US STRIKES Iran, Hegseth RESTARTS War in SECRET Israel Visit | Patrick Henningsen

Geopolitical analyst Patrick Henningsen discusses the latest US strikes on Iran that the media is hiding from you as Hegseth's secret visit to Israel paves the way toward an unthinkable round of war before the mid-term elections. https://www.youtube.com/@21stCenturyWireTV Patrick's YouTube https://patrickhenningsen.substack.com/ 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 #israel #iranwar #trump

#Danny

Welcome back to the show. As you can see, I'm joined by Patrick Henningsen of 21st Century Wire, an independent journalist and commentator, to go over the latest developments. Well, Patrick, it was a strange last 24 hours, especially in the U.S. war on Iran. It was reported that Iran targeted a U.S. Navy Arleigh Burke-class destroyer in an attempt to hit it and drive it away from the northern Arabian Sea. It was said that multiple U.S. Navy F/A-18 Super Hornets then took off from the George H. W. Bush aircraft carrier and launched strikes on the IRGC Navy in Konarak, injuring two. But then CNN reported that this was false.

A U.S. official told him that this claim was inaccurate. And then, following this, Patrick, there were some very strange developments. Pete Hegseth met Netanyahu on an unannounced visit. Netanyahu attended this meeting, as did the entire Israeli defense establishment. No one would comment on this development. And there's still talk about a third aircraft carrier heading to the CENTCOM area of operations. Some dispute whether it's actually just going to relieve the George Washington aircraft carrier. But the United States Navy has not confirmed this. Overnight as well, Israel seems to have been conducting drills in Iraqi and Syrian airspace, as it appears to be doing daily.

There are claims that at least eight F-35 and F-16 fighter jets were active in this airspace, reportedly conducting drills in preparation for another strike on Iran. There were reports too, Patrick, that Qatar and Pakistan, the mediators, handed some kind of compromise deal to Iran. It was originally reported that Iran had accepted it, and that brought oil prices down for a few hours. Then Iran's Mohammad Ghalibaf came out and said, no, there was no acceptance of any deal. So I think

everyone's wondering, Patrick, what is going on? This meeting with Hegseth was supposed to be secret, but it seems like what's really being hidden from us is the truth about the war right now. What exactly is it?

#Patrick Henningsen

Well, the probing of Iranian airspace, which you previously mentioned there, I think that's really significant. What they're trying to do, probably, is trigger radar, just to probe and see what the Iranians have in terms of radar and try to work out their air defenses—what sort of SAM systems they have. And so what does that tell us? That tells us that we're looking at bombing, basically, with more aircraft involved. There's obviously going to be the use of standoff munitions by the United States. That's pretty standard. But there will be bombing and tactical airstrikes, and this will be coordinated by Israel and the United States, most likely. That's why Hegseth is at Ovda military base in southern Israel.

That's what this is about. A lot of people are concerned that there might be more to this, that there might be a significant escalation. There's been a lot of talk about the use of nuclear weapons. I don't think you can rule that out. What's more disturbing about all of this—seeing Hegseth there and not a real U.S. official—is that there are rumors, and I think they're more than rumors, that he is slated to be sacked after the midterms because they want to avoid him being impeached. Thomas Massie and others have raised articles of impeachment against Pete Hegseth. So it would be a really, really humiliating, painful affair to have Hegseth impeached. And you know what a short temper he has. He doesn't like being challenged.

He's a total narcissist and has a really bad temper. Not to mention, he doesn't know what he's doing, and he's completely unqualified for the position. And everything he's touched has been a total disaster, unless he's talking to U.S. troops. But even then, he's sometimes getting booed by them. So all his sort of media antics are going to be all for naught if he has to sit in front of Congress for impeachment hearings. That would happen after the midterms. So he's desperate to maybe do something really outrageous. Netanyahu is also potentially a lame duck, although I would never rule out his ability to survive. He's like certain reptilian species. He has this incredible ability to survive politically.

So I would not rule out his chances of stitching together another ruling coalition. I mean, that's the game, isn't it, with their broken political system there? But both of those individuals are facing complete political annihilation. That will be the end of Hegseth's career. I would say his career is already over, but that will be the end. He'll be lucky to get a podcast after that. It will really be humiliating. It's really frightening because these are people who have done horrible things and killed many people. They're psychopaths, and now their backs are against the wall, which makes them all the more dangerous. So it's really frightening, actually. So when is it going to happen?

Is it going to happen before or after? I've always said that the balance of incentives is probably in favor of airstrikes against Iran before the U.S. midterms or before the Israeli elections, which are next week, next Tuesday or Wednesday, I think, the 27th of October. So that's where it's at. And, yeah, it's not great. It's not great. So there's been a lot of talk about the MOAB. You've spoken about this on your program, Danny, with other guests. It's possible they could use that, but more than likely that's just kind of a media talking point or stunt. It's not really practical for deployment, especially because of its sheer weight. It would have to be kind of over the target. What kind of aircraft do you need to do that?

