

Iran NEUTRALIZES US Navy, Trump & Israel's DECISIVE War Begins | Marandi

Prof. Seyed Mohammad Marandi discusses Iran's successful confrontation with the US Navy and why the next phase of war between Iran & the US-Israeli regime is already proving to be decisive. LIKE the video and Subscribe for more in-depth geopolitical analysis Leave your thoughts in the comments below! Support the Channel: Patreon: <https://www.patreon.com/dannyhaiphong> SUBSCRIBE ON RUMBLE: Rumble: <https://rumble.com/c/DannyHaiphong> Follow Me on Social Media: Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DannyHaiphong> Telegram: <https://t.me/DannyHaiphong> Support the channel in other ways: <https://www.buymeacoffee.com/dannyhaiphong> Substack: chroniclesofhaiphong.substack.com Cashapp: \$Dhaiphong Venmo: @dannyH2020 Paypal: <https://paypal.me/spiritho> #iran #iranwar #trump #israel

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Welcome back to the show, everyone. As you can see, I am here with Professor Saeed Mohammad Marandi to go over the latest developments. So, Professor Marandi, I wanted to begin with what appears to be a neutralized—wait, wait, just one moment.

#Mohammad Marandi

What about the like button?

#Danny

What are you doing? Well, thank you, Professor. Everyone should hit the like button as you come on. That helps boost the show, of course.

#Mohammad Marandi

You're mismanaging the...

#Danny

Well, that's why I have you here to help me manage this.

#Mohammad Marandi

Your business model is going downhill. I'll have to do something about it.

#Danny

Well, let's begin, following your correction of my business model, Professor Marandi, with what appears to be a neutralized U.S. Navy. Iran has reportedly, according to Reuters, been able to pierce the U.S. naval blockade. This is according to Reuters. They said that at least eight Iranian tankers carrying liquefied gas exited the Gulf of Oman in mid-July, and Iranian jet fuel had arrived in Myanmar. This past September, it's likely an undercount, actually, of what's been getting through the naval blockade. But this was also highlighted by many folks over the past 24 hours. A U.S. destroyer and the USS George Washington itself were seen off Pakistani waters, hundreds upon hundreds of kilometers away from the Persian Gulf.

Some had wondered if this was the U.S. Navy in the United States attempting to conduct operations there, but many believe it's because Iran had proposed that it was going to, in the next 72 hours, if the U.S. Navy did not retreat, that it would conduct operations to force it to do that. And now Iran is saying that it has new operational plans to resume major attacks if the United States and Israel strike. And it appears that Israel and the United States are preparing to do so. They're just not so sure about when. Netanyahu said that Iran right now is preparing to orchestrate security incidents to sway the October 27th election.

And today, Donald Trump has re-endorsed—I should say, not re-endorsed, but endorsed—Benjamin Netanyahu for the October 27th elections in the Knesset, saying, interestingly enough, “America will have to do this work ourselves if anyone other than Bibi is elected, and I am not inclined to do so,” in reference to Iran. Professor Marandi, how about you talk about what's going on with the U.S. naval situation? Some were making a huge firestorm over the fact that not only has Iran pushed it back, but now Pakistan seems to be caught in the crosshairs, either by allowing the United States Navy to operate there or the United States Navy is just violating its sovereignty. What do you make of the situation?

#Mohammad Marandi

Well, first of all, thank you very much for inviting me. It's always a great pleasure being on your show, and your audience is a fantastic audience, and I'm honored to be able to speak with them. And your business model is fine.

#Danny

I do my best, I do my best.

#Mohammad Marandi

First of all, I'd like to point out to everyone, there's a reason why the United States and the Israeli regime hate Iran so much. But no threats are made against other countries. It's just Iran, Hezbollah,

Yemen, and Iraq. Everything else is just business as usual. And there's a reason for that. And so, when people like—you see people on the payroll from Qatar and Saudi Arabia and the Emirates and Mr. Erdogan and others—constantly attacking Iran alongside the Israeli cyber army, they all are attacking Iran and the axis of resistance. But the reality is that Iran, Hezbollah, the resistance in Iraq, Yemen—they're the ones who made the sacrifices for Palestine. And no one else has. And this is something that the leaders of Hamas in Gaza have said repeatedly.

Abu Obeidah, the martyr Yahya Sinwar, the leaders of Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and all the different Palestinian groups, religious and secular, they've always looked to the resistance, and everyone else has done nothing for them. And everyone else has actually turned out to be in full coordination with the Americans and Israelis. We know that Qatar hosts Hamas because the Israelis asked Qatar to host the organization. So it's not as if they are sincere supporters of Palestine. And I say this because there's a lot of online attacks nowadays coming from so-called Pakistanis, but it's not even clear where they're from. And this is something that people should keep in mind. You look at these people who are attacking, and they all have like 20 followers or 50 followers, and then their profile pictures are a bit strange.

And then you see that same profile picture somewhere else, and you see the same insults or the same wording elsewhere. There's a pattern. The Israelis, they're the same. But I just want to make a couple of things clear before I answer your question. And that is that some of the things that have been said these days are complete nonsense. One is that, for example, they say that Iran purchased weapons from the Israeli regime during the 1980s. That's complete nonsense. Iran never, at any point, purchased weapons. And whoever said so is talking nonsense. The Americans, in the Iran-Contra affair, in order to see if they could shift Iran's policy, entered talks with Iran and offered to sell the Iranians weapons, surface-to-air missiles.

