

Scott Ritter: The Domino Effect: From South Pars to Global Chaos

The interview discusses the reported strike on South Pars and argues it could trigger a much wider regional war. It frames the attack as part of a broader effort to damage Iran's energy sector, warns of retaliation against Gulf oil, gas, and even desalination infrastructure, and says any escalation could disrupt the Strait of Hormuz and global energy markets. The conversation also questions Israel's defensive limits, the role of Gulf states and the US, and the risk of a catastrophic regional spillover with global economic consequences.

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The breaking news is the Israeli attack on South Pars. This is a refinery they call the Asaluyeh Refinery, and they've attacked several phases — the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. Axis reported that they coordinated the attack with the United States beforehand. So, what are we seeing with this conflict, with the war that's happening and somehow escalating beyond? Because it's not just about oil refineries — we can see desalination plants, we can see all these things, some of the most important infrastructures for human survival, not just for living. How do you see the war escalating?

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The Iranians — first of all, we have to understand that they've been very open about what the consequences of actions will be, and so far they haven't bluffed. This is a death sentence for Saudi Arabian oil, for United Arab Emirati oil, Kuwaiti oil, Bahraini oil — any nation that played a role in this. And you can say it was an Israeli attack, but it was, as you said, coordinated with the United States. The United States is at a minimum culpable and complicit. So all the Gulf Arab nations that did this are going to pay an extraordinary price. Now, maybe the Iranians will make an example of one and then tell the rest, "You guys have got to get this to stop, or else we're taking everything out. The next attack, we take everything out."

But this one — Saudi Arabia — I'm sorry, you lied to us. You let American airplanes in here. They need to erase Saudi Arabian energy manufacturing. If they don't, then their energy isn't going to be erased. And that's the goal of Israel. Because, you know, what's happened — the reason this decision was made — is that this is proof positive that both Israel and the United States now know regime change is impossible, that the Iranian government is going to survive this conflict. So what they're doing right now is ensuring that the Iranian government, and what it governs, will be poverty-stricken. They're seeking to do permanent, long-lasting damage to Iran's ability to produce gas, oil, and energy, and to achieve income derived from it.

And Iran has said that we're not going to be the only nation that goes down this way. So I think this is the beginning of one of the biggest mistakes. But again, what we've seen now is that Israel is creating the conditions for a global catastrophe. When is the world going to realize that the biggest single threat to the entire world is Israel? Israel just did something—because they're such a pathetic nation—that's going to have ramifications globally. China will be impacted by this. India will be impacted by this. Because it's not just Iranian energy that's being attacked; it's going to be regional energy. It's all connected. So this is a very bad development, a very dangerous development, a very disturbing development.

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You know, Iran has issued an urgent warning to Saudi Arabia and the UAE—various points, you know, Jubail, what they call the Jubail Complex, the Samref Refinery, and in the UAE, the Al-Hassan Gas Field. Together with Qatar—there's a Masai complex there that's affiliated with Chevron. So, two places in Qatar, two in Saudi Arabia, and one in the UAE. And they said they're going to hit, and anybody living nearby should leave the region.

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They should. I mean, this is consequences—cause and effect. And I'm actually glad Iran is going to do this, and I hope they hit them hard. I hope that when they finish, this isn't just a token—blowing up a few things so we get nice photographs of flames. They need to terminate the energy production capacity at all these facilities, because then what they need to say is, "This is what we're going to do to everything if this happens again." This isn't, you know, tit for tat. You don't get to take out one of our fields and we take out one of yours. We're taking the whole damn system down.

And they need to prove that now—maximum damage done to these facilities. Take them off the face of the earth, because that's the only way you're going to wake people up. That's the only way. My gas went from \$3.11 two Mondays ago to \$3.79 today, and I bet it'll be \$3.85 before the day is over. I remember last time I went through one of these, I'd go in and watch the gas station change the price throughout the day, because that's just the way it is. This is the only way you're going to wake the American people up, the European people, the people of the world—by hitting their pocketbook.