Slow-moving, low-altitude, or slow-moving, high-altitude, but nonetheless a sitting duck for anybody's air defenses, basically. And Iran also has jets to scramble, and I'm sure they'll be doing that in this case as well. You'll probably see the unveiling of some Iranian Air Force jets that weren't used previously. And so, yeah, I think the flushing out of various U.S. and Israeli elements from northern Iraq has been a huge thing for the Iranians and opened up possibilities for them to defend themselves. But yeah, still, we'll see. In terms of what happened with this alleged skirmish in the Arabian Sea, that just really goes to show you what an information war this is.

#Danny

Yeah.

#Patrick Henningsen

It's an incredible information war. So that was a perfect example. Now imagine if the shooting really begins and we have sort of an intense week. There's going to be a lot of misinformation, disinformation, and misreporting, mostly on the U.S. side because of the political ramifications. Iran's in a defensive position, and it already has that moral high ground because it's been the victim of aggression. So they don't really have to do much in terms of propaganda. They just have to sort of remain standing on their feet, put up a good defense, and inflict some pain on Israel and the U.S. in the region.

But, you know, Hegseth has gone to meet Netanyahu over at the air base in southern Israel. This is where a lot of the U.S. KC-130s, air-to-air refueling tankers, and planes are housed. So they've got a big logistical job, because once they attack Iran, the retaliation comes. A lot of these bases in Israel might be unusable at that point. And so the U.S. is going to have to reroute its traffic to Cyprus and then to Incirlik in Turkey, and they have all these other options. But it's going to be, I think, not good for Israel if the shooting resumes.

But then the question is, and we asked this previously, Danny: if Iran does retaliate in a big way, then what's that going to mean in terms of how the U.S. and Israel are then going to retaliate? Have they got a propaganda campaign lined up with, oh, you know, the empty baby carriage in the middle

of the road in Tel Aviv, on fire, and a little stuffed animal next to it? I can just see it on CNN. And then there's this global outrage that, to prevent another Holocaust, we need to use a nuclear weapon to subdue the Iranians because they can't do it conventionally. So it's a bit of an admission of defeat on one hand, but then it's used as a pretext for the United States and Israel to unleash the most powerful weapons of mass destruction.

I'm just wondering if that's more or less how they're constructing the propaganda campaign. We've seen a lot of talk normalizing the use of nuclear weapons on the Western and Israeli sides, and a lot of implicit threats as well, which I find so ironic, considering that the talking point from the United States has been constantly on heavy rotation: “Iran can't be allowed to have a nuclear weapon.” Every two seconds, they keep tacking that onto every statement. Although we haven't heard that in the last couple of days, which is surprising. I haven't heard that statement in the last five or six days. So that's interesting. Yeah.

#Danny

Yeah, well, the fog of war is very, very, very thick right now. I was trying to follow this development in real time, this U.S. strike on the southern coast of Iran near the Pakistan border. And as I was doing that, CNN immediately came out with a report saying, no, it didn't happen. Iran has not said anything about it. But nevertheless, Israel cannot stop talking about it. Channel 14 today has been talking all day long—and this is one of the reports—about how Iran is now considering not preemptively striking Israel and weighing whether Iran can handle the United States and Israel attacking it. So there's a lot of talk in Israel in particular, less so, it seems, in the United States, actually, at least in terms of what the Washington foreign policy establishment is saying openly. Israel seems to be the one that's very vocal right now.

#Patrick Henningsen

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Of course, they hosted Hegseth, who, as many reports, including those from Politico, have said, is the biggest champion right now of going back to war within the foreign policy establishment as it stands. Your thoughts on this?

#Patrick Henningsen

Well, I think a preemptive strike from the Iranians, if it's decisive, would probably be a good move on their part from a military standpoint, especially if they could wipe out a significant portion of the U.S. fleet, which is a sitting duck right now, given where they can park assets in Israel. Obviously, they've reactivated the use of some positions in Saudi Arabia, as well as in Qatar and Jordan. So

those will be in the Iranian target bank. The problem with Iran doing that is that it would make good military strategic sense, but it would also get Netanyahu completely off the hook. And then they could just go weapons-free, and he could say, "Yeah, see, look, you can't trust these Iranians. And, you know, only I can defend the country," and everything.

"And we're being targeted for annihilation. The Jews are fleeing once again. History is repeating itself. Another Shoah." And that will kind of get him off the hook. So, yeah, politically, in terms of the chess game of global public opinion, you know, if Iran did what's called a preemptive strike—it's not a preemptive strike because they didn't start the war, but that's how it's being framed. Within this subset of the war, it's a preemptive strike. But you can see they're just waiting for the West to condemn the Iranians, and they haven't, because Iran's played it very smart from that point of view. So the British and the various other people at the UN Security Council can't virtue-signal about international law and aggression and all this other stuff.

I mean, it's insane that we're even having this debate, because it's quite obvious who the aggressors are: the U.S. and Israel. But that's how they would reframe it. They would say, "Look, Iran's the aggressor. Look what they're doing. You know, everything was peaceful, and they broke the ceasefire. And they're backing the Houthis as well. The Houthis are the aggressors because they dared to strike the Saudi Arabian airport, King Khaled International Airport. Terrible, terrible situation. We condemn the Houthis. Condemn. Disavow. Disavow. Condemn." That's kind of like the conversation. It's just insane in the West. And Russia faces the same type of problem as well in the information war.

