europe are all about supporting. All about supporting. I mean, when the Europeans come out saying Iran should be condemned for shooting at bases—bases that are shooting at them—there are no words for these people. Kudos to Spain. Kudos to Spain.

#Danny

Yeah, seriously. The one European country with leaders—at least a few leaders—who are willing to stand up and not join or participate in this absolute horror show. It's backfiring pretty hard, though, Stas, because, you know, maybe the last thing we can cover here is that the math isn't bad.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

I wanted to get your final comment on that.

#Danny

You know, the math is not mathing for the United States right now. You mentioned the Qatari radar—\$1.1 billion. It took eight years to build, meant to serve as the eye for U.S. air defense systems. But then there's this economic problem the United States is facing, and it's creeping up and escalating hard. I believe oil is now \$90 a barrel as of us speaking, but it's only going to go up. It's only going to go up because Iran, with its retaliation, has basically caused 24-hour traffic.

Araghchi has said they haven't formally closed the strait. But the United States—they're saying they're sending the USS George Bush now. They want to escort ships in the Strait of Hormuz with Trump's promise of validating insurance so these companies and commercial vessels can be pushed

through. But Iran is saying, "Do that, and we will do that." And the Navy becomes an even easier target than it is now. Yeah. What do you make of this actual consequence of the war—an escalating one—that the Trump administration is trying to whistle past the graveyard about?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Well, like I mentioned earlier, all you need are large FPV drones with RPG rounds attached underneath them. That's it. You just swarm any ship that comes through. Brent crude right now is \$92.69 as of this minute. So yeah, that's up from about \$68 a week ago. Look, realistically speaking, 20 to 25 percent of the world's oil comes out of there. It's not going anywhere anymore. The U.S. has enough oil, but prices will keep rising unless the government steps in and sets a cap. The U.S. more or less has enough oil, and it's got reserves that can cover whatever it needs. Russia obviously has more than enough oil for itself. The Iranian oil that isn't flowing to China right now—Russia will redirect that and give it to China. There's enough oil for India too. Of course, India was buying a lot more oil and reselling it to the Europeans.

That ain't going to happen anymore, baby. And East Asians can outprice the Europeans any day. Welcome to the garden—the bankrupt garden. They can't price, they can't run. And 20% of their gas LNG was coming from Qatar. Qatar's LNG plants are fully shut down; they've been damaged. So even when this is done, they have to be fixed. It takes up to three weeks to bring a gas liquefaction plant back online because you have to restart it in sections and make sure nothing's leaking, everything's working right, there are no blockages, and so on. It takes about two to three weeks on average. And then the ships have to get there. So if you're looking at a hundred-day conflict, you're looking at three and a half months plus another month, month and a half.

So you're looking at four and a half months before that 20 percent of gas goes to Europe. And just to put a nice thick dagger between the ribs of the Europeans who've been planning and talking about how they're going to drop Russia while supporting Russians being murdered—Russia finally said, and they should've done it a long time ago, "Okay, we're out of here. Go screw off." And that's another 17 percent of their gas. So they just lost 37 percent of their gas. That's it. The U.S. can't fill that hole, because that would mean taking gas off the U.S. market. Prices would rise, and there wouldn't be enough natural gas here. And that pisses people off, amazingly enough. And that's not good for Mr. Bush—sorry, Mr. Bush.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Mr. Trump.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

No, actually, Bush Jr. was a much better president than Trump was—amazing as that is to say. Uh, yeah, that's, uh, you know, I didn't think I'd ever say that one.

#Danny

But, uh, yeah, the empire—it's all downhill. That's, uh, that's kind of the pattern. But, uh, Stas, this was great. I just want to make sure I thank everyone who gave a super chat. There were some good points made here, so I really appreciate all of you. Um, I'll just post one of them up here that I thought was a really good point: if Tel Aviv weren't burning, why censor the info? Iron Dome invincibility is propaganda. The U.S. fights for Israel are weakening itself.

America will be out and bankrupt if Israel takes the region. So those were very good points. The U.S. system of building missiles is just fine if you're a peaceful, non-imperialist country. But we haven't been that in a very long time. Yeah, this is true. This is true. Although I would say it would be hard to come out and say that there wasn't a— The U.S. military is weak. Listen to this man. The U.S. military is a joke. Douglas wants people to listen to Stas, and I agree. So I want to thank everyone. I won't say it's a joke. I won't say it's a joke.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Because it's not a joke. It still has the capacity to kill a lot of people. But it's not up to the fight it's picked for itself—far, far from it. And if they throw those divisions into somewhere like Azerbaijan—and it looks like they're getting ready to do this—there are going to be a lot of dead people. And by the way, their casualties are way higher. In Germany, they're having blood drives on the American bases. They've actually advertised them in **Stars and Stripes**, which is only printed outside the U.S. for the military. They're having blood drives—nothing to see here. It's just regular. We just need a hell of a lot more blood, because, you know, just for whatever reason. Nothing to see.

#Danny

We've got to put that up. There it is—"Blood donations needed as drives return." So the Armed Services Blood Program is stepping it up. They need more. This was published.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Yeah, don't do that just for, you know, the occasional guy who gets run over by a vehicle or shoots himself in the foot—or in the head—by accident. It happens. It's the military. All the equipment's there, designed to kill somebody. It doesn't really give a damn who it kills. But yeah, there are obviously other issues. I've got to run.

#Danny

We're out of here, everybody. Hit the like button and make sure you follow us. I'll put the information in the video description. We're heading out. Everyone, take care. Hit the like button. Take care. Cheers. Bye-bye.