Because they don't care about Iranians. Nobody cares about the fact that, um, to kill Ali Larijani and his son, they took out an entire city block. That's a war crime. It is the literal definition of a war crime. This is what the Nazis did—and yet they did it. And we're bragging about it, saying, "Yeah, it's a good thing." Okay, so you're not going to impress anyone. Hell, we bombed a school—double-tapped a school—and killed 175 girls. Nobody cares. That's how disgusting we are as human beings. We only care about ourselves. Okay, Iran, now it's time to hit the buttons to make us care about ourselves. Bring the pain home.

You clearly didn't get to our hearts, because we have hearts of stone. No tears shed for those girls. No tears shed for the hundred people that died. So you can say you killed Ali Larijani, not recognizing that killing him doesn't change a damn thing—that the institution still exists, there are people to replace him, and he just goes down as a martyr, motivating the people who replace him. Take out the oil fields. It's time for Iran to put the pedal to the metal and take the damn oil fields out. The other thing I would do if I were Iran is tell the nations that are getting tankers through the Strait of Hormuz: no more tankers. A complete shutdown of the Strait of Hormuz. We're bringing the pain. And it's time to bring the pain.

And if India goes, we didn't do anything. You say, "Yes, India, you did. You didn't do a damn thing. You didn't do anything to stop this. You still have good relations. You're still talking to Israel like they're your brothers." They're not. They're the people who are murdering us every day of the week. And you want us to do business with you? It's time for Iran to play that card. And they need to tell the Russians and the Chinese it's time for the Russians and Chinese to step up their game too, because this is going to have a dire impact—especially on China. China's looking at its future right now. There's going to be a big old hiccup, because even if they start buying energy from Russia, they don't have the throughput capacity to get all that energy there.

And Iran has to say, sorry, brother. I know we're sort of hurting you, but hey, Pete Hegseth said there are a thousand places in Iran that go boom a day. What are you doing to stop that? Nothing. So you need to do more. Otherwise, as we go down, so do you. But they need to bring the pain. The other thing is, by shutting the Strait of Hormuz, it ends once and for all the notion that the United States is responsible. Right now, with the limited traffic, you have the United States claiming, "We did this. We're the ones who made the Iranians say, 'Huh, we might as well let some traffic through because America's right there threatening us.'"

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What Iran did was prove that they're in control. Only Iran decides what gets through the Strait of Hormuz. And right now, the Iranians need to decide that nothing gets through the Strait of Hormuz.

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Nothing. Scott, Saudi Arabia and all these Arab states are in some sort of panic. Saudi Arabia, you know, is hosting a foreign ministers' meeting in Riyadh today. A Turkish diplomat reported that they're bringing together Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Pakistan, Qatar, Syria, and Turkey, along with Saudi Arabia and the UAE. We know that Azerbaijan is very important for Israel. I don't

know if Iran would do something in that direction, or if all these countries coming together would make some sort of move that way. How do you see the capabilities of these countries?

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To do what? I mean, you know, the thing is, as Saudi Arabia hosts this meeting, they're going to lose an oil field. How's that feel, Saudi Arabia? And as the UAE sends their representative, they're going to lose an oil field. Qatar is going to lose a natural gas field. You know, this is the reality. So what are they going to do—come together and say, what, we're going to threaten Iran? Hey, dude, they're already losing a thousand points on the map a day, getting blown up by America. You're going to bring your pathetically small military and make it a thousand and twenty? You think the additional twenty targets you can hit a day are going to change what's going on? I mean, this is the pathetic reality of these Arab nations. They've sold their souls to the devil.

