

Andrei Martyanov: Iran MASSIVE Retaliation After Israel Hits Energy Hub

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Hi everybody, today is Thursday, March 19th, 2026, and our dear friend, our brother Andrei Martyanov is here with us. Welcome, Andrei.

#Guest

My pleasure.

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Andrei, let's start with the war with Iran and Donald Trump. The Economist just came out with a headline saying that the war in Iran is making Donald Trump weaker and angrier. They're calling it Operation Blind Fury. And it's so popular in Iran that people there are calling it Absinthe Fury. But Andrei, here's what Donald Trump himself said about the current situation with the war.

#Speaker 03

Just about everything there is obliterated, including the leadership. Their Navy's gone, their Air Force is gone, their anti-aircraft equipment is gone. We're flying wherever we want, Pete. We don't even have anybody shooting at us.

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Yeah, and just to mention, minutes ago we learned from Iranian sources that an F-35 was hit last night at 2:35 a.m. over Iran. It's one of the stealth fighter jets they have. Andrei, what is happening? The way Donald Trump is trying to present the situation and share it with the American people—how close is that to the reality of what's going on in Iran?

#Guest

Yeah. Anything Trump says is an absolute lie. He's in a state of panic, as is his administration, which today's Pete Hegseth rambling completely confirmed. And, uh, what can I say? I mean, he just lies—practically everything he says is a lie. And secondly, we can still allow for what's been mentioned

before: that he's so out of touch with reality that he probably believes what he says is true, because he's borderline—it's a personality disorder. And we can also see the onset of dementia. Obviously, there's a whole bouquet of issues there.

Yeah, he lies because, essentially, this is probably his last chance to prove something to himself, I guess. I don't know. And obviously, it's a catastrophe for the United States—this whole Iran ordeal. Mr. Trump doesn't understand the criteria by which you judge success in war. And what we can see, as you've shown, is that *The Economist*—as much as I hate that tabloid—nailed it. It's blind fury. And that fury, again, the United States' fury now, is extremely limited, due to the U.S. having spent most of its potential, with the exception of some Air Force assets, in the special military operation.

Russia effectively demilitarized NATO and the United States. So now we have Pete Hegseth lamenting this morning that, oh yeah, it was Biden. No, it wasn't just Biden—it's also the Trump administration, which continues to support the war in Ukraine. And now we can see the result: they got, for the first time, into a brawl with people who actually have the means to shoot back—and shoot back extremely well. As a result, it's an utter military humiliation. But yes, we have this guy fantasizing about his greatness, while reality, of course—what's happening beyond him—is totally the opposite, 180 degrees opposite. Hmm.

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Andrei, we're approaching more than three weeks into the conflict, and Pete Hegseth is asking for 200 billion more. What's the current situation with their strategy, their weapons, and ammunition? I don't know—whatever, Tomahawk missiles. What do we actually know about the situation there? Because it's not just about the money. The production is... yeah, it's all about production. Go ahead.

#Guest

Yeah, you can't explain to some MBA from Harvard that it's not about money—especially to Pete Hegseth, who has a degree in politics, whatever that means, and never progressed beyond the psychology and basic knowledge of a platoon commander at best. So, production is a critical issue. We know that, in terms of Tomahawks, last year the United States produced 90 of them, and before that, in 2024, didn't buy any. So they're running out of JASSMs really fast, because that's the only standoff weapon they can really use from the air.

It can be carried by B-52s, B-1s, and obviously all kinds of F-18s and similar aircraft. You can't just create industrial capacity, even if you ask for \$400 billion. And yeah, essentially, it's corruption in the military-industrial complex—it's all about enriching people. The United States is now a generation or two behind in overall trends in air defense and strike weapons. And yeah, that's what we're seeing now. Mr. Trump is just fantasizing—his own fantasies.

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One of the crucial issues right now, Andrei, is that the escalation is reaching a point that's extremely important for the whole region—not just in terms of energy, but also food security. Everything is on the table right now. They've attacked one of the most important refineries in Iran, the South Pars. And then we saw a massive response from the Iranians toward Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, and Haifa just moments ago. How do you see the escalation that's happening right now?

