

Iran HITS UAE Oil Port; Netanyahu MISSING; Trump LOSES IT Over Hormuz

Iran is taking the US empire to its limits as the combination of its missile & drone operations plus the closure of the Strait of Hormuz triggers unprecedented desperation from Trump's administration. Plus, where is Netanyahu? The answer will shock you! Swann segment: https://x.com/BenSwann_/status/2033631363757232621?s=20 FOLLOW ME ON RUMBLE: <https://rumble.com/c/DannyHaiphong> FOLLOW ME ON TELEGRAM: <https://t.me/dannyhaiphong> SUPPORT THE CHANNEL ON PATREON: <https://www.patreon.com/dannyhaiphong> Support the channel in other ways: <https://www.buymeacoffee.com/dannyhaiphong> Substack: chroniclesofhaiphong.substack.com Cashapp: \$Dhaiphong Venmo: @dannyH2020 Paypal: <https://paypal.me/spiritofho> Follow me on Telegram: <https://t.me/dannyhaiphong> #iranwar #trump #netanyahu

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Welcome, everyone. Welcome back to the show. It's your host, Danny Haiphong. We have a very special program for you today, so hit the like button as you come onto the stream. It's great to be back, and we're just going to get right to it, so definitely hit that like button as you come on. The very first thing I want to cover, though, are updates on Iran's Operation True Promise 4 and its retaliation for the U.S.-Israeli war of aggression as it enters the third week. The latest news and developments, of course, are that the Strait of Hormuz is absolutely closed. There are zero ships passing through—zero commercial vessels without Iranian permission moving through the Strait of Hormuz.

But that isn't all that Iran is doing. In retaliation for the Karg Island strike by the United States, and threats from the U.S. and Israel that they will hit Karg Island oil facilities if things continue to escalate, Iran has already—preemptively, you could say, or offensively—gone after the energy facilities and sites of key U.S. allies. The biggest one of note is the United Arab Emirates. Iran has hit the key UAE oil port and the Dubai airport, which stores a lot of fuel, in the last 24 hours. The UAE's biggest port and storage facility, Fujairah, and the international airport in Dubai have come under drone attacks as Iran continues to target Gulf transport and oil infrastructure.

Flights were temporarily suspended on March 16th after a fire broke out at the airport following a drone-related incident. A fire also raged after a drone attack on the strategically important port and industrial zone of Fujairah, one of the largest oil storage facilities in the region. And then it goes on—this is the BBC—to say that Iran has launched over 1,900 missiles and drones at the UAE alone since the U.S.-Israeli war of aggression began on February 28th. Here's an image of the fire at Fujairah that was raging in the last 24 hours as these drone strikes came down. Now, what's important about Fujairah?

We have to go over this just a bit because I think it's really important. Reuters itself was talking about Fujairah prior to the strikes, because Iran has not been bluffing one bit when it comes to what it's been doing throughout Operation True Promise 4. It said it's going to hit these locations—it's going to hit all U.S. assets, all strategic assets of the U.S. military in the region, in the Gulf states. And then, of course, it's going to hit Israel, which we'll get to in a second. But why is the port of Fujairah so important to the oil market now that we know the Strait of Hormuz is closed? Some oil loading operations are suspended.

This was before the strike. The United Arab Emirates' port at Fujairah is a major global hub for refueling ships, as well as for crude and fuel exports, after a drone attack. Fujairah exports more than 1.7 million barrels per day of crude oil and refined fuels on average over the last year—a volume equal to about 1.7% of daily world demand. It's located on the Gulf of Oman, approximately 70 miles from the Strait of Hormuz, which is effectively closed today, increasing the importance of Fujairah's flows to the global oil market during the current conflict. So why does it matter to the UAE? Well, before the war began, the UAE produced 3.4 million barrels per day of crude, operating a 1.5 million barrel-per-day pipeline that can transport some crude to bypass the Strait of Hormuz. So this is all about bypassing the Strait of Hormuz.

And Iran is saying, you're not going to do that. So significant disruptions at Fujairah would force OPEC's third-largest crude producer to shut down even more production. And you know what the impact of that is going to be—it's going to be massive increases in oil prices, as we're already seeing across the region. I just want to show exactly what's been seen in recent hours at the Dubai airport. There you can see the fires and the smoke coming up. This is from The Cradle—Sharmin Narwani, a great friend of the show. Here you see exactly what the damage looks like, and it looked even worse overnight. Here are more images and video of what the airport looks like. So Iran—they have hundreds, likely hundreds of thousands, of drones. Of course, Iran has been very circumspect.

They haven't shared exactly how many missiles and drones they have in their arsenal. But one thing's for sure—they've become increasingly strategic about these strikes. And they've shown no sign, no signal, that they're letting up one bit. Oil prices aren't doing too well at the moment. We can see that, and we'll see it even more clearly when we talk about the Strait of Hormuz. I believe they went down just under \$100 per barrel—Brent crude, I think, dropped below \$100 after major spikes over the last few days. But all of this is due to market manipulation, and the trend keeps going in the wrong direction, with some analysts saying we could see \$150, \$200, maybe even more in the coming weeks. If this lasts into April, we're going to see a very, very difficult spring.

Many have noted in The Economist and other outlets that this is already a worse oil crisis than what occurred during the 1970s, when the OPEC oil crisis triggered a general economic recession—albeit not as devastating as 2008, but still incredibly devastating for millions upon millions of people. And that's the kind of hurt that's coming due to this war. Nonetheless, the UAE has come under fire. Bahrain's oil facilities have come under fire. Saudi Arabia is now—there's a lot of talk about false

flags. And Iran has warned that it is not trying to hit oil facilities that are not strategic. It's not trying to stop these countries from being able to trade oil if they cooperate with Iran.

But if they use their platforms, their assets, their countries for strikes against Iran, then there will be retaliation. And that's exactly what's happened to the UAE. You may know that the UAE was one of the most enthusiastic countries to join the Abraham Accords. It's been an absolute puppet of Israel when it comes to the war on Yemen, completely backstabbing the region in so many ways. So the UAE has been using its territory for strikes against Iran and has paid the price. Now, the United States and Israel—though there's some disagreement between them about whether to hit Iranian oil facilities or oil commerce—nonetheless, Iran is not going to follow the lead of the United States and Israel.

They are retaliating, trying to enact equal—not necessarily the same kind, but equal—parts damage in the way they can, which is by hitting the United States where it hurts the most: the global economy. So that's where the region stands in the Gulf. Iran is largely focusing now on drone attacks in the Gulf region, including with its ally in the Iraqi resistance, Kataib Hezbollah, as well as other forces in the region like Hezbollah. They are mostly focusing on, especially Iran, utilizing drone strikes, while Iran directs its missile fire toward Israel.

And this is where things are getting very difficult—difficult for the other party, the other aggressor, the principal aggressor in this war, which is the so-called state of Israel. Here's MintPress News: they reported that over the last 24 hours, Iran struck Israel 15 times. We're seeing some footage emerge here, and I'll just show a bit of it—there's massive damage in central Israel, where a ballistic missile struck what I believe is a residential area. Iran is inflicting pain on Israel every single day. On Sunday, March 15th, there were reports that during those 15 strikes, at times every three hours another one was coming down—it was just a constant volley.