In the last week, 22 Russian civilians have been killed and 211 injured in strikes in places like Belgorod, Bryansk, Kherson, and Kursk. So Ukraine's really stepped up the terrorist attacks against Russian civilians. But if Russia strikes back, or strikes back too hard, or hits the European actors that are supplying the drones, the munitions, the intelligence, and the targeting to Ukraine, then Russia will be seen as the aggressor. So terrorism is okay if a Western country or a Western ally does it. But if anybody does anything to prevent it or preempt the next wave of attacks, that's just beyond the pale as far as the West is concerned. So it's a rank double standard.

The good news is a lot of people are seeing through it, and generally the project's running out of steam on multiple fronts. And so how much longer can they sustain this kind of rigged narrative framing that we've been dealing with for so long? One can only guess. I mean, I think maybe the protests in Europe have a little bit to do with that. They are pushing the envelope a little bit because the youth in Europe are articulating geopolitical concepts and connecting that to austerity, which I think is very good. It's a real positive development. It shows you that some of the protest movements are growing a brain, despite the fact that, in some ways, they're also kind of not. But that's a separate discussion about where those protests in France, Albania, and some of these other places—Italy, Spain—are heading.

So, it's a separate discussion, but it is all part of the same discussion. This is the bigger discussion. This is a repudiation or rejection of European elites, of the super-bureaucratic, transatlantic, globalist, woke agenda. And the Gen Zers are seeing it, much like the many millennials, Gen Xers, and boomers, at least in our punditry and internet space, who have seen this and called it out for a long time. You're starting to see that the general Gen Z public have worked out that this is a total rip-off, basically. They get nothing, and then they're all going to be asked to be conscripted and to join the ranks of Starship Troopers on behalf of Brussels and go fight—take the fight to the enemy, as the British general was telling us that we need to do.

We need to make sacrifices so that the military can take the fight to the enemy, even though the enemy hasn't attacked Europe or Britain yet. But we still need to go take the fight to them. We've got to poke them, prod them, provoke them, and pray that the Russians send a missile into Europe. They're desperate. How many Russians do we need to kill in Russia to trigger Russia to send a missile into, quote, "NATO territory"? These people are absolutely psychotic, insane. That's how desperate they are to remain relevant, because this old system is dying a painful death. And all these people are basically just store managers for the global retail market of the military-industrial complex and post-imperialism. And just like global retail on the high streets and main streets, it's dying. And these generals and lieutenants are the store managers of empty retail shops.

It's the equivalent of that. It's a dying industry, and they're just pumping it up, pumping it up, hoping, hoping, hoping, hoping they can get that war that puts them back into power. And they can restructure society around a war and then a post-war system and maintain some kind of grip on the cutting edge of Western civilization for another hundred years or something like that. I mean, these people are absolutely insane. They just can't let anything go. You know, they can't let China rise. They can't let Russia rise. They can't let anything rise in the East. And God forbid anybody in Europe wants to build sustainable, lasting, productive, and fruitful trade and cultural routes of exchange and prosperity between Iran and Europe, Russia and Europe, China and Europe. No, no, we can't do that. Got to drop that Iron Curtain. Drop the Iron Curtain.

#Danny

Well said, Patrick. Well, it's so interesting. We have a spread. We have the United States, of course, despite all of its hopes and dreams—or at least some part of the establishment wanting to shift away from West Asia—completely mired there and, of course, preparing for more war there. In the UK, where you are, the British, as well as Europe—much of Europe, all of Europe—are preparing for a war of their own, and it seems like it's all targeted toward Russia. So I find that an interesting spread, and it kind of goes along with this idea that the United States, as the imperial hegemon, is attempting to spread out the areas of responsibility for its various foreign policy aims, whether it's to weaken Russia, contain China, dominate the Middle East, or dominate its own hemisphere.

It seems like it's trying to do that. Yeah. I also wanted to ask you, Patrick, to comment on this. You know, I'm wondering if Netanyahu showed this map to Hegseth, because this is the map that Israel has devised of alliances and allegiances in the Middle East. And it's very interesting, actually, if we parse it out. You have Iran and the Axis of Resistance in red: Ansarallah in Yemen, Iran here, and then, I think, Hezbollah here, and a little bit of Palestine there. I guess that's supposed to be Hamas. And then you have all of the rest of it. Very interesting. This is what they call a diamond alliance between Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Turkey, and Egypt. Then you have other countries that the diamond alliance considers friendly, here in lighter green.

And then you have a lot of lines in Iraq to signify that they're both friendly to Iran and partly in the Axis of Resistance. You have India here with basically every color. So in Libya and Africa, you can see the heavy thought that has gone into that map. And so I'm wondering if Hegseth was given a lesson there about the lay of the land. You know, I'll put it up again. It almost portrays Israel as a lot weaker than maybe some might assume in the region—a very small country without any real alliances here other than the UAE and itself, essentially. That's what they call the Israel-UAE hexagon alliance. So, your thoughts on this? This certainly puts the Greater Israel project somewhat in perspective as well. I wanted your reaction to it.