#Guest

Well, we know that Qatar is already down to almost 20% of its production, which is a catastrophe—they've shut it down now. Essentially, what's happening is they're not producing anything in terms of liquefied natural gas, and there are all kinds of, as you correctly stated, issues related to things like fertilizers and other materials critical for agriculture, especially in an area that's basically desert. And yeah, Haifa—look at it now. Israel is being beaten into a bloody pulp, no matter how they try to cover it up. I mean, it's an absolute catastrophe there, and it's going to get much worse. So yeah, they wanted war. They got war.

And I'm talking about real war—not beating the crap out of the semi-literate, you know, pathetic Saddam's army in 1991, when you had a free hand to assemble yourself. No, this is a completely different story. And yeah, even Politico—as much as I don't like those shysters—you know, they brought up the issue yesterday that, oh yeah, he's losing control. I have news for them: he never had control. That's the problem they don't understand. Iran has escalation dominance. The only thing the United States can do—the only thing the U.S. military can do—is launch something, bomb something. That's it. If it comes down to boots on the ground, it's going to be a catastrophe. They've obviously already censored the videos of the arriving coffins, because they can't show them.

So we're looking at Trump being a political corpse. And who knows what's going to happen? Because the longer it goes on, the more issues there will be. First, the Pentagon is incompetent—we know that now. And especially with these fanboys screaming, "Oh yeah, they shot down an F-35! Yeah, they shot down an F-35!" What's the big deal? In 2017, Syrian air defense—and it wasn't even an S-300, it was a Buk-M1—shot down an Israeli F-35. But yeah, they talked themselves up so much, and now they're losing reputation-heavy assets, which is catastrophic. I mean, remember THAAD? Oh yeah, the ballistic missile system—it's junk, basically. You know what I mean? They don't understand modern war. They have no clue that Iran now actually has maneuvering warheads on their missiles.

And yeah, Iran has good recon and targeting—wink, wink, if you know what I mean. So, it's a military catastrophe for the United States. The only thing they can do—because they're a bunch of cowards in Washington, D.C.—is worry about their political careers. Some of them, if it continues like this, who knows, the 25th Amendment may come into force. You know, that Trump is not adequate—which we can see every day—to run the country, or he might end up behind bars. And don't forget, the Epstein files aren't going anywhere; they're still there. So this is, I mean, a cluster coitus, okay? That's what it is. And the United States has no resources, which I've been talking about for the second decade now. The United States simply is not in the business of fighting a real war.

It can buy the president of Venezuela, buy out whoever, you know—they'll sell it gladly. Or it can beat the, you know, Iraqi army, whatever that army was, which wasn't a real army. But fighting a real, serious enemy with deep culture, an ancient civilization—really, what the hell are you talking about, you know? And yeah, if you look attentively—as I speak about this nonstop—Iran is an ancient civilization. It's not just a country. You know it better than me. They respect their antiquity. The United States wasn't even in the picture for another two thousand years, to put it mildly. So they respect their antiquity, their ancient Persian civilization. They have this huge influence from the Zoroastrian period, and when you look at the structure of Iranian society, for all its flaws...

So they killed Khamenei and Larijani. Well, guess what? That only mobilized Iranian society even more. You can't explain this to Trump, because he's a highly uncultured man—very primitive in his New York real estate and showman ways. What he's dealing with is something the United States has never dealt with before. And if it comes down to boots on the ground, Vietnam will look like a stroll in the park by comparison. And what can I say? Israel tried to bomb the port of Anzali—Bandar Anzali—yesterday, on the Caspian Sea. Well, first, there are three other ports there that are beyond the range of Israel, whatever they have, which isn't even their own—it's all American-provided. And if it comes down to boots on the ground, well, guess what? They're not going to do anything about a possible supply line for Iran on the Caspian Sea.