And now it's really difficult to hide the damage being done to Israel, including reports that Israel has essentially run out of interceptors—or is running incredibly low—and that the United States is aware of this. Here's a big example: NBC News in Tel Aviv recorded this last night. They captured an Iranian hypersonic missile completely evading the so-called Israeli air defenses and hitting Tel Aviv. This is happening every single night. So that's a big part of where Operation True Promise 4 stands at the moment.

Every single night, Israel feels the pain of Iranian missile fire, while the Gulf region feels the pain from drone attacks from both Iran and the resistance as well. So that's where Operation True Promise 4 stands at the moment. This operation is causing a lot of fear within the political establishment, especially in Washington. We've heard reports from Israel itself too. But right now, the big report is that there are sources close to the administration, per Axios. And mind you, Axios has been acting as—oh, sorry about that, this always happens with StreamYard. Nonetheless, here's the report from Axios. Axios has been acting, especially over the last few years, as a conduit for official Washington and the intel community.

What a source from the Trump administration said is that key officials around Trump were reluctant about the war and wanted more time. But Trump bypassed all of them and said, "I want to do it now." He grossly overestimated his ability to topple the Iranian government—well, the regime—short of sending in ground troops. So here's the overall report behind the curtain: the Iran war is the first time Trump's style has made it impossible for him to easily talk or improvise his way out. Some in his inner circle have what one official called "buyer's remorse," with growing fears that attacking Iran was a mistake. And now you might be wondering if I'm shedding tears.

No, I'm not shedding tears, because this wasn't just the making of Donald Trump. It was the entire political establishment that allowed him to go full forward with this. There was a massive agreement across the board—not necessarily on how to do it, but definitely on doing it. So it really falls at the feet of these warmongers, and there are no tears here for that. Nonetheless, this is very revealing. What it demonstrates is that Iran's response—its ability—caught them off guard. I believe their biggest issue is that they didn't know Iran could do what it's doing right now, that it could go the distance. Now, into week three, it has demonstrated that it is not depleted, it is not militarily defeated.

It's actually going through a persistent and very specific strategy, which is only escalating as time goes on. And here's the Washington Post saying, "Iran's tactics: Trump is eager to declare victory, but a battered Iran still has cards to play." The U.S. and Israel have crippled Iran's forces in two weeks of war, says the Washington Post. But Tehran's ability to disrupt oil flows and its uranium stockpile complicate the push to end it. So this is the narrative that's coming out everywhere—that Donald Trump doesn't have any path to victory. They don't want to acknowledge Iran's ability to continue fighting. And we shouldn't expect the Washington elite, or anybody within the intelligence community, or anyone within the power structure of the U.S. empire, to acknowledge Iran's capabilities.

You're not going to get that. But what you are going to get—what we've seen over and over again—is a litany of reports saying this is just not going well. Now, this is regional, okay? Here's Iraq right now. You might have seen that a few days back—I believe it was March 13th—there was an Iranian strike on KC-135 tankers in Saudi Arabia, essentially destroying those tankers. No one was injured in that. But then, I believe it was not even 48 hours before that, there was an Iraqi resistance strike, or at least a claimed strike from the Iraqi resistance, taking down not one but two KC-135s going over its airspace.

One of the KC-135s crashed, and I think there were six people who were killed in that incident—or six killed and injured—and then, of course, there was the one that safely made it back to Israel's Ben-Gurion Airport. But now, look at the airspace around Iraq right now. It's a little blurry, but just note that this is Saudi Arabia, and this is north of Syria, and as you can see, Iraqi airspace is being

entirely avoided. That's a clear sign that the regional war Iran promised is actually here. There's a massive problem the U.S. empire faces, and that is that it cannot withstand the solidarity of the regional forces that have emerged to fight alongside Iran during this time.

That's one of the things that isn't being talked about. And I don't even have the breadth or the scope to cover it here, because right now, as you may know, Hezbollah is conducting a record number of operations against Israel. They have a reason to fight even beyond Iran, because we know that Israel is in the process of committing absolute genocidal war crimes against the Lebanese people. And they're using the Iran war as a pretext to escalate, once again, their crimes against humanity against the Lebanese people.

Hezbollah has been reactivated, and they've actually been conducting a record number of operations. They've destroyed more than half a dozen Merkava tanks. Their rockets and missiles are hitting northern Israel as well, making direct impacts. Israeli officials have already noted that they're surprised they've been hit so hard by Hezbollah, and that there's no end in sight. So this is only going from bad to worse for the United States and Israel, and that's likely to continue as the war goes on and on.

Now, there are some reports that Operation True Promise 4 has made it so the United States doesn't want to keep going with the war. We've heard this throughout the last couple of weeks, but the clamor about it just keeps getting louder. This is Jeremy Scahill, the renowned journalist now at Dripsite News, saying Iranian officials have been ignoring Witkoff's private request to talk. Trump's special envoy has been texting Iran's foreign minister, asking to start talks. Iran says the war will end only when it believes it has established long-term deterrence. Donald Trump has been leading a double life in prosecuting the war against Iran in public.

He regularly boasts that Iran's military might has been decimated, its leadership killed off, and that few officials remain alive in Tehran, now begging him to talk. "They want to negotiate. They want to negotiate badly," Trump said. He said this yesterday, March 15th. "We're talking to them, but I don't think they're ready. But they're pretty close." But according to Abbas Araghchi, according to Iranian officials, no responses were sent to Witkoff's messages. So that's the state of things. That shows the level of desperation right now that exists for the United States and its officials. Nonetheless, there is absolutely no hope for negotiations to continue or to reengage at this time, because, let's be honest, this was a crime case that Iran cannot allow to stand again. Mind you, they were negotiating with the United States before the 12-day war happened in those first weeks of June.

And Israel was the one to have, well, of course, U.S. support. They initiated the first strike—the surprise attack. This time it was the U.S. and Israel, even as Iran was negotiating with the U.S. So again, these negotiations have proven to be a farce. And Operation True Promise 4—waves, multiple waves—you can see it. Follow Al Mayadeen; you can see the announcements from the Iranian military. There are at least three to five announcements almost every day about waves of missile and drone strikes coming down on various targets. I believe, as we speak, Al-Judea is coming under

fire. We know Kuwait has become a major target. And of course, the Israeli regime has become an ongoing target, one that will continue to face daily bombardment until there is that long-term deterrence that Iran is seeking.

They want to make sure—they've said this over and over again over the last several days—that they cannot be attacked again. And that means essentially ejecting the United States from the region militarily, and doing it in the best way possible for Iran, the most peaceful way possible, quote-unquote, without a bloodbath, but through strategic strikes and hits using their arsenal to eliminate the technology and infrastructure that allow the U.S. to even be there. Because it doesn't matter—those 30,000 to 40,000, 50,000 troops don't really matter. They're hiding in hotels; they can't do anything if their bases are disabled.