#Patrick Henningsen

Yeah, leave that map up on screen. And it's kind of extraordinary if you think about this. So this is the Israeli-centric view of West Asia. And you can see that, in their view, Danny, the whole region revolves around them. They're this tiny little postage stamp, sort of New Jersey on the Med. You can barely see it here, honestly. It's not visible at all. So they're occupying historic Palestine illegally. So that's a European colonial settler city-state, effectively, that has mapped out how it's going to control and subdue the entirety of West Asia so that it can exist and carry out a genocide in historic Palestine and in South Lebanon and in the West Bank and then further afield.

As soon as they're done exterminating the native Palestinian population, they'll move on and exterminate and cleanse southern Syria and southern Lebanon, of course, as we mentioned, and retake the Sinai Peninsula and take a chunk of Jordan and Saudi Arabia, no doubt, and then completely annex the United Arab Emirates. That won't be too hard, I can tell you right now, should they want to make an Israel East in the UAE—a kind of Disneyland, if you will, with a kind of symbolic Arab monarch in charge or whatever. But that's how they view it. It's insane if you think about it, that all of this has to be managed. All of this has to be done through coercion, deception, killing, the assassination of heads of state, and the overthrow of governments. Everything has to be done to preserve the pure Jewish state, the Zionist entity.

That's incredible. But their color chart is really off because they have no idea. I can tell you right now, there's a large percentage of people in Sudan, Egypt, Eritrea, and many of the other places they consider to be neutral or friendly to them—even Syria—who are against them. All of this could

flip very quickly against them, and I think it will. They do have a lot of control over Saudi Arabia. That probably would be more like a dark blue, in real terms. And see, they've already partitioned Yemen. So, if you look at this, it's really a map of Israel's influence over U.S. foreign policy and covert action, okay, and over British foreign policy and covert action, and any other countries you want to add in there—Germany and so forth.

That's all this is. That's all it is. And so now you can see the agenda. So, you know, the whole manipulation of Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Djibouti—that's because of the Bab al-Mandeb and the Yemen conflict. This is all to protect and help secure Israel's port, Eilat, plus the future Ben-Gurion Canal project, control of the Suez, Israel's eventual annexation of the Sinai again at some point in the future, and so forth, and their ability to project power. Ditto with the Strait of Hormuz. So, all of the wars that they have started, armed, and funded, and all of the subterfuge that they've been involved in, including the partition of Somalia to create a breakaway Somaliland state—it's all part of this agenda.

That's an Israeli enclave, a U.S. and Israeli enclave, which they'll use to further control and project power over the Bab al-Mandeb Strait, to attack Somalia, and as a staging ground against Yemen in the future. So the reality is that beneath all of these silly colors that the Israelis have, beneath all this dark green, in all of these places, you have a bubbling up of popular political Islamic movements. And not Sunni. See, they regard Sunni as being friendly. Why? Because they're able to control them through money. They use the Gulf states as ATM machines, and they use that money to buy them off. I mean, Saudi Arabia and the UAE paid to overthrow the democratically elected Morsi government in Egypt.

After the Arab Spring and the fall of Mubarak, in came the Muslim Brotherhood party led by Morsi. Twelve months later, there was a counter-revolution. That was all financed. And the entire project—the media project, everything, the color revolution—was run and paid for by the UAE and Saudi Arabia. But that dark green could very soon become maroon red. And that's a nightmare for Israel and for the United States.

And it's the same with Yemen. Ansar Allah is populist political Islam, leaning more towards the Shiite—or, in this case, the Zaydi—Islamic variety. And there's Shiite Islam in Iran and in Iraq as well. And who knows? I mean, the way things are going right now in Syria, they've probably lost that country for a while, but it could come back into the fold of sanity at some point in the future, especially with this ne'er-do-well, ISIS bearded wonder who's holding court in Damascus, the Emir al-Jolani. That's not going to last very long. Lebanon, the same. They can't hold the populist tide back in Lebanon forever, no matter how much the U.S. buys off the population. You see, they've even got Lebanon subdivided. Look at that. I mean, how craven of the Israelis.

They've already partitioned all these countries. They've already got their little enclaves mapped out. You can see that this is really a map of what Israel wants to do. And they have their little fallback positions in Cyprus, Greece, and Albania, okay, and a couple of other Greek islands. Okay. But in

Albania, maybe not so friendly. People aren't very hospitable to them at the moment, as you can see from the protests. So it's incredible. This is incredible. I mean, the manipulation, all of this, all of this death and destruction, all so Israel can have their little European colony and an ethno-supremacist, ethnically pure ethnostate in the middle of the Arab world. All of this just for that.

And all the U.S. bases around the region as well. All the U.S. naval assets, all of it, to provide a security umbrella for Israel. It's unbelievable. So they view everything as a threat. Everything is a threat. How far do you want to go? They view students protesting on campuses in New York as a threat to Israel. They view students in the UK or old-age pensioners, 80-year-old vicars holding up a sign that says, "I support Palestine Action" in the UK—Israel views that as a threat to Israel. At what point does it end? It shows you how much power and influence they have accrued politically, in the media, and so forth. It's absolutely breathtaking. It's insane if you think about it. The proportion of it is just insane. Yeah.