And the Iranians wanted to test the Americans, and they paid for the surface-to-air missiles, and they were expensive. They didn't come at any discount, unlike the hundreds of billions of dollars that were gifted to Iraq, and all the chemical weapons that the West gave to him, and all the other weapons that they gave to him. The Iranians paid for those. And then 18, I think, of those missiles that came to Iran, they had Hebrew words on them, and Iran returned them. And that was one reason why the whole thing began to fall apart, because the Iranians felt that the Americans were trying to create some sort of link between Iran and Israel, the Israeli regime.

And anyone who stresses this as evidence is, of course, negating history. And this was at the time when Iran was helping Hezbollah to push back the Israeli regime, which ultimately led to the liberation of southern Lebanon in the year 2000. So this is just nonsense. Another thing that we've been hearing over the past few days is that the Iranians are not attacking Israel, and they're attacking these Arab regimes. The Iranians have been firing missiles, and so has Hezbollah, and so has Yemen, extensively during the 12-day war and this war in the 40 days. And no one else has done anything. No one else has fired a firecracker. So I think it's best for those people to make these accusations to—well, most of them are just cyber armies.

They get paid for what they write. So I have no—and I'm not addressing them, but others who believe this nonsense should take into consideration the fact that nothing bad ever happens between Erdogan and Netanyahu. Erdogan is transporting oil from Baku, from Azerbaijan, to Netanyahu and /or other countries as well. So the reason why Iran is striking these ships in the Persian Gulf is because these countries facilitated the war against Iran. These are not ordinary commercial ships. These are commercial ships that are taking oil and other goods from Saudi Arabia, the Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Qatar. These countries waged war against Iran alongside the Americans and Israelis. One example is the planes that refueled jets.

They refueled both Israeli jets during the 12-day war and the 40-day war, and American jets on both occasions and more recently. So they helped kill Iranians. So they are effectively at war with Iran. So these are not ordinary ships. These are not ordinary commercial ships that are just passing through the Indian Ocean. And of course, Iran is going to put pressure on them until the MOU is accepted. And those who say that Iran doesn't care about the Palestinians—the Article One of the MOU is about Gaza, it's about Yemen, and it's about Lebanon. And Iran has said, through the statements of the chair of the Supreme National Security Council, both the previous chair and the current chair, that Gaza and these others are part of this deal.

In addition to the fact that the United States has to hand over Iran's assets. So Iran is pushing to end the genocide. No one else is doing anything about it. Turkey and Egypt, the leaders of Sisi and Erdogan, they're all talking about helping MBS, the guy who killed Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul, cut him to pieces—his henchmen cut him to pieces while he was still alive. And if I'm not mistaken, he wasn't fully unconscious. And then the Saudis who carried out genocide in Yemen for 11 years, the same sort of genocide that the Israelis imposed on Gaza. How could anyone want to help this regime?

Anyway, so these are just some of the things that were said recently. I just wanted to use this opportunity to tell your audience, to inform your audience, that these things are being said, but no one should believe them. And I stress once again, there's some good books to read on Iran, "Going to Tehran" by Clinton, Hillary, LeBron. I advise people to buy it, to read it, have others read it, especially now that the United States wants to restart the war. It's good for Americans to get a better understanding of Iran and see through Trump's lies and propaganda. But in any case, what is happening in Pakistan is a bit complicated. With regards to the U.S. Navy, yes, the Iranians have the ability to strike deep, and the American Navy is very worried.

That is true. And Iran's technological advances over the past few months have been extraordinary. The number of missiles that Iran has produced is far above what Iran had before. Forget the CIA and Western intelligence reports. Iran has far more missiles now than it had at the beginning of this war, far more drones, and they're more advanced. And their bases are expanded, and the personnel in the Iranian missile programs, in both the Guards and the Army, have expanded because we had a huge number of volunteers who became officers, and they've joined this force. The tunnels have

expanded, new bases are being established. So Iran is in a much stronger position today to destroy its adversaries than it was before.

And if Yemen can do what it's doing to Saudi Arabia, imagine what Iran can do to all of these countries in hours, especially because Yemen is firing long-range missiles and destroying assets near the Persian Gulf. For Iran, those assets are right across, are much closer than they are to Yemen. So Iran can destroy Saudi production in a few hours, and it can destroy the whole infrastructure in just a few days of all these regimes, just everything for years that they won't be able to rebuild. So they should think very carefully before helping the United States in this next phase, because if they do, then they are complicit, and we already know they're a part of it because these planes, the fueler jets, are all based in these countries.

Their soldiers are there. Their Marines are there. The United States is prepared for major conflict with Iran. It could happen tonight. It could happen tomorrow night. Why? Because they're all prepared in Jordan, in the Israeli regime, in these countries, the U.S. naval assets, and Iran is prepared too. The situation in Pakistan is a bit different. Pakistan does not have a lot of control over its border with Iran. And the United States, the Israelis, the Saudis, and others have invested a lot over the years in that sort of no man's land, 50 kilometers deep inside Pakistan. It's not as if the Pakistani government wants to create terrorism in Iranian territory.