The United States is now sending 5,000 Marines from Japan to the Middle East, in what is likely to be a very disastrous and catastrophic operation—to seize some part of the coastline, or to try to take back the Strait of Hormuz through some reckless move, or, as many people have said, to seize the oil at Karg Island and try to squeeze Iran that way through some kind of raid. It's going to be a big disaster if they do that, because obviously Iran is ready. And here is the spokesperson for the Iranian military, who spoke in English this time, actually mocking "Epic Fury," the operation that Donald Trump and the United States are waging against Iran. This is kind of an indication of where things stand right now.

#Speaker 1

Message to the President of the United States: the outcome of war cannot be determined by tweets. The result of a war is decided on the battlefield—the very place you and your forces do not dare to approach, and about which you can only talk in your tweets. It's better to name this war "Epic Fear" instead of "Epic Fury."

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"Epic Fear." So that is what Iran sees right now—they're smelling fear. They see that the United States is on the back foot in many ways. We're going to get into the Strait of Hormuz at the end of the show because it's a critical example of this, and we can see the meltdown happening in real time. Now, the United States and Israel have killed over, I believe, 1,300 people in Iran. There are 18,000-plus injured that we know of. They're targeting civilian infrastructure and targets. They're doing what they know how to do in terms of waging war—they're trying to exact the maximum amount of pain on the Iranian population.

As you may have seen in multiple videos across my social media, there are countless examples of how the Iranian people are just not intimidated by the violence—the wanton violence of the empire. Here's one Iranian who said, "We are not afraid of the United States because God is greater, and God is with us." If you can see the video here, watch what happens. I'm not going to play the

sound, but I'll show you what happens. There's the strike—and do you notice how nobody is running away? This was during Quds Day. I mean, this is what's happening in Iran. People are rallying every single day.

There are bombs dropping over their heads, and they're still out in the streets—cheering, demanding, chanting slogans, defending their sovereignty, and calling for the U.S. and Israel to get out of their country. That's the situation. I mean, this is the way of war; this is how the United States and Israel have always done things. They try to raise the stakes—they try to, quote, "mow the lawn." I've even seen Western mainstream media say that Israel is "mowing the lawn" in Iran, which is absolutely ridiculous, because there's just no comparison between Iran and Palestine, which they've colonized. But nonetheless, that's the kind of rhetoric you hear coming out of the United States and Israel—that they're trying to exact maximum pain. You hear Pete Hegseth all the time bragging about it.

And now the Iranian people are showing, both through their military, that they're putting up an incredible fight—one that I think a lot of people did not expect over the last several years. I got a lot of crap on this channel, everyone. People were saying, "Danny, Operation True Promise 2, 3—when is it coming? When is it going to happen? You keep saying Iran has this and that capability, and yet they're not doing anything. They're not making the first move," all of that. And now we see why. Now we see that Iran was preparing for the long haul. They were preparing for a long war, knowing—rightfully so and smartly—that the United States was eventually going to go for the jugular, and that they were going to throw everything they had at Iran again. And Iran wanted to initiate an operation that could not be stopped by the United States.

And this is the big crisis now that Iran's operations have caused. The UAE—its oil port at Fujairah—Bahrain, Kuwait, we can go on and on. Qatar has shut off its gas. This is a big crisis, and the Strait of Hormuz is closed. Iran has seized the initiative, and now it's about who will not blink first, but break first. And it looks increasingly like the United States is just trying to buy time and find a way to declare victory without victory being anywhere within the grasp of the empire. So this is a monumental moment in history, and we all need to be aware of it.

Now, one of the really interesting developments that have occurred, everybody, at this time has to do with the fact that we know that over the years Israel has lost an immense amount of legitimacy across the entire world—especially in the Western world, where people in Europe and the United States have witnessed what Israel did and continues to do to Gaza, Lebanon, and, of course, what it's done against Iran in its two now violent attacks on the Iranian people and government. So, people have been losing any kind of sympathy, legitimacy, any kind of support for the State of Israel for many years now. We're now into the third year since October 7, 2023. One of the things that has happened during this time is, of course, there's been a lot of information being shown out there and spread out there—even across acts that aren't even real, right?

A lot of even Iranian missile attacks and things like that have been repurposed or recycled. But we also have Grok and X trying to tell us that real attacks on Israel—real strikes on Israel—are fake. So there's a huge propaganda war, a massive fog of war. However, one development that can't be ignored is this big conversation happening all across social media, especially on X, about the whereabouts of Benjamin Netanyahu. Because, let's be honest, Netanyahu hasn't been very present lately, especially as strikes have escalated on Israel. That's led to a lot of people wondering: is Netanyahu already dead, or is he alive? Because Iran has said from the very beginning that they were targeting him.

This is something they've done before. Well, here's what Ben Swann says. And I just want to say before I play this that I'm not an expert on AI or anything like that—on forensic analysis of videos, etc. So none of this is my opinion. But I will give my opinion afterward on what I think has actually happened to Netanyahu—whether he's dead or alive. Here's Ben Swann's take, going for the "there's a big issue" position, questioning where this guy actually is, given these very strange reactions on social media and the massive conversation taking place about where Benjamin Netanyahu is. Netanyahu himself has put out a few videos in recent hours. Well, here's Ben Swann's reaction to all of this.

I'm actually going to clip this out if you catch it in the replay. I'm going to clip that segment and just put the link in the video description for people to watch, in case you're wondering where it is if you watch later after the show. Because with the music, there are a lot of violations and issues when copyrighted music is playing in the background. But nonetheless, I wanted to comment a bit on this, because that last point was exactly what I wanted to harp on. I mean, look at what Ben Swann is saying—those videos look very awkward and suspicious. And if I were to just look at them, I'd say at the very least they feel staged and somewhat doctored. Okay.

There's some kind of manipulation going on. I won't say the videos are completely AI-generated, but I'm also not going to say he's dead at the moment. I can't verify that. I can't confirm that. But what I will say is that it's very strange that he's supposedly going around to cafés, having a nice time while his country is being bombarded by Iran—while Israel is engaged in this wanton violence—and that they supposedly have these massive strategic goals they want to achieve against Iran. You'd think that, as the prime minister of Israel, he'd be out front like he was after October 7th, during the genocide, giving constant commentary on Iran and the war itself.

He's not addressing it. He's just saying, "Look, I'm alive. Look, you can see my hands, you can see that I'm out and about." And he's wearing the same uniform in both videos. There's obviously a huge element of staging or PR. I mean, we shouldn't be surprised by this, because Israel is very well known for its capacity to lie and to do what it can to manipulate the electronic airwaves, the algorithms, and everything to promote Israeli genocidal lies. But this really takes the cake as something incredibly strange, given that we know Iran said in the very beginning that they were going to target Netanyahu—and that they actually did.