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Andrei, the administration is becoming a kingdom of lies. They knew that if they attacked Iranian oil facilities, Iran would react, because Iran had said, "If you attack our oil facilities, we're going to hit all the oil facilities in the region." So they knew exactly what the response from Iran would be.

#Guest

Knowing is not enough. You need to internalize it—that's the difference. I know many things. Am I guided by them? No. And especially when you look at the organism of state governance, you know, how it operates. Again, it doesn't matter what they know. If they don't apply it, whatever they do. And again, Trump is under huge pressure. Basically, he's owned by Israel. Okay, let's face it—that's just the way it is. The American administration and military circles are infested with Christian Zionists and Israeli forces. I back people, and those people are extremely incompetent—militarily, strategically. They were never good to start with.

For example, Israel's military mythology has been very carefully constructed by the Israeli media and the Israeli-controlled media—which is most of them in the United States. The same goes for American military mythology. They basically got high on their own supply. My first thought about it was that they don't even understand what they're dealing with in the outside world. And again, it

was done by carefully choosing weak, backward enemies like Iraq, you know, all kinds of them. And again, you saw it yourself—those idiots still celebrate this, which is a national shame for Venezuela. They're in the retail business of their presidents.

They've been, well, traitors all over the place, you know. So it wasn't really some special, horribly difficult situation, because they sold the president there, you know, and—um—but in reality, Iran is a completely different league. And now they've run into this, and suddenly everybody's talking, "Oh, they miscalculated." Name me, then, basically, an occasion when they calculated it properly. I can give you one occasion: in 1953, when Eisenhower, being a man of true stature and scale, with a military background that was global in nature, understood that we had to stop the bloodshed in Korea—and he was the guy who stopped it.

But then again, comparing Trump to Eisenhower is like comparing me to Einstein or something like that. It's not even the same galaxy, okay? So that's what you have—you have these pathetic kindergarten kids with their emotional issues running the United States today. And they're obviously guided by this basically fundamentalist ideology of the rapture, you know, the Israeli forces of this scoffed Bible heresy. And as a result, the bad cause seldom fails to manifest itself. That was actually stated by Thomas Jefferson, you know. So, what can I say?

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Andrei, many of the issues they're facing right now are around the Strait of Hormuz. We've learned from the U.S. Treasury Secretary, Scott Bassett—you know, the interesting thing is that they've unsanctioned Russian oil. And he said that in the coming days, they may also unsanction the Iranian oil that's already on the water. You know, this is somehow backfiring on what Donald Trump was trying to do.

#Guest

Well, I mean, today, from the latest reports, more than 10 million barrels per day have been removed from the oil supply. It's going to get even worse in the coming days, no matter how much they unsanction. Nobody cares—nobody cares what the United States sanctions or unsanctions. If India is afraid or China is afraid, that's their problem, okay? For example, Russia has enough to deal with people who aren't afraid and just do their thing. The problem is, it's going to get much worse. And the actual physical oil today—unlike this paper BS that's sold on all kinds of exchanges—even that just grows nonstop. We're at about, what, \$127 or whatever, in paper. It's for the...

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Whatever the name of this UAE base oil crude is, the physical oil now is 150 and above. So this is a catastrophe. And no matter how the United States tries, it will sell to Europe, for example, at five times the price for gas and oil, which will finish off Europe—which is already finished off. And I don't

know, I mean, the United States is basically not only destroying Europe and the Middle East, it's destroying itself now. Because Europe— you know what? People out there are not stupid, okay? They see this humiliation. We're talking about military humiliation. People, you know, you have to understand what the propaganda machine in the United States is—those spinsters, they spin all things and say, "Oh yeah, Prosperity Garden, yeah, it failed. They surrendered to the Houthis, essentially."

So now you have this situation on an even larger scale—an order of magnitude larger. And they won't be able to unblock the Hormuz trade, no matter what they do, because they don't have the resources. The U.S. Navy already stated, "We're not escorting anything." And good for them, because they understand the situation. They have military professionals there who understand operations, who understand the risks. You can't explain that to Pete Haxett—he doesn't even have a basic mathematical background to understand how operations are planned. You know, he's seen things, he's seen those monitors, but he doesn't understand what happens behind those monitors and keyboards. You've got those guys with PhDs and master's degrees in military science and STEM fields operating there.