But these terrorists not only attack inside Iran, and they've been trying to do so over the past few months. Ever since the United States waged the war, they've been intensifying. So these Takfiris, these Wahhabis and the Salafis, they're tools of the United States. You can see exactly, they engage in assassinations. They murdered two women separately. They assassinated two female officers in the Iranian armed forces during the last two weeks. They have no honor, so they just go after women. And, of course, the Kurdish terrorists in northern Iraq, they are preparing, and Iran is striking them. So the Americans want everyone in place for an operation. The Pakistani army, they have their own difficulties.

I'm not saying that there aren't elements within Pakistan that are helping these terrorists, but that's not, as far as Iran understands, Iraqi-Pakistani government policy. And so they're not to blame, but they have problems controlling these areas. The bulk of their forces are alongside the Indian border, and they have major problems with the Taliban, unfortunately, something which everyone in Iran wants to be resolved as soon as possible. But in any case, since the trade between Iran and Pakistan has increased a lot over recent months, the Americans are trying to undermine it. And so that is one issue. But again, so far the Iranians don't believe that the Pakistani government is involved in this. I think, I don't know when and how and if the United States is going to attack Iran, but the belief is that it could happen before the election.

It could be a sort of Hail Mary. Of course, I shouldn't say Hail Mary because there's nothing—Trump and the U.S. regime have nothing to do with St. Mary or Jesus. They're the enemies of Jesus and Mary. They're the enemies of religion, just as Zionists are the enemies of Judaism. But it could be

one major gamble because Trump is losing the midterms. And I must say that the Iranians are—it's not their policy to defeat Trump in the midterms. They haven't said anything about the U.S. midterms. But I believe that the destruction and the attacks on these ships in the Strait of Hormuz and in the Persian Gulf and in the Gulf of Oman—and these are important because Iran is also attacking ships far away from the Strait of Hormuz—what is this saying?

It's saying that we don't need the Strait of Hormuz. We can strike these ships wherever they are. And, you know, this is something that we discussed a year ago, when the United States began building up its forces, that Iran can destroy these ships anywhere they want, just like they can destroy the oil and gas facilities whenever they want. But the Strait of Hormuz is useful because those ships that are supposed to get through with Iranian permission, when, you know, Iran would like to see what's going on in the Strait. So the Strait of Hormuz has its own... And that goes back to what you were saying earlier, that some of these ships do take Iranian oil or other products. And some of them are the ones that go through, that hug the Omani shore, as we discussed before.

Some of them go right through the American corridor that Trump was always talking about, ships that carry Iranian products. And then there are, of course, ships that go through the Iranian corridors. And there are other ships—they pay a fee, from what we're hearing in the Western media, the mainstream media, that Iran is getting a fee. I'm not speaking on behalf of the government or anything like that. So this siege is not going as well as they say. And on the other hand, if Trump is in control of the Strait, then why are so many ships being attacked and devastated? And, you know, Danny Haiphong, there's not an infinite number of supertankers and cargo ships on this planet. They're finite. And those that are destroyed or badly damaged, there's no easy replacement for them.

And now so many are being damaged that when they go, let's say, to Korea or to China to be repaired, they have to wait in an increasingly long queue. And those repairs take months. So some of these ships, it could take years. So there's going to be a shortage of tankers, and this is going to increase every day because of what the United States is doing, because the United States is violating the MOU. All of this is because the United States could have ended the war by implementing the MOU. It violated the MOU with the support of the Saudis, the Emiratis, the Qataris, who helped the United States set up their own corridor in violation of the MOU, in violation of Article Five. And so we are where we are.

So Trump has brought this upon himself. But I think that the Iranians would like to see Trump lose the midterms, even though whether he wins or loses, Iran is prepared for a long war. But I think they'd like to see him lose, and I would like to see him lose too. But if he doesn't, who cares? So yes, the pressure is going to go on. The belief, by the way, is that there may be a slight fall in the price of oil. Right now, very little oil is getting— But there may be a slight fall, or a fall, in the price of oil in the next few hours when the markets open, for a number of reasons. It's not clear yet. Because one reason why it spiked up almost \$10 was because they thought the attack would be last weekend.

I mean, this weekend. But still, the shortage of oil, crude oil, is growing very fast, much faster than before. And the shortage of everything else is growing very fast. So this is not good news for Trump. And the next three weeks are not going to be easy for Trump. So he could do a Hail Mary again. He could gamble. He's a gambler. So, I mean, General Soleimani once called him a gambler. So he could gamble, but it's not going to work because Iran has said they're going to hit back very hard. Even if it's a limited strike on Iran, Iran is not going to allow him to seem victorious. Iran is going to ensure that he's seen as a failure.

#Danny

Well, Professor Morandi, Israel seems to be a big factor here too. While Israel seems very worried about its own election reality and what's happening within the entity politically, every single mention of a renewed strike now has Israel involved in it. And so I'm wondering what your thoughts are on this, given the fact that right now, what it seems is that the U.S. Navy is very far from Iran. These escorted tankers are not making it through. UKMTO reported that they cannot report on the majority of ships attacked because the ships are not reporting it at all. And just today, NBC News has already reported that not only have the ship attacks reached a record high, but they highlighted little U.S. response.