And they didn't really know his whereabouts. They couldn't confirm that he was dead. But nonetheless, regardless of whether he's dead or not—we can't confirm that—it's very strange that he's going about it this way, and that his team, his administration, is handling it like this to address the social media firestorm around it. So Netanyahu posts a video—this is about the first video you saw in Ben Swann's report. Here's what Reuters had to say about verifying it: they said they were able to confirm the video's location from file imagery of the café, which matched the interior scene in the video. The date was verified from multiple videos and photos of Netanyahu's visit posted by the café on that same day.

But nonetheless, that doesn't really convince anybody of anything, because we know that Israel itself is big on staging. We know that during the Gaza genocide they were even staging videos—these kinds of “surrenders” by Hamas—and, you know, showing that they didn't really want to get into confrontations with the armed resistance. So they would avoid it, and then they would try to bribe or use desperate people to show that they were, um, bludgeoning Gaza and getting Hamas to surrender. And then, of course, there's all the footage during the Iran strikes—old videos being republished as so-called strikes on military infrastructure in Iran, but actually dated years back from earlier attacks, including during the 12-day war.

So Israel and the United States have been accusing everyone else of doing this, but they've been doing it too—especially Israel. One of the most suspicious things about this is that Netanyahu was absent. He was missing from the latest military council meeting, which was instead led by Israel Katz. That, to me, is very unusual. It seems to suggest that if Netanyahu isn't dead, then he must be in deep hiding or he's seriously injured. If you take those videos at face value, you might say, okay, he doesn't look very injured—but there are still questions about prostate cancer and so on.

Maybe he's very sick. But in my opinion, if you want to know my conclusion about this, all of these signs and clues that Ben Swann went over—and the ones I'm going over here—I think they show that he's in hiding and very worried for his life. At any moment, Iran has very precise intelligence about where he is. If he steps out in the wrong place in Tel Aviv, or even Jerusalem—he was out in Jerusalem, in the occupied territories—trying to make it look like he was in control there, but nonetheless, it's obvious there's so much staging going on that they're probably trying to rush in and out of these kinds of scenarios just to get him back into a bunker and into hiding. There's a report that he missed his seventh straight security cabinet meeting.

Everyone else was in attendance. Where is Benjamin Netanyahu? Now, Iran has said that they're going to pursue Netanyahu and eliminate him—eradicate him. When they do find him—and I just want to play this for good measure—Iran is able to target bunkers. I don't know how heavily fortified the bunkers Israeli officials are using are, but Iran's missiles have successfully struck an underground bunker beneath a building in Tel Aviv. So these bunkers aren't even providing the kind

of support or protection for Israeli so-called citizens—the Israeli settlers—that they may have in the past, because Iran has continuously been updating their missiles, the Khaibar-4, that cluster munition. Supposedly it's really a cluster munition, but it breaks apart.

It's going at hypersonic speeds—Mach 8, Mach 9, even 10—and it's breaking apart, hitting everywhere at massive speeds with huge impact. You can't defend yourself against it, and Iran continues to make progress in this regard. So this is where the Netanyahu situation gets very strange, very odd. When I saw these videos, I thought to myself, if they're not completely AI, there's got to be problems with them. They have to be stage-managed. The lighting is bad—really awkward. Everything about them, to me, was incredibly awkward, incredibly staged. And I think what it really shows is that Israel has completely lost control of the narrative, that it cannot—okay, I'm going to put it on mute—but the Ben Swann video again, just to show various highlights from those videos he was playing.

Because if you just look at this—like, this is incredibly awkward. Look at the lighting, everything about it, the outfit. It's so staged. There's nothing genuine about it. Not to mention the fact that he's trying to prove he's alive, which means you've already lost. You've lost the narrative. Not only do people wish you were dead—which a lot of people do because of what happened in Gaza, because of what continues to happen in Gaza, what's happening in Iran, what's happening in Lebanon—but people want to see... I mean, this is just absolutely—like, look, look at this video. It just does not look real. And look at him having to prove that he has five fingers, because there was a video in question. I can actually pull that one up.

I can find that and pull it up. It's all about this video in question—people were saying he had altered teeth, maybe even six fingers on one of his hands. A lot of people said it wasn't genuine, and I can't verify it. I'm not an expert at this stuff. There are just so many different answers and takes from different people. But here, you can see one example of it. I'll just pull it up because it's viral everywhere, all over X. Here you have Netanyahu, and people claim they saw six fingers on him yesterday as he was speaking. Let me just turn off the volume here.

And this is the video in question, okay? It was a public address he gave in March. As you can see, I'm having technical difficulties again with StreamYard—but here we go. Here it is. This is the video in question. He was giving a speech on video, and everyone thought it was AI, that there was something very strange about it—that he had six fingers, that his teeth looked different, maybe altered. Hard to say. But I will say this: Netanyahu is hiding, and he's hiding because Iran and the resistance—the Palestinian people, the entire resistance—have the initiative right now in terms of where they stand in history.

The world is seeing this. Who is the problem? What is the problem in the region and in the world? What's causing the destruction? Who's causing the destruction? Who is the genocider? Who is the warmonger? This is the problem for Netanyahu. Not even Israel likes Netanyahu at this point because of all his corruption baggage. But the bigger question here is, why does Netanyahu feel

compelled to hide? Shouldn't he feel protected, first of all, by his regime? And shouldn't he feel protected by that superior Israeli military? Shouldn't he feel protected by the Israeli people who put their trust and hopes in him? No, none of these things are the case. Netanyahu is a man who has committed decades' worth of war crimes—crimes against humanity.

And now, with this war, Israel has bitten off more than it can chew, and it's paying the price for it. This is why Netanyahu can't show up in public. There have also been reports that Iran has intelligence inside Israel—that they've been turning Israelis against Netanyahu, that they have a strategy, because not a lot of people like Netanyahu. So they're using their intelligence to try to turn people against him so they can gather information on him. And therefore, they can conduct operations like the one they're doing now—to pursue him, eliminate him, and force him into hiding. That's what I think is going on. We can't know for sure. I know it's really unsatisfactory not to get an answer. Is he dead?

Is he alive? I wouldn't be surprised if he were dead. I really wouldn't. Because eventually, with such a tiny colony that Israel is—constantly wanting to fight wars, pursuing wars, not just wars but unjust wars, wars of expansion, wars for a greater Israel, wars that require massive amounts of war crimes, genocide, violence—this violence is abhorred not just by the international community and international law, but by the world, right? Most people don't want to see this, unless you're a sociopath in that elite class of oligarchs, capitalists, imperialists who thrive and profit off it.

But everyone else doesn't want it. They've turned against Israel. Global public opinion is the lowest it's ever been. So I wouldn't be surprised if, one, Netanyahu is dead, and two, Netanyahu felt that every single day left in his political career he needed to hide, because Israel can't stop fighting wars for his sake. He needs these wars to stay out of jail. But nonetheless, Israel also can't stop fighting because it has now placed itself in an existential situation—an existential crisis.