Not that the Pentagon has too many of them, but they still exist. So you can't explain to him—dude, do you understand what's happening? Your idea about the rapture, and as he said, "You know what, we're fighting for Jesus," whatever—the guy is a complete, I mean, nut job. And so Trump surrounded himself with these people because he was controlled, he's blackmailed by the Epstein files. And this issue isn't going anywhere. And he's not handing victory. It doesn't mean the Democrats will win, but they may take their House back, and maybe the Senate. And it will be a catastrophe for Trump, because there could be all kinds of things happening after that—impeachment, even the 25th Amendment, you know, or whatever.

I don't know. So Trump wanted his buddy, you know, Lindsey Graham, to actually handle him. Well, he got handled, all right. And again, you cannot explain to those people what they're dealing with. They're not competent. Take any one of them—they don't understand the military element because, well, if you look at military education in the United States, it's almost third world, with some input of funny technologies. But when you look at how the sea ramps are being taken out—not one, two, or three—from the embassy in Baghdad, that's it. Once they're taken out, what do you have? Nothing.

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Andrei, Pete Hegseth was asked, "If you're so powerful and dominating everything in Iran, why aren't you able to open up the Strait of Hormuz?" Here's what Pete Hegseth said—oh, good Lord.

#Speaker 04

You've said the U.S. military has air and naval superiority over Iran, yet we're not escorting ships through the Strait of Hormuz. Why? How did you not plan for that?

#Speaker 05

We plan for it. We recognize it, because ultimately we want to do it sequentially, in a way that makes the most sense for what we want to achieve, and to ensure we're sending the right signals to the world when we do so. So when Chris Wright speaks, or when we speak, it's based on a full assessment of what we're up against—what we want to say to the world, how we want them to see and understand the conflict. It's like this whole idea of the war widening—that's what the press wants to make it look like, like it's widening and chaotic. No, we're actually closing in, grabbing hold of, and controlling the objectives we want to achieve and how we want to achieve them.

It's called shaping operations and setting the conditions. But when you shape the environment, you don't always tell. I mean, foolish political leaders and foolish military leaders of the past will hang an exact deadline on it—"Here's exactly when we'll do what we're going to do," or "Here's how long it's going to take us." And then, if you meet that, maybe you meet it, but if you don't, you fail. And if you're far beyond, we know exactly what we're shaping and why. We're sending those signals, working across the interagency. The Strait of Hormuz is something we've paid attention to from the beginning, and the American people can rest assured we will ensure that our interests are advanced—no doubt.

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Andrei, from the military point of view... does that make any sense?

#Guest

No, it's some kind of—yeah, it's gibberish. It's just a set of words, not logically or sequentially connected in any way. Semantic BS, semantic soup, you know—porridge, whatever. He just needs to say something. The problem is, Pete Hacksett wouldn't understand the basic salvo model, let alone the embellished salvo equations and how they shape modern missile exchanges. The United States simply has no experience with that. The United States doesn't know how to fight this war. As I already stated, U.S. military doctrine is based on, basically, the baloney fairy tales of Wehrmacht generals about Blitzkrieg.

It's air-land battle, air-sea battle, you know. So the only thing, as I already said, they know is to throw as much as they can in terms of standoff weapons—Tomahawks, JASSMs, you know—they go in, boom. There isn't a single U.S. pilot of the modern generation who ever flew even against the kind of air defense that existed, for example, in Vietnam. Today, again, we talk about this F-35. I don't see what the big deal is. I mean, you enter the defense zone, you're going to be shot down. And that's what they don't understand. They talk to each other so much—they're so high on their own supply.