#Danny

Totally. Well, I want to pull this up. Here is Netanyahu in front of it. I just want to demonstrate that, in the recent speech he gave in the last couple of days, he pulled up this map to show the lay of the land. And what I found so interesting, Patrick, too, is, you know, down here in the legend, it says the gold outline drawn around certain countries indicates NATO allies or countries the U.S. considers friendly. And I just find that an interesting choice. It almost minimizes the United States in the region in many ways. It almost says, well, you have to look really hard to see who is friendly with the United States and keep that in your mind. Well, again, there is this siege narrative that Israel seems to be trying to build here. And as you point out, there are just so many inaccuracies. I mean, the partition of Lebanon—they do have Libya partitioned, interestingly enough, with the Israeli and so-called Sunni, a.k.a. Gulf, alliances. And, of course, the very questionable Eritrea and Ethiopia.

#Patrick Henningsen

And Sudan.

#Danny

South Sudan.

#Patrick Henningsen

They're trying to kick off some more unrest between North and South Sudan this week. Israel is so deeply involved in South Sudan, and was throughout the entire civil war, as well as in Sudan. So the U.S. can just turn the dial up. Israel can turn the dial up in any of these subdivided states, whether

it's Libya, Sudan, South Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Somaliland, Puntland, Yemen—and the list goes on. They can try to do this. They're having less success in being able to do this. They did it with Syria, as we know, for 15 years. But they're having less success in being able to do this in Iraq.

And that's a big blow to this international organized crime syndicate. And they've completely lost, I think, solid footholds in all of the Emirates and the Gulf states, the Gulf oil sheikdoms. But look at this. Who's the natural hegemon in the region, Danny? I mean, Saudi Arabia looks big in terms of square miles or kilometers, but not in terms of population, surely not in terms of human resources. And they can't defend themselves. Egypt as well. Egypt will be, you know, on paper, one of the largest Islamic countries in the world. Maybe behind Indonesia, possibly—I'm not sure. And certainly they have a lot in terms of human capital.

They have resources. They have a military. But the problem with Egypt is that it's bankrupt as a country. It's drowning in debt. Its economy is constantly teetering on the edge of total meltdown. It's completely under the thumb of the IMF and other international creditors. Iran is under sanctions, but they're not in hock to the banks. I can tell you that's a huge thing. So no one really has any financial or economic leverage over Iran in the same way they do over these vassalized IMF states in the West or on the other side of that. So Iran's independent.

They're just being strangled, and they're in a vice grip economically, in terms of sanctions and blockades and secondary sanctions. But they're the natural hegemon: 100 million people, a highly skilled labor force, leaders in engineering, leaders in aeronautics, leaders in technology and medicine and nuclear physics and all the other high-end fields. Iran is the hegemon of the region. Clearly, culturally as well, they're the leading edge. It's the largest, most dominant civilizational state. So they're very good like that. But that's the whole point. That's the game. That's the battle, isn't it?

It's about which civilizational state is going to set the pace, is going to be the leading edge. They hoped that it would be the fake Dubai-type, air-conditioning-unit-in-the-desert type of culture, deregulated source of foreign capital and energy sheikdom culture. They thought: AI data centers galore. They thought that was going to be Neom, futuristic cities in Saudi Arabia. This idea of a Gulf Arab, quote, "futurist civilization"—that was going to be the leading edge for West Asia. And for years, this was the leading edge in terms of investment, in terms of where energy is going, where business and media are going. But it's a mirage. It's a facade.

It can only be the leading edge if the main civilizational state is completely strangled and suffocated, and that's Iran. If Iran weren't under sanctions, no one would be talking about the UAE, because Iran's economy would just dominate. They'd have the best of everything, probably, in terms of being able to sell their energy. And these Gulf states have a completely outsized position, outsized influence. But this is the story of the region. This is the story of the whole world, practically, outside of Europe, the United States, and a couple of other countries. That's definitely the story of Africa and half of South America, for that matter—most of South America, in fact.

#Danny

Yeah, well, a really fascinating map released by Israel. And one last comment on it: you know, they make a big deal out of what they're calling the Sunni Diamond Alliance. I have to say, Patrick, given geopolitical developments over the last several years, especially since, what, February 28th of 2026, this Diamond Alliance doesn't seem to mean very much. As you just said, you laid it all out in terms of who's the natural hegemon and how powerful Iran really is. And if we just look at this map, even the Axis of Resistance side, despite the relative lack of color on this map, has certainly carried more weight than might be expected, especially considering Egypt.

Pakistan, with its mediator role, has played somewhat of a role. But Saudi Arabia, of course, Turkey, Egypt—not much, other than, in Saudi Arabia's case, being an active aggressor. But Egypt and Turkey are not really much of a political factor in the region, to be quite frank. And I don't see that changing anytime soon. So, you know, Patrick, that leads us to: where do we go from here? Because we have this bigger picture. We have instability—massive instability—in Europe, rebellion. The establishment—and you've written about this a lot—has tried to pin it on migration, has tried to frame it as people rioting and looting because migrants are doing it. And this is what happens with Ted Cruz: "This is what happens when you destroy your civilization," something of that sort. "America is going to be next if we don't smarten up and deport all the migrants."