Either it stops what it's doing and faces the wrath of people not only in the region but also around the world who want to see massive changes to the situation regarding Palestine and, of course, the self-determination of people everywhere there. But then, you know, they continue to wage war, which will at the very least help Israel attempt to achieve these horrific objectives, but unfortunately leave it vulnerable to the possibility of defeat. That's always been the position here. If you look at this objectively—not just because I am, of course, 150% against what the Israeli regime does, which I am—but it's not even about that. It's about looking at things objectively. A small little colony, just because it's backed, souped up, and armed to the teeth by the United States, just because it has nuclear weapons—200 plus of them—doesn't mean it can do whatever it wants forever.

It doesn't mean that people won't rise up and stand up. And that's what we've seen over the last three years from Israel—the Palestinian resistance, and then Hezbollah. Look at what Hezbollah is doing now. Hezbollah is shocking Israel into a complete flurry of desperation and fear. And then, of course, there's what Iran is doing—Operation True Promise 4, and the three before it during the 12-day war—showing and teaching Israel a lesson, one it won't heed. It's incapable of learning lessons.

But Iran has made it quite clear that it's going to continue to pound the Israeli regime for as long as it can, and as long as it needs to, to ensure that it's not a danger to Iran or to the rest of the region. So this is not a safe situation for Netanyahu.

There are domestic issues, of course—the corruption and all that—but those issues won't end his career, or won't end his political life, and won't end the political life of his team of warmongering, genocidal maniacs. Not until the entire colony experiences a massive transformation that will come about through this so-called holy war they're trying to fight. They're trying to fight this "holy war," which is really a land war. It's an expansionist war. It's a genocidal one. But it's one that, at least from the position of this channel, has always been seen as not winnable. And Iran has stood up and said, "Yeah, let me show you why this is not a winnable war."

That history shows that colonial regimes do not stand the test of time—that eventually self-determination will prevail. And then it's all about what happens afterward, and the struggle over what that self-determination actually looks like—whether it's truly fulfilled or whether it turns into something else, which unfortunately has happened in a lot of countries. But nonetheless, Israel's model is outmoded, and that means Netanyahu—being a fervent, what was his name, Mr. Milikowski, right?—this guy who, like all Israelis, are settlers sitting and squatting on the Palestinian people's heads, and also terrorizing Lebanon, the region, Syria, and elsewhere, and now Iran—they are living in an outmoded system.

They're living in a system that's hell-bent on destroying everything to ensure the survival and expansion of that outmoded order. And now Iran is here to, um, make things very difficult. The rest of the resistance has also stood up—in Iraq, in Lebanon, with Hezbollah, and elsewhere. And Yemen—we haven't even talked about Yemen yet. Yemen is coming, guys. Yemen is coming at the Bab al-Mandab Strait. They're going to close that thing very soon. So it doesn't look good. Netanyahu—he may be alive, but he's hiding. He's not a brave person. He's not a brave man. He's a coward, someone hiding in a heavily fortified bunker.

He's making—if he actually is making—these videos, or if they're just doctored AI clips that are being staged, whatever it is, he's out there doing what should be seen as some of the most pathetic displays of what it looks like to be a dying, losing, outmoded order that can only accomplish the most disgusting and vile forms of violence, genocide, and terrorism that exist on this planet. And that's all you have? That's all you've got. You've got nothing else. You can't offer anything else. So don't be surprised when karma—when all of what you've done—comes boomeranging back to you and backfiring on you. And that's what's happening to Benjamin Netanyahu.

Even just the narrative—the fact that people are talking about Netanyahu in this way—should be sign enough that the Israeli regime has entered what is its dying, inter-king phase of the Zionist Israeli colony. Let's be quite honest about that. This is a watershed moment where Israel faces a

military, economic, and existential crisis in front of it, a political crisis worldwide, and now, even worse, a narrative and legitimacy crisis—of which the Netanyahu death controversy is a huge part. So here we are. This is not going to stop either. People are like, “Guys, stop.”

Dave DeCamp, who's a great journalist, posted something like, “Everyone needs to stop this.” I laughed and was like, yeah, maybe people need to stop spending so much of their time wondering if this video or whatever of Netanyahu is real. But it's a sign of something. It's a sign that this is a new era that Israel has ushered in for itself—one that is rapidly moving toward its demise. That's where we are. So we have one more segment, everybody. I definitely want to talk about the Netanyahu situation because it's wild, everybody. I mean, this is a wild situation. But I want to quickly go over what I believe is just the absolute checkmate that, um, Iran has accomplished in this time, in this war.

It's just, you know, it's hard to describe historically what this moment really means for the world, because when watershed, game-changing moments happen—moments that actually move us into a new period of history, geopolitically, economically, globally—we don't have words for them yet, because we haven't experienced them. And that's where we are right now. We are in a watershed moment. This is how I summarize it, and this is what I want you all to take away from me, if you see any wisdom in what I'm saying: we are in a moment where the U.S. empire now confronts a world order in which the wars to be fought in the future are not just unwinnable for the U.S. empire, but are demonstrations of a level of capability among the so-called adversarial states, nations, governments, and militaries that are not necessarily equal to, but are up to the task of not just confronting the U.S. empire, but defeating it.

So in many ways, you could argue that Russia and China have militaries capable of overwhelming the U.S. military technologically—with their advances, generations of fighter jets, ballistic missiles, hypersonic missiles, and so on. With Iran, you could say, well, Iran doesn't necessarily have the ability to stop, for example, the aerial bombardment of Tehran in standoff strikes using Aegis systems, JDAMs, those kinds of missiles the U.S. has spent so much money developing. But what we're witnessing now is that, one, the U.S. blows through billions in munitions in these strikes and will eventually run out, because this is how the U.S. military-industrial complex works.

The U.S. military contractors only produce as much as will get them the contract they want in negotiations with the federal government. They're not producing for some kind of strategy; they're producing for profit. But it's even worse than that, because the U.S. empire—an empire of hubris and exceptionalism—believes it can rely on a limited amount of munitions to essentially shock and awe, to destroy its way rapidly into victory. And now that era has ended. There's no going in and razing a country or a population with the adversaries it has left confronting it. There's no doing that. Two of the three countries are nuclear in terms of their capabilities—they have nuclear weapons—and then there's Iran, which has rejected nuclear weapons development.

It has both air defense systems and ballistic and drone missile systems, and a huge military—one that's also experienced and has a lot of combat experience. So you have a lot of factors here. And of course, the terrain, and all of the massive population, advancement scientifically and technologically—not just militarily, but also on the human and social sides. So we're talking about a country, a civilization, that isn't going to be one that can just be toppled in a shock-and-awe kind of strike like the United States had hoped. So that's the watershed moment we are in. This is what we're going to see for as long as the U.S. empire is allowed to stand by the population it presides over, within its borders—its imperial borders.

For as long as it stands, this is how it's going to be. The U.S. is going to make miscalculations. It's going to find itself pushed back. And then we have to be ready for the fallout from that. That's what we're seeing right now with the closure of the Strait of Hormuz. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz is very real, and it's happening. The U.S. has tried to cast doubt on it. They've tried to say the Strait of Hormuz is actually kind of open—sort of. But no, it's not. At this point, everybody, it is fully closed. And this is what we've been saying for so long. Hormuz ship traffic has fallen to zero since February 28th. It had been declining steadily, but as of that date, there were zero ships crossing the Strait of Hormuz.