They never encountered—yeah, there's no, is there? Maybe there is some flying over, um, Iran, which is friendly—we don't know, you know. So these people, I mean, they don't understand it. They don't understand what a modern missile exchange is. They don't understand how they're—uh, essentially, well, they wouldn't understand. Pete Hacksett has no toolkit, for example, as many other people in the Pentagon don't, for understanding how the concept of the Lanchester model—essentially an attrition model—evolved, how it became part of what's taught in the real serious academies of the General Staff, and how it is, you know, how many inputs you have to put in, so to speak. Not some kind of garbage like with Ukraine—you put garbage into the model, garbage comes out. And that's what we have. And so, uh, that is why he has to come up with this set of, you know, words, some kind of sounds that make no sense, while in reality no ship goes in, because it will be targeted immediately. Targeting will be developed, and a firing solution will be developed—especially if we believe the circumstantial evidence—because the U.S. Navy, which is correct, is actually acting professionally here.

It keeps its assets about 700 to 1,000 kilometers away from the shores of Iran, because there's an assumption—probably grounded in reality—that Iran has anti-ship cruise missiles with a range of at least 700 kilometers, and some of them are supersonic. So, if you look at the width of the Persian Gulf and say, "Okay, they have a 700-kilometer-range missile," then look at the width—the widest part of the Gulf is, what, about 250 kilometers? I don't remember exactly off the top of my head, but it's simple geometry. Subtract 250 from 700 and you get 450 kilometers, roughly 436 kilometers.

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No, no, it should be. Yeah, yeah.

#Guest

Yeah, it should be about hundreds of kilometers, but I don't remember exactly. So you have, what, about 400 kilometers at least within Iranian territory, under the cover of whatever air defense Iran has. You'll get targeting, and you'll launch the salvo—good luck doing anything about it. And of course, then we have the minefields. We have all kinds of things there, you know, and we have the high-speed boats, which are—again, Trump lies as always—but, I mean, you know, they're hidden in their underground facilities. And judging by the 18 tankers now burning in the Persian Gulf—18—Iran has no problem basically doing what it's doing right now and will continue to do so as long as necessary.

And again, it's like the famous Russian anecdote: Nikolai and Pyotr went to hunt a bear. Then Nikolai goes off, finds it, and yells to Pyotr, "Hey, Pyotr, I found the bear! I caught him! So bring him here!" And Pyotr says, "No, I can't—he won't let me." That's exactly what's happening here. And now they're in deep—well, as our good friend Golan Nixon says—kimchi. And the kimchi is very deep, you know, really deep. You have to have a serious general staff to understand this.

The United States has only commands that plan for whatever they plan, but we know the U.S. Navy is doing the right thing because they need to preserve their assets. However obsolete they may be for modern warfare, they need to keep them out of harm's way. They might move some submarines there—obviously, Iran doesn't have full anti-submarine warfare capability—so they may launch more Tomahawks, whatever's left there. But that's about it. So everything now falls back on the only thing the U.S. military really knows how to do—the U.S. Air Force bombing something. Okay. And evidently, that doesn't go that well either.

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Donald Trump is desperately asking NATO countries to join him. And for the first time, we've learned that the NATO Secretary General was talking about how they can help the Trump administration and the United States in this war. Here's what he said.

#Speaker 06

Contacts with allies all over NATO territory. What I'm sensing and hearing is that we all agree, as we always have, that it's crucial for Iran not to get its hands on a nuclear capability or a ballistic missile capability. What the U.S. is doing at the moment is degrading that capability of Iran, and I think that's very important. This is important for European security, for the Middle East—it's vital for Israel itself. When it comes to the Strait of Hormuz, everybody agrees this trade route cannot stay closed; it has to open up again as soon as possible. This is crucial for the world economy. From my perspective, what allies are seeing is that they are intensely discussing, with the United States and among themselves, the best way forward to tackle this huge security issue. And let me add that I'm confident allies, as always, will do everything in support of our shared interests.

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So, is he suggesting anything new—anything that's actually possible?