That's how they're framing what's happening there. And then, of course, in the bigger picture, the global economy is very unstable right now. It seems like any breath that's taken changes the price of oil at this moment. Tankers are burning. Bloomberg is saying more tankers are being hit than are being reported on, and that's causing major problems. The war between Ansar Allah in Yemen and Saudi Arabia—there's not even reporting on that right now. I don't see any actual reporting coming out, just a little bit of news that says Ansar Allah continues to hit Saudi infrastructure. And I think they might be hiding it because it could have a market effect. So, your thoughts on this? There's a lot of fog of war and, of course, a lot of misdirection going on in every single area, it seems.

#Patrick Henningsen

Well, I can tell you, as far as we're concerned in Europe and in the U.S. and Canada and in the sort of collective West, the inflation issue has hit hard, and it's really obvious right now. It's really visible. The gouging—everything just seems like a ripoff right now, and people can't keep pace with the price of energy. All the shenanigans being played by the U.S. and by the Europeans, trying to separate Russia from the Western energy market, and then having this little green goblin in Kiev blowing up diesel refineries and things like that in Russia—this has created a major crisis in terms of supply, and the prices are going through the roof. That's in addition to the situation in the Strait of Hormuz, which you mentioned, and the war against Iran.

This was all instigated, all started by the United States and its allies. That's it. There is no debate. So they're 100% responsible for all of it. For some strange reason, they're inflicting as much pain as

they can on their own people. And then they're coming to the press, and you have these military people and so-called experts in think tanks and things like that basically accusing Russia of hybrid warfare.

#Danny

Hybrid warfare, hybrid warfare.

#Patrick Henningsen

You know, these fake reports of drone attacks at Leipzig Airport in Germany and all this ridiculous stuff. They've got all these reports coming out all the time, and they're saying Russia has escalated its hybrid warfare against the West. No, no. The hybrid warfare is being prosecuted by the West, by NATO countries. And the target of the actual hybrid warfare is Western populations. That's the target. And that's what this is. So they've created a fake boogeyman of Russian hybrid warfare. The Israelis are blaming the Russians for election interference this week, which I thought was funny. Edi Rama in Albania is blaming the Russians for the riots—and the Iranians, but now the Russians.

And they'll probably, I think, blame the Russians for interference in the U.S. elections. I'm expecting it. Some people are already blaming Russia for starting the riots in France. And they're claiming that this is all hybrid warfare to sow division. So this is perfect for the elite class, who have failed on the economic front, have failed politically, have failed militarily, and continue to scapegoat external actors for their own rank failures, creating this facade of hybrid warfare. No, the hybrid warfare is a psyop. What it is is actual hybrid warfare by NATO countries targeting their own populations. And we've been saying this for years. And that's what the whole "Russian disinformation," "Russian fake news" thing is about.

This is Western hybrid warfare. The target is their own population. So that's what we've got going on in the collective West in terms of the, quote, "Gen Z protests" that are cascading through the West and beyond. I think there are 30 or 32 countries with 120 protests currently, as we speak. Now, the momentum is going to run out. In terms of France, as this has descended into burning and looting and that sort of thing, what it's ultimately going to do is empower the far right and the police state. And so now the National Rally in France, like Trump, is already making the case: this is what happens, and it's the fault of the radical left.

If the left-wing parties get in, you're going to see more of this. Like you just mentioned, Trump is saying that America is going to burn if we don't win the midterms. So this is how they're revving up their own base, making it seem like they're doing a great job and this is just because of the radical left or communism. The U.S. is trying to reboot the specter of communism as well. Rubio and others are calling all these protests coordinated communist terrorism. They're calling it radical left-wing terrorism, like it's some nefarious coalition of Hamas activists. And here we go. Yeah, exactly.

#Danny

All about France. Oh, if you see what's happening in France.

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Yeah, exactly. So Le Pen and Bardella are just making hay over these protests. They're in the media, and they're almost campaigning for the upcoming French elections. And the AfD are also doing the same, using this to kind of instill fear in their base and in the centrists as well, saying, you know, you need us for stability. You need us to prevent the chaos, basically. And this empowers the police state, the surveillance state. So you're absolutely going to get more of that, more restrictions. And they claim that Europe's having a freakout right now because if the National Rally wins the election and comes into power, then they're not going to support sanctions against Russia. I don't think that's true.

Same with the AfD. There are big divisions within the AfD. And let's be realistic about politics. It's one thing when you're campaigning and you're saying, "Why are we at war with the Russians? We shouldn't support Ukraine. We shouldn't do this, do that." If we've learned one lesson in America, it's that some people will say anything to get elected, and that means absolutely nothing once they cross the finish line. Nothing. Whatever the party or whoever the leader is, they are not accountable to the political platform that got them into power. We need to learn this lesson. So there are already rifts within the AfD in Germany regarding their position on the war or the Russian threat. And all you have to do is get rid of the loudest voice in the party that's calling for peace or détente with the Russians, and that's job done.