Now, what the Iranian government has said is that while the Strait of Hormuz is closed, there is a possibility to work with Iran—to communicate with Iran—to ensure that if you're going to be allowed to cross, you're doing so in a way that's legal to Iran and respects Iran's authority to close the Strait of Hormuz. So essentially, Iran dictates the terms legally. Donald Trump is very desperate right now because he's seeing the writing on the wall—or at least he's probably being told there's writing on the wall that he needs to look at. Meanwhile, oil prices are falling here because the Western mainstream media likes to keep things sounding positive so people don't panic.

As this crisis continues, Trump is trying to get allies in Europe and NATO—and even non-allies like China—to escort tankers. You might remember that not too long ago, Donald Trump was demanding that the Navy do this, right? That the Navy should be escorting tankers. The U.S. Navy said no, but now he's trying to get other countries to do it. And of course, they're saying, "Pound sand." I just want to show you this: while oil prices are falling, every time Donald Trump says, "OK, we're going to get this coalition to escort tankers in the Strait of Hormuz," the price jumps. It recently passed one hundred dollars per barrel and has now settled at ninety-three.

But prices have surged 40% during the U.S.-Iran war, and that's the highest level since 2022. Brent closed above \$100 for the first time in four years within the last week. So this is a crisis, and it's one that's only going to get worse as time goes on. Now, another report here before I get into Donald Trump's words on the matter—NPR. I'm doing this on purpose because Fox News right now is just playing cheerleader. And while NPR and the Western mainstream media, the liberal side, aren't

adversarial at all, they're just mad at Trump for not waging this war in the way they wish he would wage it—which is to develop a domestic force and do it very, you know, with the right kind of PR, the right plan, all that stuff.

It's just, it's the same thing. They want war with Iran—they just don't like the way he did it. Trump demands that NATO and China police the Strait of Hormuz. So far, they aren't joining. So this war is entering its third week. Israel is saying it wants three more weeks of war, and President Trump is demanding that other countries help secure the Strait of Hormuz. With countries not reacting positively to this demand, he's saying China, France, Japan, South Korea, the United Kingdom, and others should send warships. In the Financial Times, Trump warned it would be very bad for the future of NATO if countries fail to do this. But UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer rebuffed that, saying they're taking the necessary action to defend themselves and their allies.

“We will not be drawn into a wider war. Germany sees no role for NATO in policing the Strait of Hormuz. As long as this war continues, there will be no involvement, even in an option to keep the Strait open by military means. Spain and Italy also said they won't send ships to the Strait, and China, of course, said it would not help secure it and called for an end to hostilities. So no one is going for this. And Donald Trump is big mad, as you can expect. This is always the case with Donald Trump. Here's what he had to say in reaction to the constant rebuffing he's received for this demand that other countries now open up the Strait of Hormuz for him.”

#Donald Trump

Encourage other nations whose economies depend on the Strait far more than ours. You know, we get less than 1 percent of our oil from this Strait, and some countries get much more. Japan gets 95 percent, China gets 90 percent, many of the Europeans get quite a bit, and South Korea gets 35 percent. So we want them to come and help us with the Strait. We have it in very good shape. The countries I mentioned—we've already taken care of Iran. But now, because of the fact that literally a single terrorist can put something in the water or fire a small missile—and it's fairly close range because it's a tight area—that's one of the reasons they've always used that as a weapon.

Iran has always used that as an economic weapon, and it's not going to be able to use it for very long. Numerous countries have told me they're on the way—some are very enthusiastic about it, and some aren't. Some are countries we've helped for many, many years. We've protected them from horrible outside threats, and they weren't that enthusiastic. And the level of enthusiasm—it matters to me. We have some countries where we have 45,000 soldiers, great soldiers, protecting them from harm's way, and we've done a great job. And what we want to know is, do you have any minesweepers? “Well, we'd rather not get involved, sir.”

#Danny

So do you see the approach here by Donald Trump? The approach is to say—and this is typical U.S. empire, just in very crass Trump fashion—that everyone who’s rejecting me and rejecting the United States should actually be appreciating the United States, because the United States is protecting everybody we do business with, everyone who’s supposedly our ally, whether it’s NATO European countries, the Gulf states, and so on. But of course, none of that is true. None of that is true. This whole disaster of the Iran war has done the opposite of protecting the Gulf states. They’ve gotten hammered.

Even the New York Times has acknowledged the damage to the bases in the region, and the damage that comes when you have missile volleys, salvos, and drone strikes in your country—what that does to the oil, but also what that does to the bases. It renders them inoperable, because of the fear and also because of the damage that’s been done to U.S. bases. So no, there isn’t a level of safety that’s increased. The U.S., by bombing Iran, has made the region less safe, because now Iran, of course, feels compelled to protect itself, believes it has the right to protect itself, and that it has to inflict a certain level of pain on the aggressors so they stop.

And that means all the bases around the region, and the countries that allow those bases to occupy them, are now targets. And this is where we are right now, in terms of the level of absolute cope about what should happen with the Strait of Hormuz, now that it’s completely closed. Now, Donald Trump has not only gone after other countries in this regard, but he’s also gone after his own Pentagon. According to the New York Times, at a meeting in the Oval Office last week, a frustrated Mr. Trump pressed Gen. Charles Q. Brown, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, about why the U.S. could not immediately reopen the Strait. And the answer was straightforward.

Even one Iranian soldier or militia member zipping across the narrow neck of the Strait in a speedboat could fire a mobile missile right into a slow-moving supertanker or plant a limpet mine on its hull. Sorry about that, everyone—I’ve got to remove this. This always happens. Here we go. Blame StreamYard for the technical difficulties. So here it is. Here’s the New York Times: at a meeting in the Oval Office last week, a frustrated Mr. Trump pressed Gen. Charles Q. Brown, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, about why the United States could not immediately reopen the Strait of Hormuz. The answer was straightforward: even one Iranian soldier or militia member zipping across the narrow neck of the Strait in a speedboat could fire a mobile missile right into a slow-moving supertanker or plant a mine on its hull.

So there you have it. There’s no way you can militarily take this back, because while you could say Iran’s massive naval fleet—its big ships—really wasn’t being used for anything. A lot of them were already docked and were taken out by U.S. airstrikes, standoff strikes that eliminated much of the Navy. And in many ways, yeah, those ships are gone, many of them, including the war crime that happened off the coast of Sri Lanka. But Iran has massive numbers of smaller vessels armed with anti-ship missiles and other kinds of drone technology and offensive weaponry that will take out these tankers. And they already have.

We've shown them here in the Persian Gulf. They've taken out tankers—they've hit them. They hit two, I believe, in one night, just to demonstrate that this can happen and that it will happen if Iran's demands aren't met. So, what are these demands? And are they reasonable? Here are the possible conditions to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, according to the Iranian media outlet Tasnim: guaranteed lifting of sanctions—which has been part of the Iranian nuclear negotiations from the start—and the withdrawal of American bases.