#Guest

No, he just kept on repeating himself. He's done, right, Moran? He's the Secretary General of the organization—which is dead now. NATO is dead. NATO's military is a paper tiger, because the country that makes it up—as Trump said, "We are NATO." Putin is afraid of us, you know. So yeah, Putin is just quaking in his boots. These are delusional people in a state of panic. And yeah, NATO is that. I mean, what is NATO? What can they do? European NATO is pathetic, I mean, okay? They can proclaim whatever they want, they can state whatever—especially Ruth. He's not a bright man.

I mean, he's going to deliver the same statements that are required of him. He's a puppet, essentially, you know. And so, yeah, it's just shaking the air, okay? And... yeah, for four years they thought they were that great. Well, no, not for four—during the first couple of years of the special

military operation, they thought they were good, you know. Then they got their ass handed to them in the 2023 counteroffensive. So now they're being laughed at, you know. And as serious as it is—because primarily the Israeli Air Force is good only at bombing historical sites, you know, civilians—and the same goes for U.S. air power.

Yeah, I don't know what they're going to do. Will he go political? Yesterday he said he might go for boots on the ground. I have news for anybody who thinks— including people from the U.S. Army—that 430 combat troops, not just general ground forces, but only about half of them being actual combat troops, will be able to achieve much. I have news for them: it means a lot of casualties, enough to make Vietnam look like a stroll in the park. So, is it a draft? Yeah, they'll have to go and draft. The reins stay with the draft.

#Guest

It's a sad situation for the United States, but smart people—as I already said, Eisenhower—he knew the limitations. He understood the strategic dead end, so to speak, because he was, again, a great general. He was a man of global stature, you know, so he went there and fixed it. After that, the United States made sure that no competent general would ever be elected president. Except, of course, for George H. W. Bush. He was a bona fide World War II veteran and had been CIA director before becoming president. But again, it didn't work out that well in the long run.

The economy defines everything. And we can see, yeah, we need to take a look at what we have in terms of prices right now. It's growing by the minute, actually, you know. So, yeah—Murban Crude, which is the base, is at about 123. It's a paper price, and it went up \$6.50 today. Brent Crude is at 108. Russian Urals are trading on paper, you know, despite the fact that they were removed from there, and they're tied to Brent at 104. So, yeah, they'll eventually lift the sanctions. At this stage, nobody cares what they do. The United States becomes irrelevant in this world, and this is the end of the petrodollar.

And Iran is making sure there won't be any more, you know, plastic shopping malls that sell, you know, for the idiots, all this fake luxury and things of that nature. I don't know—why would you go to Dubai? Just to do what, buy overpriced crap from the overrated? Or you want to go, what, skiing there, you know, in that ski arena they built? Why don't you go to Switzerland? Go to the state of Washington—we have wonderful skiing areas here, much cheaper, by the way. But you have to be the imbecile who made this funny fake money basically through financial speculation to think that it's somehow great. It's not. It's boring. It's nauseating, you know. And we are doing the basics. Yeah.

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Andrei, Mark Rutte is talking about the Iranian nuclear program along with the ballistic missile program. I don't know if Iran would discuss either of them anytime soon—or ever.

#Guest

Yeah, okay. Over the last 30 years, we've had a complete negative selection, which basically gave us elites and a governing class who are imbeciles. Not all of them, but most are. They're cretins. Listen to what Tucker said when he talked to Joe Kent—or maybe Candace, I don't remember. I can send you the link. He said, "My God, I was talking to those people from Harvard, the Ivy League, and I thought they were smart. They're morons. They're uneducated." Ted Cruz, this former would-be president, said it correctly: the guy doesn't even know who lives in Iran. He doesn't know that Iranians live in Iran. He doesn't know the population size or the scale of the country. This is the type of people we're dealing with.

Just basically take anybody from the U.S. Congress. It's some lawyer or some so-called political scientist who's a downright moron with credentials from Princeton or Harvard or Yale, and that's it. They know nothing. They only know their narrow set of skills that allow them to get corrupted, make money, you know, sell themselves to Israel and things of that nature. They don't understand the first thing about anything. Look at this Armed Services Committee—I'm sick and tired of listening to this constantly. "Oh, I was deployed to Afghanistan." Okay, so you were deployed to Afghanistan in a high-intensity police operation. Do you know what real war is? Do you know what fire impact is?