Because if people remember when this has happened in the past, let's say last month, early last month, the United States would respond. Now that is not happening anymore. And what we're actually seeing today is that Iran struck, I believe, what's called a tugboat, a huge ship that pulls other ships along. And they hit that off the coast of the UAE, I believe, near Fujairah. So, Professor Morandi, what is the role of Israel here then? Because the United States and Israel—Trump said it himself in the post—he can't finish the job, quote unquote, with Iran unless Netanyahu is there to be by his side.

#Mohammad Marandi

Well, first of all, again, this shows that the only real adversary of the Israeli regime is the Axis of Resistance. The only countries that care about the Palestinians are the Axis of Resistance. I mean, some countries, maybe Algeria and, you know, a couple of other countries, their governments are sincere. But in this region, no, it's all fake. It's all talk. And none of them have cut ties. None of them have cut business. None of them have cut off intelligence over three years. It's just outrageous. And so for anyone to claim otherwise, it's just—and so that's why they attack Iran increasingly, because they are trying to hide their own inaction. So they use these Takfiris, Wahhabis, Salafis. They use these intellectuals, these fake intellectuals on the payroll, you know, Al Jazeera's media empire, Qatar's media empire, which goes far beyond Al Jazeera, and the Saudis and the others.

#Danny

But the reality is that the only adversary is the Axis of Resistance.

#Mohammad Marandi

And these countries are working against the Axis of Resistance. They're trying to help Saudi Arabia, not against Israel, not to help Gaza, not to help the people of Lebanon or the people of southern Syria whose lands have been occupied, or for the sake of the West. They couldn't care less. They couldn't care less. It's to help Mohammed bin Salman, the guy who butchered Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul, the guy who is imposing a siege on Yemen, just like the Israelis do in Gaza. No difference between the nature of the Israeli regime and the nature of such a regime. And that, of course, is understandable. But in any case, Trump, I think it just shows how badly compromised he is, that he has to endorse Netanyahu-like

#Danny

If anyone else is elected, I'm not keen on cooperating with them.

#Mohammad Marandi

What message does that send? That means, basically, that he is forced to obey Netanyahu. Recall how, in the Situation Room, Netanyahu sat at the end of the table. Recall how Trump would always, you know, when he wants to sit down, he would push his chair like he's some sort of servant for Netanyahu. Well, that's what he is, basically. Now, what has he done? What do they have on Trump? What's in Epstein's files? What has his daughter done? What have his sons done? What has caused him to be so obedient is unclear to me. It could be that he's actually joined the cult, the Zionist cult. I mean, he may have converted like his daughter.

Because, you know, one of the things about ISIS and al-Qaeda in Syria is—and this was another one of those myths promoted by Qatar and Erdogan and others in order to hide their complicity with the Israelis and their inaction in defending the Palestinians—was to try to make Syria look like a sectarian war. Iran was supporting Syria against the West because the West was trying to undermine Syria for the sake of the Israeli regime. Evidence is, you know, there's enormous—there's ample evidence. One of the things that we saw among ISIS and al-Qaeda members was many of them were completely secular. A lot of them were just people with terrible backgrounds.

They were like drug dealers and pimps and things like that, quite a few of them. And they went to Syria to redeem themselves. And they did so by joining a cult. And they just, you know, beheadings and slaughtering innocent people. And they killed more Sunnis than they killed anyone else. But, you know, the Western media and Doha and all those who are with the West, you know, would say, "Oh, the Syrian government killed hundreds of thousands of people," as if all these different terrorist groups—there are tens, if not hundreds, of these terrorist groups—they were killing each other all the time. But anyway, so a lot of these people were, they had that sort of background.

So it could be, and I'm just speculating. I'm going out on a limb here. I told Judge Andrew Napolitano, a great man, that I believe this may be true, and I'm going out on a limb. And he told me that actually a couple of people who are on his show have told him privately that they think that's a possibility too. So who knows why he's doing this, but it is extraordinary that even when it comes to Israel, he's saying, "Only Netanyahu. The others, I don't want to work with them, or I may not work..." Of course he'll work with whoever comes to power. He'll be obedient to Zionism. But in any case, I think it's quite interesting that these two genocidal maniacs are so closely bound to one another.

#Danny

Professor Marandi, is the next phase of this war going to be the decisive one? I know Iran has been saying that they are not interested in allowing this to drag on, allowing the United States to rebuild, because while many have noted that the U.S. now has fallen years behind in terms of interceptors and all kinds of other munitions, the fact is that the U.S. often engages in wars for many, many years and would be attempting—and Israel is even saying that it's attempting—to rebuild for the next phase. So is Iran seeking and preparing for the next phase of this war to be decisive, to obtain the objectives that they have at hand? They're still talking about the MoU, the seven-day abbreviated MoU. But the new defense minister, as well as Mohsen Rezaei, head of the National Security Council, are saying that there are many surprises awaiting once this war restarts and that this war will be decisive in the next phase. What do you think? What do you think? Is there a debate about this in Iran? Your thoughts?

#Mohammad Marandi

No, I think you're absolutely correct. You're following the situation in Iran quite carefully. The Iranians are going to make this a decisive phase, and they want to batter Trump badly, and Netanyahu if he gets involved. One of the reasons why Iran is—we've discussed this before, but again, this is something that Iran haters or the resistance haters keep saying—is that, you know, Iran is not striking Israel. Well, Iran has struck Israel heavily during these wars. But right now, the Iranians want to see how the situation inside Palestine evolves because the divisions are very enormous. And Iran would like to see those divisions grow. So why should Iran interrupt what's happening inside Palestine?