The military-industrial complex moves in. Elon Musk moves in with some money. Elon Musk is not anti-war. Neither are the defense contractors, obviously. They will immediately take over all of these parties, including the National Rally. The National Rally is a mainstream party compared to its platform 10 years ago. Same with the AfD. It's practically an establishment mouthpiece at the moment. Yeah, as you rightly point out, Danny, they make a lot of noise about immigration issues, and that's so they can get a foothold and dominate in the polls. It's about whoever wins the high ground on the immigration issue—one of the most emotive issues in terms of moving voters, moving undecideds, moving people from the center to the right, for example, or to the left.

But on the right, the most emotive issue is immigration. Second is the economy. That's a big one. And also war, if war is imminent. So those are three massively emotive issues. The woke issue moved into that matrix in the last 10 years, and so they're able to trade on that. This is why the right has an advantage: because the liberals went too insane with the woke agenda, like, out of control, and made identity politics the center of their whole political raison d'être. Previously, it was class consciousness and class identity and upward mobility and equal opportunity and healthcare, education, and all the basics.

That completely got pushed aside by design and replaced with a corporate-friendly woke identity politics agenda. And that kind of finished off the old left, as it were. So that's why the right-wing parties have an advantage, because of that little X factor. But they will all moderate their positions on the immigration issue as well, because who drives the immigration issue? All the major corporations and the billionaire class are very pro-immigration. So Elon Musk and these people, they're using the anti-immigrant, far-right angst. This is why he's pouring money into the far right in Germany and in the UK. But he doesn't care.

Elon Musk doesn't give a toss about immigrants in Europe or white culture, for that matter. Maybe he is a white supremacist, a pro-apartheid former South African. Maybe he might sort of be those things, but that's not his central interest, and that's not the interest of the oligarchy. The interest of the oligarchy is deregulation. That's the interest, along with customers and money and dominating and monopolizing markets. Elon Musk's biggest problem with Europe right now is that Europe wants to preserve a certain spectrum of the overhead satellite airspace for European companies—local companies.

And Musk and Trump are now furious, and they're going to be threatening tariffs, and now they're playing hardball. Because why? Musk, all these guys, all the U.S. firms especially, they're monopolists first. Their dabbling in politics is purely happenstance. It's related to whatever their aims are in terms of what they're doing and rolling out in whatever industry, and their desire to achieve a monopoly in whatever sector: tech, data, satellites, media, whatever. That's all it is. He saw Nigel Farage in the U.K. as his ticket to somebody who will deregulate, who will just remove any obstacles for him and his interests and his businesses.

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That's it. The same with Brussels.

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Same with Germany. It's a very shrewd move. Elon Musk was the face of fighting climate change 15 years ago with Obama and Hillary Clinton. He was pumping all his money into Hillary's pocket and Obama's pocket. That's where Musk was, with John Kerry. That's who he aligned with. He was with the left in Silicon Valley, running around, talking about...

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I mean, look who drives Teslas in the United States. It's certainly not the MAGA crowd. No, it's the champagne socialites.

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It's the elite libs. It's the virtue-signaling, "I'm doing my bit for the environment" crowd, because that's who Musk was pandering to for years. And now he sees that that's done. Now he's on to the war party, and he's on to total privatization and deregulation. These are monopolists. They just want to remove any obstacles to them taking over and dominating markets wholesale. That's his interest. It's so cynical. Tommy Robinson, Farage, Reform, AfD—these are all just vehicles for these people. That's all they are. They don't care. They'll shift to the left if they feel they have to. Like, if the population shifted left and the actual left swept into power, these guys would change really quickly. I mean, they'd be all into human rights and NGOs. They'd all be, like, LARPing as Pierre Omidyar at that point. That's what they do.

This is what they do. These people are chameleons. They see government as just something to play with, manipulate, buy off, and then just whatever, you know. So anyway, the immigration issue—I mean, we all know what the causes of immigrant waves into Europe are. It's NATO interventions, and I've proven that with my report on that topic, which I published. I shared that report with you. It's not even a correlation. It's causation. NATO interventions in Yugoslavia, Libya, Syria, Afghanistan, Central Asia, and Iraq, for starters. And that doesn't even count Iran, because sanctions are also driving waves of immigrants into Europe. And we didn't even get into Sudan and the other African countries—Ethiopia, Eritrea, and so forth—where Israel, the U.S. and its allies, and the French as well have been driving these waves.

So that's the main driver. And then who is the most influential party in shaping U.S. foreign policy? And who has the most influence in directing NATO interventions? There's one country—you had the map up just a few minutes ago—and that's Israel. So NATO and Israel are the main triggers for all of the main migrant waves, either through military intervention, sanctions, or proxy and dirty wars like Syria. These are the main triggers for all of the migrant waves coming into Europe, all of them. So if the far right had a brain, which they don't, they would be in Brussels wanting to shut NATO down. That would be the first thing. You know, take the money from NATO and, what, pour it into a European border force.