Do you know what the density of fire is when you have 152-millimeter shells flying in? And then Mr. Iskander, with almost 700 kilograms of explosives, hitting your strong point? No, you don't. The most they ever experienced was an IED, maybe an RPG fired at their position. But now you have people who can basically flatten anything they want, at will. But yeah, of course—the mighty Afghanistan Taliban Air Force. Somebody should probably write a book about how they bravely fought these extremely advanced Iraqi or Afghan or Taliban air forces. They're, for the first time, facing an actual technological paradigm shift that the U.S. military wasn't prepared for. It wasn't designed for it. So, yeah, there you go.

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What's really important right now, Andrei—the real game changer, in my opinion—is the future of the Strait of Hormuz. Iran is having a lot of arguments in parliament, and they're discussing a new kind of mechanism for how to manage the Strait of Hormuz. I think that's a game changer for the whole...

#Guest

Yeah, it's the end of the petrodollar. Remember, they put it forth—and guess what? An Indian tanker, apparently Indian shipping owners, they pay in yuan. That's it. I mean, that's it. What else do you need? So Russians take yuan. That's fine, because there's a huge trade between Russia and China. And that's it. That's what it is. This is the new world. Anybody who had any doubts about it—look at it. And these were the morons in the combined West who brought about this complete

collapse of Western civilization. We're not talking about decline—it's collapse. Europe, as I already stated, will now go for whatever the United States will sell to them, because the United States wants to make money too.

They'll gladly move their LNG, for example, to Asia. So what's left for Europe? Nothing. And even what they get, they'll pay five times the price, maybe even more. I'm talking about both oil and liquefied natural gas. And yeah, look at Germany—it's a catastrophe. It's their national catastrophe. These morons, they voted for that. You know, I don't take all this blame, but we know—yeah, we're not like this. Yeah, you did vote for it. You know, I voted for Trump, and yeah, he lied to us, but he was still better than this idiot—you know who I'm talking about. So what do we have?

That's what the United States will essentially be moved back to—which is already happening—because of its military impotence, into the Western Hemisphere. That's the United States' Monroe Doctrine 2.0. And the rest of the world will just go on, reform itself, reshape. Iran will be getting its payments in yuan, rubles, and, if need be—well, the Russians themselves are actually huge exporters of crude. And as a result, I mean, this is the world without the dollar. Trump accelerated it. He doesn't understand it—or maybe if he does, he should panic, because he may not even finish the rest of his term. This is a catastrophe for the United States.

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I think this whole case of Ukraine, together with West Asia, shows how BRICS is getting stronger and keeps growing stronger. And Donald Trump himself wanted to somehow weaken BRICS. That's not gonna happen. It doesn't matter how India behaves. I'd argue that Russia, China, and Iran are closer than ever. Yeah, they are.

#Guest

It's true. It's absolutely true. And nobody would expect that. Well, again, I spoke about the "two can play the game," and we don't know what flies inside Iran—if you know what I mean—which were seen over the Tehran skies. So the question is, what's going to happen to Israel? It might dissolve as a state because it's not livable. Iran has evidently beaten it into a bloody pulp, and the beating will probably continue. So the question is, if either of them—Israel or the United States—decide to go nuclear, they'll become pariah states, and the United States will collapse anyway. That will just show their weakness, and they still won't destroy Iran.

And that will change the dynamics of BRICS coalescing immediately into a military alliance, with Russia stepping up right away. We live in a world that has changed so much, so drastically, that even the collapse of the Soviet Union now looks important but almost like a footnote, you know? Because what we're seeing is a global rearrangement on an unprecedented scale. And you're

correct—yeah, at this stage, it is. And again, Russia is no longer selling oil to India at those wonderful discounts. India is buying oil at the regular price because the Kremlin saw what Mr. Modi did, you know, hugging and kissing his buddy Netanyahu.