Some people even say, as you should know, that there's a possibility of civil war. And that's something that people whose judgment I trust, like Alasdair Crooke, they've been saying earlier, before all this, that the situation in Israel—and others have been saying that—the divide is enormous. So there are reasons for these actions. Iran is not emotional in its actions. Contrary to what the West likes to think, how evil Iran is, Iran is morally superior to the West, but Iran is also

very careful not to react emotionally. And so, yes, I think that this will be a decisive moment in the war. And if there's a major assault on Iran or if there's a major war, because Iran said that if they believe that an assault is imminent, they will strike, or if they feel the need to.

But these regimes in the Persian Gulf, if there's a major war, they probably will not survive. And, you know, we've been talking about this for a long time. Some people say, "You kept saying that, you know, leave Saudi Arabia or leave the Emirates or leave wherever," and it didn't happen. Well, it's because the United States and the Israelis were cautious. They struck Iranian infrastructure, like they struck pharmaceutical factories, because they're monsters. They struck the Iranian gas industry. They've struck power plants, petrochemical plants, the steel industry, and so on. But every time they did, Iran hit back even harder. We saw, for example, what Iran did to Qatar.

And that caused them to be cautious and to back off, and they didn't strike too much. But if they had continued, Iran would have wiped out these countries. And if this war escalates, these countries—they are in deep trouble, especially because Bessent has declared D-Day and the intention to crush the Iranian people. And so if that's the case, then Iran has said, then all U.S. economic assets beyond oil and gas—the data centers, the banks, anything that's directly or indirectly linked to the United States, which is almost everything—will be destroyed. So these regimes will not last. So it's not as if I was just saying empty rhetoric, although I don't speak on behalf of the government.

But again, as I said earlier, if Yemen can do what it's doing to Saudi Arabia, Iran can do infinitely more, and more swiftly. So the Saudis had better wake up. I don't know if Mohammed bin Salman is like Trump. He's not very rational, and he's surrounded by yes-men. But he and these dictators in Qatar and the Emirates, their regimes are about to collapse if things go the way Trump claims they will. But in any case, yes, going back to the original question, this will be a decisive chapter. And Iran is already escalating. Striking these ships in the Persian Gulf, in the Strait of Hormuz, in the Gulf of Oman is escalation. And Iran is going to continue to make life very difficult for the Trump regime.

#Danny

President Rondi, before we get to another topic I wanted to cover before we left the show today, I wanted to ask you on the Saudi Arabia topic: how much of this escalation that's happening there is going to impact both Iranian plans, but really the United States and perhaps Israel's plans to escalate war with Iran? Because right now, the region seems to be getting more and more engulfed in this. Of course, earlier this month, we had Pakistan and Turkey, a part of that whole Mecca Pact, whatever that really is. But they were under immense pressure to enter the war on behalf of Saudi Arabia. Then we saw Trump say that Saudi Arabia should accept Israel's direct assistance and admitted that Israel is providing assistance already to Saudi Arabia.

And now we have Egypt saying that they have approved all necessary support to help Saudi Arabia fight Ansar Allah, and that they have already sent C-130s, which are U.S. planes, by the way, that

have already landed in King Fahd Air Base in Taif, and that the parliament is expected to send troops, fighter jets, air defenses, and more to Saudi Arabia soon. So this is becoming regional in and of itself. I'm wondering your thoughts on this because, I mean, this is the terrain. The entire region has been engulfed in the war against Iran. Now you have another war. How does this impact things, if at all?

#Mohammad Marandi

Well, I have a question. I wasn't in Tehran for the last few days, and I haven't been following the news as closely as I should, which happens a lot. And I apologize to your viewers. I should be always more prepared than I am. I'm not a geopolitical expert. I teach literature and Orientalism, and so they should pardon me. But have the Saudis denied what Trump said about Israeli support, that the Israelis are supporting them and that the Saudis...

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I have not seen that. I have not seen any official denial. The only thing that I've seen, our report earlier was on Pakistan, when people were accusing Pakistan of directly helping the U.S. Navy. The Pakistani government, the foreign ministry, immediately came out with a statement on X saying, "Nope." But I've never seen—I haven't seen anything from Saudi Arabia denying support from the Israelis indirectly. I think they denied early on that they were talking with the Israelis for this bigger support that Trump says that they should take, but not on the admission of the indirect support.

#Mohammad Marandi

Actually, the attempt to divide Iran and Pakistan comes from within Pakistan. There is the Saudi lobby, which has a lot of money. They have their takfiri and their other supporters who are constantly spreading rumors and trying to create a wedge between Iran and Pakistan. So a lot of the news that we see is questionable, and I'm cautious about it when it comes to Pakistan. But I'm not saying that it's necessarily—I'm not saying it's definitely not true. But some, like I said earlier, the problems that exist, the belief for the time being is that they're technical problems and not policy that the Americans are imposing on Pakistan. But the terrorists that the Americans and the Israelis and the Saudis and the others are funding in Pakistan really do not have the capability to deal with it. The Iranians believe they don't have the capability to deal with it.