But they can't because the billionaire class are pro-immigration. They're pro-military. They're pro all of it. Obviously they are, because that's all we're getting, Danny. That's all we get. So it shouldn't be a mystery what these people are for and what they're against. Whatever they're for, we're getting. And we're getting more of it. That's more war, more migrant crises, more austerity, more economic deprivation, more death, more pain, more suffering, more genocide. They're pro all of that. What Israel is doing to the Palestinians—those are European values. The reason Europe backs Israel in a genocide against the native Arab population is that Israel is exhibiting European values. Europe supports genocide. They like genocide. They back genocide.

They will support Israel because Israel is European. And now it's come to the crunch, and tribalism—you know, European tribal identity politics and fealty—wins. And Europe has a terrible record of genocide and destroying countries and killing native populations. And they see themselves in Israel. They can't bring themselves to stop Israel. They can't. Because at the end of the day, those are

European values. But beyond the facade and the virtue signaling and the human rights NGOs and all this: "Oh yeah, Human Rights Watch. I donate to Amnesty International. Human rights. Save Navalny. Alexei Navalny. Oh, we need to look at what they've done to Navalny."

"He's a democratic campaigner." They called him the opposition leader in Russia. He was far right. He was a Nazi. But he became the European poster boy, used as a cudgel against Putin. And look at Zelensky. Who keeps Zelensky in power? Nazis. But he's the democratic poster boy for Europe. Well, if that's democracy... What Zelensky is doing—kidnapping and hog-tying a thousand Ukrainians a day, throwing them into vans, beating them. One guy got beaten to death this week. There's a huge protest. They're waving guns around now, threatening to shoot people if they resist conscription. So those are democratic values.

So if it's okay for Europe to endorse that type of press-ganging in Ukraine and then elevate Zelensky as some democratic icon, Europeans need to wise up. That's what you're going to get. That's what you're going to get. You're going to get kidnapped and hog-tied and thrown into a van and then into the trenches, because whatever you endorse over there will eventually come home to wherever you are. That's just a fact. History has shown that too many times. They're developing this system in Ukraine. Ukraine's doing all the stress testing for Europe, for the future of warfare, and that includes conscription and everything else. So if you think you're safe in the West and this is all fine because it's happening in Ukraine, think again.

It's all being studied. It's all being fine-tuned. It's all being commodified, and the data is being analyzed. They're doing stress tests to see what people can take and what they can't take, and where the boundaries are in terms of management. The technocrats are studying this like hawks. Trust me. That's what Ukraine is. It's just a Petri dish for all of this stuff, and that's why they love it. That's why they can't get enough of it. They want to keep it going. They want to keep the war going. When the war ends, where are they going to get their data from? Where are they going to build their systems? It's the same in Israel. It's the same with occupied Palestine. Same thing, right?

#Danny

Patrick, it's been a great show. This is the essay you're referring to. Is this online, by the way? No, it's 21st Century Wire.

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That's available at ukcolumn.org. That's issue one of the Column Quarterly. It's printed. I will be publishing excerpts of this on my Substack, though. Okay, great. In the coming weeks or so. I don't think I've ever seen anybody do a study like this. It took me about a year to do, and that's the basis of my book, which is coming out as well, on the same topic. But yeah, collateral migration—that

really says it all. It's a collateral effect of NATO and Israeli actions and policies—Israeli-driven policies that are driving U.S. policies. NATO is a U.S. organization, so if Israel is the most influential part of U.S. policy, then Israel drives most of NATO policy.

That's what people have to understand. The same with Gulf policy. Whatever the Gulf states are doing, it's very much tied to what Israel is doing because the Gulf pays for Israel, or whatever Israel wants in the region. That map that you're showing, Danny—the next map we should do... If you can put that back up on screen—I'm sorry to drag that back up—I'll just say this last thing. If people understand this concept, they'll really be able to see what's going on in the region. If you attach a dollar amount to all of these different zones, most of that will be Gulf money. Gulf money. And now you can see.

So if this is the design of Greater Israel, who's paying for Greater Israel? The Gulf states are paying for it. They're the ATM machines for the Israelis and the Americans. And maybe the Gulf states are too stupid to know it, but they end up being the ATM machines for Israel and the United States. That's just a fact. Every single one of these flashpoints and green zones and blue zones—Gulf money, Gulf money. Sudan, absolutely. Yemen, definitely. Syria, definitely. Lebanon, definitely. And Israel's military-industrial complex is being indirectly funded via Gulf money coming through guess whose private equity and hedge fund? Jared Kushner's Affinity Partners. That's all for Israel. So there it is.

#Danny

That's all you need to know. Well, everybody, I want to make sure that you know that Patrick Henningsen's YouTube channel, 21st Century Wire, is in the video description below, and his Substack too. And I'm happy to hear that you have a book coming out. So we'll definitely be plugging that when it does. Everybody, thanks so much for joining. Thanks to all the moderators who moderated. Thanks to the member here and to Black Tie for the super sticker. Everyone, hit the like button before you go. That helps boost the show in the algorithm. Tomorrow, I have Anthony Aguilar and Ray McGovern on at 1 p.m. Eastern time, October 21st. So I'll see you then for another update. All right. Take care, everybody. Hit the like button before you go. Check out Patrick's work after that, and all the places to support this channel too.

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And I'll see you tomorrow.