And Russia took notice of that. So, yeah, you're right. It's a sad end for Western civilization. But at this stage, one has to ask: how long can France continue to provide security for its nuclear deterrent? The rest of Europe can go to hell, actually. You just have to save the treasures of the Louvre and other art galleries before they're overtaken by what's happening right now in Europe—especially in Southern Europe—Islamization, Africanization, Arabization, and things of that nature. So, yeah, that's what it is.

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Andrei, Joe Kent—we have the resignation of Joe Kent, the head or director of the Counterintelligence Center, which is a very important counterterrorism center. He came out and said that Iran was not an imminent threat to the United States. And this is, you know, part of the backbone of the people, the movement that was supporting Donald Trump, somehow falling apart. These people expected too much. They wanted Donald Trump to do something different. They believed in what he was talking about before being elected, and now they're seeing what he's doing—he's destroying everything.

#Guest

He destroyed MAGA, in a sense, because MAGA wasn't actually Trump's idea. MAGA was a grassroots movement of people with common sense. You know, they wanted to fix the country and didn't want any more wars or things of that nature. So he betrayed it, obviously. That's what he does. He's a traitor by definition. He's a draft dodger, sometimes. And Joe Kent—he stated clearly in his rather mangled resignation letter, because, as usual, he took credit for defeating ISIS. Obviously, Russia had nothing to do with that. And then, oh yeah, the treacherous murder of General Soleimani on a diplomatic mission—he, for some reason, described that as a success. But that tells you pretty much the psychology of those people. However, he had enough fortitude and guts to say that it was Israel that did it. Yeah, we know. So what's the news? I mean, I applaud him for that.

#Nima

Andrei, it seems we have some sort of issue here with the connection—Andrei? Yeah. Yeah, you're back.

#Guest

Yeah. So that's—what can I say? We can only, you know, as I already stated, express our sadness for what has been done to what was once a great country, which the United States still is, but it's in

a precipitous decline. We can see it now. And there's going to be even more political chaos. Essentially, it's disintegration in many respects—cultural, social, what have you. And no amount of money will help. At this stage, I can say one thing, and I agree with many observers: we cannot vote ourselves out of this anymore.

#Nima

Andrei, before wrapping up, I think what's happening right now is that Russia and Iran are getting to the point where they realize how powerful they can be in shaping the future of energy markets. And that's really important—for the future of BRICS and for the future of Eurasia.

#Guest

Absolutely. You spoke a very important strategic truth here. Suddenly, when Iran understands that it's over with these satrapies and all those vassals of the United States, they basically control access to one of the most important lifelines for energy. And then you have Russia. You already kind of touched on it a few minutes back when you said that, God forbid, something happens—yeah, there will be BRICS, all right—but it's most likely going to be Russia, Iran, and China. And God forbid something coalesces into full-blown military activity or an alliance. But again, a lot of things have to happen before that. Still, Iran understands its power now. And as long as this Shiite thing continues—with its fatalism and not being afraid of death—they'd better start paying attention. Larijani, I mean, he didn't even hide; he was out in the open.

But then again, you can compare him to this guy. He had a bachelor's in mathematics and a PhD in philosophy, and his thesis was about Immanuel Kant. Compare that to the educational level of American elites—a bunch of cretins, basically, with fake credentials from those Ivy Leagues. So, yeah, they have to start dealing with this in a more, you know, kind of European manner, which is more advanced. But, yeah, this Shiite thing about “we're not afraid, we're happy to martyr ourselves”—that has to stop, really. I know they have a lot of people who are ready to step in. But, yeah, Larijani was—yeah, he was an outstanding man, obviously. But, yeah, he was murdered. That's what they do. That's the only thing they can do—murder.

#Nima

Unfortunately, yeah. Thank you so much, Andrei, for being with us today. Great pleasure, as always. My pleasure. See you soon. Bye-bye. Bye-bye.