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But that's what I've been told.

#Mohammad Marandi

But with regards to the escalating war, well, first of all, Mohammed bin Salman, I have not heard him deny that the Israelis are assisting him. And the Saudi government should have done that by now. And I hope they do because it's, you know, disgusting if it's any—I mean, American support is Israeli support. Whoever's with Americans is with Israelis. But this would be a very ugly move. But so far, there's no denial. And until there are denials, we'll assume that Israelis are directly involved. And some people are saying that they are directly involved. You've probably heard some of your own guests say this before, people who I like and respect. But in any case, we'll wait and see. I'll say that the Israelis are helping the Saudis, in parentheses, unless the Saudis deny it.

If they deny it, I'll accept the Saudi denial regardless of my feelings about Saudi Arabia, about the regime. But yes, I mean, the Saudis are in deep trouble, and now everyone is out to help the Saudis against Ansarullah. But my information, and I'm not saying my information is 100% correct, but my information is that so far Pakistani troops and Turkish troops are in and around Riyadh for the most part. And their objective is to protect Mohammed bin Salman. The belief, so I'm told, is that Mohammed bin Salman is worried about the tribes and his extended family and the Wahhabis and others, because he has lots of enemies. And this terrible genocidal war against Yemen is, of course, immoral, but also it's costing Saudi Arabia hundreds of billions of dollars. It has cost them hundreds of billions of dollars over the last 11 years.

And the mega-projects, all a waste of money, tens, if not hundreds, of billions of dollars wasted on those. And then, of course, the murder of Jamal Khashoggi, which brought shame to Saudi Arabia for years. Erdogan wanted to overthrow Mohammed bin Salman back then, at least. Saudi Arabia's Mohammed bin Salman is in trouble. Therefore, the belief is that the bulk of those troops are there to protect him rather than to do anything in particular against Yemen. Now, that may change, and we'll have to see what happens with Egypt. But it is interesting that Saudi Arabia has done to Yemen what the Israelis have done to Gaza. And Yemen is the only country, along with Iran and, of course, groups like Hezbollah and the resistance in Iraq, that have come to the assistance of Gaza.

And they are the ones who are being besieged. And then these countries are assisting the country that besieges Yemen. It's, you know, it's quite amazing. But Egypt should be very careful. They waged war against Yemen in the 1960s, and that cost them heavy losses. A lot of people died in Yemen, but the Egyptian military also sustained heavy losses, and that was a major reason why they lost the war in 1967 to the Israeli regime, because Yemen was their Vietnam. So the Saudis don't have the money that they used to have. No one should be naive about this. If they're going for the money, Saudi Arabia could collapse very soon if the United States attacks Iran in a way in which Trump claims he will.

Because Iran's retaliation will be very, very heavy-handed. So I wouldn't put my troops at risk. I wouldn't put my—I mean, all these countries are facing major economic problems. The global economy is reeling because of Trump and Netanyahu and the Zionists. And so if they get involved, the war is very costly. Moving troops to another country to wage a war against an innocent people is

not going to end well for any of these countries. And their own people don't support it. My understanding from my communications with people in Pakistan and in Turkey and in Egypt is that people don't support this, and that Ansarullah has a lot of support. And of course, in the case of Pakistan, Imran Khan famously opposed involvement 11 years ago.

So it would put a lot of pressure on the government to push too hard. So, in any case, we'll have to see how this plays out. But how are they going to stop Yemen's missiles? Which are, by the way, in retaliation to Saudi airstrikes. The Saudis have been bombing schools, school buses, funerals. They've killed hundreds of thousands of people in Yemen. And by the way, with regards to the Saudi airport, because there was a lot of outrage, or fake outrage, on that, Yemen said that Saudi airspace is closed. Mohammed bin Salman ignored it. Then they struck the airport. They hit the oil depot to tell them, look, we can hit, shut down the airport. They refused to do it. Then they struck a plane.

Three planes, I think, were destroyed. And a person, I think a pilot or someone, also died. He happened to be in one of the planes. So they kept hitting the airport so that Mohammed bin Salman would shut the airport. But he didn't care about his people, so he kept it open. Yemen, all of its airports have been bombed many times. Its ports are blocked. And they're retaliating because they're answerable to their people who can't get medicine, who can't get adequate food. So the only person to blame here is Mohammed bin Salman and his henchmen, not Ansarullah. They warned the Saudis for a couple of weeks. And as I said, they struck the airport in different places before striking the airport itself.

He should have shut the airport. It's obvious. But, I mean, Iran shut all of its airports when it's like the Mehrabad, when the Americans were bombing it, and in the south and so on. Iran right now, on the islands, as I said earlier, and because the Americans like bombing schools, the Iranians have shut the schools in those areas that may be struck first, and they're online. It's online learning, even though it's not really preferable. But it's Trump, it's Netanyahu. They'll bomb and kill, and then they'll pretend we did it. That's how they work. And then the Western media will whitewash it. Then after months, if not years, of delay, the Pentagon will carry out its own investigation on its own crimes and say, "Oh, it was a mistake."