Well, that's a given now that Iran has declared these assets a danger to its territorial integrity and sovereignty—a verifiable fact. The return of frozen assets, well, that's just like with Russia, Venezuela, and other countries. Why does the U.S. have the right to freeze the assets of another country? It just shouldn't have that right. And then there's the development of non-dollar trade—a new order in the Middle East, essentially. Well, that's all that can really exist. That's all that really should exist. Now, there's another part of this that people need to understand, and that is that Iran is making a very critical demand when it comes to non-dollar trade.

Because what Iran has said is that it will allow tankers to pass through the Strait of Hormuz under a very interesting condition—that payments for that oil be settled in Chinese yuan. That's something it has made clear could happen. An Iranian official told CNN that Iran is considering allowing a limited number of tankers to pass through the Strait of Hormuz, provided the oil cargo is traded in Chinese yuan. Well, we don't know if that's actually going to transpire. You know, that takes a lot of economic architecture.

But even just putting it out there is a signal that the United States has been put on notice—and so has the entire petrodollar infrastructure and architecture. That system requires a lot more than just the U.S.; it depends on U.S. dominance, but also on the complicity of Europe and the Gulf states, and of course on how oil is traded, how energy is traded, and how the dollar is used as a reserve currency. It's all on notice. The entire global financial system that the United States has presided over is on notice. And you know, it's only going to get worse because Iran is going on the offensive. According to Dropsite News, it's not going to stop at the Strait of Hormuz—it's not going to start and end at that choke point.

No, Iran is going to expand its targets—not just military infrastructure, but also the economic infrastructure that makes that military infrastructure possible. And here's a list of corporations they've said should evacuate: every citizen of these countries, foreigners, anyone needs to leave the following. They need to evacuate the Lockheed Martin global market liaison office, the military liaison office in Abu Dhabi, Boeing in Dubai, Microsoft in Dubai—Dubai is going to be getting hit—then in Amman, Oracle, Amman again, ExxonMobil, Citigroup in Amman. So Abu Dhabi, Dubai—these companies—Dubai, I mean, the UAE is going to get hit a lot in the coming days and weeks because of all the economic infrastructure that makes the military infrastructure possible there.

And to continue to exact economic pain and accelerate this process of really boomeranging back the way these sanctions have worked—essentially leveling a kind of massive economic sanction back on

the United States itself through military means, but also through the closure of the Strait of Hormuz. Now, again, Trump has begged China to come to the rescue for the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. And what makes this absolutely ridiculous is not just the fact that the United States is involved, but that Iran and China are very good friends. They have a massive strategic partnership—a 25-year agreement that includes major economic development and other forms of cooperation. But it's already been checkmated.

While China is negotiating with Iran to move tankers transporting energy stuck at the Strait of Hormuz—from, let's say, Qatar to China—the energy trade between China and Iran is already happening. China has been given a kind of solidarity pass; throughout this war, it's been buying Iranian energy and sailing it through the Strait of Hormuz. In a humiliation for the U.S., Iran has been sending oil to China through the Strait of Hormuz. According to tanker-tracking data, Iran shipped between 13.7 million and 16.5 million barrels of crude from March 28 to April 11, equal to roughly 1.1 to 1.5 million barrels per day. While that's below Iran's pre-war February surge, it's still close to last year's average.

And most, if not all, of these are going to China, the biggest customer for Iran's oil by far. While China gets 45% of its oil through the Strait, being able to trade with Iran in this way just shows that this partnership isn't included in the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, and that China is more than willing to provide that economic lifeline by purchasing Iranian oil. We're going to see that not only will China not help reopen the Strait of Hormuz, but it will keep conducting activity through it and maintain its capacity. It won't have to suffer from this in the same way. So, Donald Trump—you can beg China, but China isn't going to be affected by this and really hasn't been affected since the very beginning.

This is the critical mistake—the miscalculation that's always made: to believe, to try to lecture the world, that the United States doesn't need it. It pumps its own oil, it only gets a small percentage of its oil from there. But that's not even the point. The point is that the U.S. is the epicenter of the global financial system—the petrodollar system. Once oil prices reach \$200 a barrel, it affects everything. Goldman Sachs, all the banks, all the monopolies, the corporations—they're all saying this is going to astronomically, dramatically raise costs and prices. And that's going to lead to an economic recession. That's just how it works. That's how things are going to go.

And so, Donald Trump will have both a losing war and an economic recession happening simultaneously if that's allowed to stand. If Donald Trump doesn't come to the negotiating table seriously looking to meet Iran's objectives—to meet Iran where it's at, which is: you're not going to attack us anymore, and you're going to make real, tangible changes to your behavior and your presence in the region to make that happen. And in doing so, if Iran succeeds in this—which is still an open question—the United States and Israel are not rational actors. They do not take defeat lightly. They will continue to thrash Iran, lash out, and do whatever they can to keep this thing going, no matter how much damage is done. Without air defense interceptors and all of that, they're going to keep going in the economic situation.

They will continue to keep going anyway. So the point here is that, um, Iran staying firm in its demands will continue to wage and fight this long war. And, uh, perhaps we'll see something we haven't seen in quite a long time—a massive defeat for the empire. Not a long-term one like Afghanistan was, not just a simple retreat in some areas when a social movement happens in a particular country, for example.

None of that should be underestimated or underappreciated. But we are looking at the possibility that, if Iran stands firm and fights this long war—if it can maintain territorial integrity, the unity of the population, and the ability of the armed forces to keep doing what they're doing—if all things remain as they are, or even become more favorable for Iran, then we could see a massive overall defeat for the U.S. in such a rapid fashion that it would probably be historic in terms of modern U.S. imperial warfare and what that means for the world. And the neocons are sounding the alarm about this, okay? I'll just close here: the Iran war reveals the limits of U.S. military power.

Many weaknesses can be fixed by smarter acquisition decisions, but not by better leadership. And this is actually wrong, because Max Boot—who was a champion of the Iraq War during the Bush Jr. era—he's someone, he's a little snake. Max Boot used to be a Bush-loving man, a Republican, maybe an independent—I don't really know what his partisanship was—but he was very much part of the pro-Iran war syndicate, you know, as a think tanker and all that. And now he's part of the Washington Post—the CIA Washington Post—and he's now a champion for the Democratic kind of way of war, which is full neoconservatism: the professionalization of the war machine, reliance on intel, reliance on Cold War politics, and focusing everything on Russia and China while moving away from the Middle East in that way.

So the Republicans were supposed to, under Donald Trump, move away from the Middle East and be more, what do you call it, isolationist—brand things in that way. But as you can see, they all deviate back to the mean because the overall objective of empire is the same. We've been saying it here on this channel for so long: there is no chessboard for the U.S. empire. It's not about shifting chess pieces; it's about destroying every piece on the other side. And it doesn't really matter the order, as long as it happens. We've been saying for a long time on this channel that Iran was always going to be the stand between Russia and China in a U.S. confrontation, and this war is proving that completely right. But here we have—he goes over how successful the U.S. has been.