Or the Iranians pretended that this was something. Whatever. You know how they are. So we saw that for three years in Gaza. So in any case, is Egypt going to be able to stop Yemen's missiles? The Americans can't stop them. Can Egypt stop them? Can Erdogan stop them? I mean, apparently they're all fine with the Saudi bombings, but can they stop Yemen's missiles and drones? If the Americans can't, how are they going to stop them? So Yemen will just intensify the destruction of the Saudi infrastructure, and that will bring the regime to its knees. All Iran and Yemen are calling for is an end to this war. If Saudi Arabia stops interfering in Yemen's internal affairs and stops the siege, if they had stopped it, we wouldn't be where we are.

They started this new phase in the war by bombing an international airport in Yemen. But all the Saudis have to do is just end the war and respect Yemen as an independent country. But they won't,

because Mohammed bin Salman is like Trump. In fact, he started the Yemeni genocide in order to show himself as a strong, tough guy so that he could move from defense minister to the crown prince and then become the king. It was supposed to be a quick war, 2015, which was green-lighted by Obama, not Trump. Obama green-lighted the genocide in Yemen. Obama did it, and Trump continued with it. There's no difference between these people. Trump is just more crude and foolish.

And he has surrounded himself with a bunch of idiots and total Israel-firsters. I mean, Obama wasn't all that different, but with Trump, it's even worse. But in any case, the genocide began under Obama. So this could have all been—this could have never happened. And if the Saudis had, instead of carrying out the genocide of war, invested a fraction of the money that they spent on the genocide in investments, they would have had excellent relations with Yemen. Excellent relations. And right now they can bring an end to this by abiding by, by respecting Yemen's sovereignty, even though they've committed endless crimes. But they won't.

#Danny

Well, Professor Marandi, now in our last 10 minutes or so, I wanted your take on what's happening in the West, in particular in France, because, you know, it wasn't too long ago, Professor Marandi, that there was a lot made about what happened in Iran right before the strikes by the United States and Israel occurred. There were massive riots. They were claimed to be genuine protests that were protesting their government, and they were slaughtered by the Iranian government. And then the Iranian government released all the names of those who actually were slain during these protests, many of them being rioters in their true character. But nevertheless, we see in France masked men, people provoking, causing massive damage in France amid massive protests against a skyrocketing cost of living inside of France.

The scenes have been exploited, especially by those who are enemies of Iran, who see Iran as an enemy. You see Ted Cruz claiming that immigrants are the reason, cultural suicide is the reason why these protests are happening. While, of course, many are looking at the skyrocketing cost of living and also a common tactic of police forces and governments across the West, which is to incite violence, embed themselves in peaceful protests, and cause damage. Kind of like what happened in Iran, seemingly. So there's a model here. I'm wondering if you had any thoughts about what's going on in France, how it relates to the world situation, and any comments you want to make as someone who I know you've been accused and attacked of defending a regime that was slaughtering innocent protesters.

#Mohammad Marandi

How many hundreds of French police officers have been killed so far?

#Danny

I don't think any have been killed. Not only have none been killed, but we have known so many children, like teenagers, who have been maimed and injured during these.

#Mohammad Marandi

Even though not a single police officer has died. So in Iran, these people admit they sent weapons. I mean, the evidence over—well, we've gone over this before, and I don't want to go over it again. Channel 14, the Mossad Persian-language account, Pompeo—the list goes on. So they instigated the violence in Iran. Hundreds of police officers and volunteers died.

#Danny

So this was no peaceful protest.

#Mohammad Marandi

The first couple of days, first two, three days, were peaceful. No one died. No one was arrested. And then we had this violence, which came from abroad. If Iran had done that to France, Western countries would declare war on Iran. But they can do it to Iran. They can do whatever they want, wherever they want, on this planet. Obviously, the reason why there are riots and protests is partially because of the horrific economic situation that Trump and Netanyahu brought upon the world. Part of it is because of the neoliberal policies pursued by France and other Western countries over the last few decades, and their imperial wars, or their involvement in U.S. imperial wars. And the stupidity of what's going on in Ukraine plays a big part in this too. But have no doubt that Western intelligence agencies are involved in the violence.

No doubt at all. I have zero doubt about this. I'm not a betting man. I'd never do that. I'm against betting. I hope all those betting companies are involved. The people behind them are in prison. And apparently they're all Zionists, just like the pornography websites and so on. They're controlled by Zionists, which is very interesting. But there's no doubt that they're behind it. I'm not saying that all the violence is carried out by these people, but I have no doubt that what they're trying to do is trying to blame immigrants. They're trying to divide and rule, trying to create divisions among the people so that they'll turn against each other. And then they'll probably do some outrageous things and burn down some sensitive buildings and so on to turn the population against the protesters.

And the protesters are protesting against the fact that their standard of living is plummeting and injustice is growing. And meanwhile, the French regime is busy with its Napoleonic war in Ukraine, and it's expanding, and it's sending its armada to the Persian Gulf and that sort of thing. That's all he can think of: projecting power that doesn't exist, the French president, whereas people at home are suffering. But yeah, I have no doubt that much of the outrageous violence, wherever we see

them, are carried out by— and there's evidence of this. And we saw it in the United States. We saw it on January the 6th, even. But we saw it at the height of the anti-war movement over Iraq in the United States and elsewhere. Those anti-war movements were growing.

And then we saw how they turned, and how FBI agents would go into these anti-war movement gatherings and join, and then some of them were exposed as being a part of the FBI. We've seen a lot of this stuff. So no one should believe that they should take what's going on at face value. But obviously people are outraged. But it's the doing of their own regimes: the war against Iran, the support for genocide, the support for a stupid and reckless war in Ukraine because of their historic hatred towards the Russian people. All of this is costing ordinary people, and the elites in France and elsewhere, they don't care. They're the Epstein class. They don't care about the rabble. They are doing very well. What was it? The French president and his wife, or wife, they were at some concert the night before. What does that say about where things stand in France?

#Danny

Yeah. Yeah. Well, I guess you were seeing Celine Dion, which, um, take what you will from that. Uh, Professor Rodney, what drives me nuts, especially about the immigrant scapegoating in this, as well as the negation of, right, this like, "Ooh, look at these masked people walking the streets. You don't know who they are, and they're the protesters. They're the ones who are—they're all uniform. They all have very predictable kinds of weapons, and they all do predictable kinds of actions, like burning things."

And what drives me nuts about both of these phenomena is what the French government and, of course, Western governments as a whole—but France has a very particular relationship to Africa and West Asia, South Asia, Southwest Asia. For decades, for five, six, seven generations, since the colonial period when France was a settler-colonial entity in much of that part of the world, they brutalized people that they recruited to fight their wars—Algerians, Moroccans, etc. Brutalized them inside of France for decades. Brutalized them, discriminated against them, slaughtered them in the streets.

#Mohammad Marandi

And killed them in the millions outside of France. And even today, they are plundering African countries as we speak.

#Danny

Exactly. And so the fact that anyone can...

#Mohammad Marandi

But have no doubt, Danny, have no doubt that the same people who organized the riots in Iran—and how well organized they were, and how they would burn people alive and police officers alive and go from bank to bank and just torch one bank after another—within like half an hour, they torched tens of buses, and they were very professional. I have no doubt that the people who trained them in Iran, they're the same people who trained those masked people in France. I have no doubt about that.

#Danny

Yeah, I think that's really important to look at. There's definitely an intelligence network that operates both within Western societies and also the United States. Hell, I'm in the United States. Every protest movement that has emerged, from Occupy Wall Street, Black Lives Matter, has always had this problem where you have provocateurs. There, you don't know who they are. They start causing trouble, and lo and behold, they have great relationships with the police. Hell, a lot of them are police. And this is what's never talked about. But there's a whole network. And of course, the U. S. and the West have the same kind of network abroad.

And they've tried to exercise it and to use it to, of course, overthrow governments they don't like and maintain their hegemony. But now it's not really worth it. The situation abroad is more difficult for these forces than it ever has been, especially since the Iran war changed a lot of things about the region. But in the West, things are crumbling, things are decaying. There isn't the kind of stability necessary to really get on the ground and understand this. So it has to be pointed out. That's why I wanted to bring it up today, Professor Rondi. Do you have any final comments on this and anything else before we start to close out here?

#Mohammad Marandi

No, just as usual. First of all, I think it's, again, can I insist that people read about Iran: Going to Tehran, Alastair Crooke's book on resistance, on the nuclear program—it's A Dangerous Delusion by Peter Osborne—and the book Manufactured Crisis by Gareth Porter. These are books to read, and to have others read. But aside from that, everyone should focus on Gaza, focus on Palestine. Just today they killed another little girl, if I'm not mistaken, just hours ago. They just shot her in the head, I think. That's what they do. They want to exterminate these people. So people should focus on Palestine, keep reminding everyone, the young, the old, that there's a genocide going on in Gaza.

There's no ceasefire. It's all fake. And of course, they're killing people in Lebanon, but the focus is on Gaza, the West Bank, everywhere. The Israelis are just slaughtering innocent people. Iran can take care of itself, and we will take care of ourselves. And we're prepared to make the sacrifices necessary. But everyone has to help to keep people aware and increase awareness about the ongoing genocide in Gaza and to create awareness about the true nature of Zionism, which is anti-Jewish, anti-Christian, just like Wahhabi and Salafi Takfiri ideology, like ISIS and Al-Qaeda. They're anti-Islam.

#Danny

Yes, and as you were saying, two children were among eight killed by Israel in the last 24 hours, reported by Haaretz, but from the Gaza Education Ministry. So this is a daily thing. I mean, every single day, just even go to... You can just follow Haaretz. It's no friend of the Palestinians, 100%, but even they will report on this because... This is part of an ongoing, endless cycle of Israel wanting to continue genocidal wars for its purposes of, some say, Greater Israel, and some say just for their existential survival, because without it, well, the world has certainly changed a lot. It is no longer, you know, no longer tolerant of this regime. So, Professor Marandi, it was great to be with you. Let's head out together.

Everyone, hit the like button as you end the show, leave the show. It's really important. Professor Marandi will be very happy if you do that. So if you haven't done it already, do so now. Thanks to the new member here, Maggie. I appreciate you joining today. I want to thank everyone who moderated in the chat. Thanks so much for all of your hard work. Tomorrow, I'll be back, I believe, 4 p.m. Eastern time with Professor Jeffrey Sachs. I might do a morning show as well, so keep a lookout for me if I decide to do that before 4 p.m. Eastern time. October 19th with Jeffrey Sachs is definitely happening. So until next time, see you then. And thanks for the super chat, Farzan. All right. Bye-bye, everyone. See you then.