But of course, he talks about how, oh, well, we need to produce more weapons because, look, we don't have enough bad air defense missiles, we don't have enough precision strike missiles, we don't have enough Tomahawk missiles. We only produce about 50, 57 of these—96 of those—and we need to do more, right? We need to invest more in this. But we also need to invest in better leaders. What he really says in that article is that the Strait of Hormuz is a choke point that the U.S. can't really control unless it has leadership and military means that were prepared for this from the beginning. And this is where there's a major difference in the U.S. political class right now, in the establishment, about what has happened here.

They're always going to claim it's a lack of preparation—it's lack of preparation. But really, what they're saying is it's a lack of power, capability, a lack of the ability to assert dominance over a country like Iran. That's a problem that was never going to be planned away, but it's one the U.S. empire is going to have to face for the rest of its days. That's the moment of history we're in. So, we're probably in for many more weeks of this. The U.S. and Israel are running out of weapons. We might see them scale back the volume of their strikes. They're trying to avoid hitting Iran's oil infrastructure now. They're letting Iran, as I showed you, ship oil out from the Strait of Hormuz to China and elsewhere. And they're doing that because they're so scared that if they hit Iran's oil infrastructure, the oil markets are going to absolutely balloon.

So right now, they're trying to avoid that after what Israel and the United States did to southern Tehran some days ago, which had a major impact on the oil markets. They're trying to avoid it from here on out. They might start running out of munitions—it's probably highly likely that they are. They're going to have to scale back strikes. Their air defense systems are already running out. They might have to just cope with the fact that they won't be able to stop anything Iran is firing at them. So, relying on censorship, misdirection, manipulation, misinterpretation of what's going on—all of this. This is kind of what the future of the conflict is going to be, as the U.S. tries to use the remaining stockpiles of its weapons to exact pain on the Iranian people and hope that will lead to capitulation.

Reports are that—according to, I don't know if it's Axios or another mainstream media outlet—supposedly Arachi and Steve Witkoff are now talking, right? After the reports that Iran rejected talks, now they're talking. And then Arachi went right back and said, "We're not talking." So, a lot of fog of war still. But nonetheless, we're in a clash of absolute historic proportions, and this war is only going to get uglier for the entire world. But the silver lining is that more and more people around the world are going to learn exactly what the state of the U.S. empire really is right now—whether that's a force, a social force, an economic force that's worthy of dominating the way we live and organize ourselves.

Many people already would say absolutely not, given their economic destitution, the decline in living standards, the endless wars, the diseases, you know, everything—the privatization of everything, the movement, the Epstein saga, which shows the depravity on top of the exploitation—on and on and on. A lot of people would say, no, this is not the system we want. But this is only going to further cement that and hopefully move people toward a direction where they want to change this, and they want to change it for the better, and they want to begin having the discussion about what that will look like. So we're going to keep reporting on that here. I just want to thank everybody who gave a super chat and became new members. Thank you so much, Joseph. Thank you so much, Angus.

Thank you so much to you, user. Big, long list—keep up the great content. I appreciate that. Thanks so much, Snowy. Someone said he fled to Germany at the beginning—I saw that, I saw that. Uh, took a plane out; it was unverified, and Israel said there was nobody on that plane, that Netanyahu wasn't on it. But, you know, you just don't know. Andrew, thank you so much. You've seen the start

of this war—that is history. We have it here. Thanks for bringing us your show. Thank you. Releasing the full “Baby Files” would end World War III—plus four. Yeah, yeah, okay. The files will also expose the truth about World War I and II. Interesting—yeah, interesting to say that.

So, pray Bibi resigns. His reign is over. We don't know—probably not, but maybe soon. Trump's wife was introduced by Epstein—Lalila, yeah, yeah, yeah. And then here we have, what if Trump and his buddies are using this to make money? Sure, international trading isn't out of character for Trump. All of it—no, they are, they're using it. Look, everything the United States empire does—monopoly capitalism—that's what it is, right? All these financiers, they want to make money. The investors, the bankers, they want to make money. So they're going to insider trade and do all of that for everything, anything that happens. But I wouldn't say that's the primary force driving this, right?

Because I believe that short-term investor profits are nice, but this is why you see certain masters of war who are opposed to what Trump is doing vocalize exactly why this may not have been the best idea, at least in the way it was done. I think that shows there's a bigger, strategic—quote-unquote—picture here, which is really about the U.S. empire as an economic force wanting to ensure that all these adversaries they've made for themselves are taken out in the most effective way possible. And this wasn't it. So that will get them more money when they get to—see, that's the thing.

It's like, yeah, there's money, and then there's the kind of money that comes from profits and investments that happen when you can literally create entire markets for yourself. That's imperialism in a nutshell. That's what they want to do to Iran, to China, to Russia. If it's chaos, fine—they can still find a way to make sure they have the markets and the dominance they need to ensure dollar dominance, of course, the petrodollar dominance, and really financial, economic, and military dominance to reproduce their class—that Epstein class, really the ruling class, the monopolists, the capitalists, the corporatists.

#Donald Trump

Without further ado, everybody, that's it for the show today.

#Danny

I want to thank everyone who came out today. I also want to remind you that I'll probably delete that Ben Swann segment, but you can find it in the video description for those who might watch this later and wonder, “Huh, what happened?” It's in the description. Tomorrow I'll be live with Professor Mohammad Marandi at noon Eastern Time, March 17th, to get a little more information about what's happening inside Iran, as well as a broader take on the war and where things stand right now. So again, 12 noon Eastern, March 17th, with Mohammad Marandi, and then on the 17th at 11 a.m. Eastern with Alastair Crooke. I'll keep announcing when new shows are happening. I want you all to hit the like button to help this video reach more people.

Thank you so much for the new super chats. The like button will keep this video going after we're done. Thank you for these kind words—I probably said that wrong, but thank you so much. And here's another one: "Question of the century," they said. What will happen now to that arms budget that the United States forced NATO countries to pay? Don't ask me. Look, a lot of the arms budget is just literal—you know, it's just literal theft. I mean, the audits show that trillions of dollars have gone unaccounted for. They're just cooking the books, hoarding cash, printing money. And I think that for all these countries that are being forced to pay, the U.S. will keep trying to exact tribute from them.

And maybe even, you know, because I think that's how this military-industrial complex keeps getting what it wants—massive amounts of government payouts to themselves for doing what they're doing now, which is not producing enough, producing too little, producing ineffective, outdated stuff. They just want the profits, right? So I think it'll continue to happen, but how they're going to do it in an environment where it's becoming more difficult, given that these wars are more catastrophic as we go on—that's a whole other question. But thank you so much, everybody. Hit the like button before you go. I'm out of here. In the video description, you can find Patreon, Substack, and Buy Me a Coffee, and much more. You can support this channel. I'll see you tomorrow at 12 noon Eastern Time, March 17th, with Professor Mohammad Marandi. Bye-bye.