They've sold their souls to the devil—the United States and Israel calling the shots. And now they're going to come together and do what? If they don't come together and say the one thing that has to be said—"America, get out of our neighborhood. Get out. You're done. We're done with you. You lied to us. You betrayed us. You set us up. All this is because of you and Israel. Stop, or see everybody here—count the bodies, count the airplanes. We'll come in and erase you from the planet." It's time for nations to step up and just tell Israel, remind them how small they are, how pathetic they are, and how inconsequential they are. You know, Israel right now is shooting its load into Iran—they're blowing up some places on the ground, but they're not changing anything.

The missiles still come in and hit Israel on a daily basis. Hezbollah is slaughtering Israeli troops in southern Lebanon. I mean, go ahead, Israel—mobilize 450,000. They'll all die too. Hezbollah is better at this business than you are. You're on their turf, and they will slaughter you. And you don't want to fight. That's the other thing—the Israelis don't believe in this mission anymore. They only believe in it when it's pain-free. It ain't pain-free anymore. There's a lot of pain attached to this. So they need to put the pressure on the right places. They need to put the pressure on the United States and on Israel. If they try to put any pressure on Iran, what does Iran care? I mean, what are you going to do—kill the next Larijani?

Kill the president? I'm sure the president cares—I don't think he wants to die. But Iran couldn't care less. They have institutions. This is about fighting a nation, not individuals. Most of the people gathering there, those are families—monarchies, not nations. The majority of them are heads of families who run countries, but they're not part of the nation. The nation didn't vote for them. These are corrupt individuals who've robbed their own people blind to enrich themselves. So when they come together to speak, they're not speaking on behalf of their people; they're speaking on behalf of their own selfish interests.

There are only a few nations where you could actually say the leader speaks for the nation. I mean, Erdogan, I think, speaks for the Turkish nation. But Jolani—who does he speak for? Who's he going

to send, another head chopper? None of the Gulf Arab states are democratic. None of them. They're all autocratic, corrupt—morally corrupt and, you know, economically corrupt—individuals. The world would be better off if they didn't exist. And maybe one of the consequences of this war will be the erasure of these corrupt families that were put in place by the British. None of them earned this. They didn't build it; they just came in and took it.

Hello, we've discovered this great country, and we're going to lead by being intellectually sound and morally correct, and we're going to build things. They came in and chopped heads off, and one day a camel went out and pissed in the desert, and some oil came up. They went, "Oh, that's not very good tasting. Why don't we hire a foreigner who's smart?" And in come the British and Americans, saying, "That's oil." "What do we need to do?" "Not a damn thing. You just sit back there on your camel in your tent, smoke your pipe, and we'll bring it up out of the ground, throw some money your way, and then we'll take it." And that's how it got developed.

These guys didn't do anything—nothing except chop off some heads. Other people developed the industry. Now they've inherited it, and they've got this structure in place where they make all the money. Ask the UAE, though—what's the percentage of Emirati people in their military? Eighty-five percent of the UAE military are mercenaries, mainly Pakistani. They don't know how to fight. When they build a building, are Emirati men out there rolling up their sleeves, getting sunburned, doing the construction? Hell no. They're in air-conditioned offices, fat, smoking dope, and spending oil money. Other people come in and do the work for them. These aren't good people. These aren't good nations.

They don't stand for anything worthwhile. They hide behind a façade of intellectualism. We've built the new Louvre in the Middle East—you know, the UAE built that Louvre lookalike. What's going to happen when all your oil fields are blown up, you've got no more money, and nobody's coming to your stupid patch of desert? You'll have no water because the desalination plants will be blown up, and that building will be empty. Nobody's going to visit the Burj—or whatever, you know, the one Tom Cruise jumped off or climbed. That'll be empty. Yeah, you know, making those little palm islands so you can see them from the sky, look down on them.

That'll be eroded away because nobody will be maintaining it. And that's what's going to happen to all these little fake desert countries—because when they lose their energy, they lose everything. They've got nothing. Nothing. Dubai had a banking industry. That's gone. You think the expatriates are going to hang out in Dubai now that it's been exposed the way it is? No. They need stability—long-term stability. And these Gulf Arab nations can no longer guarantee that. So it's over for them. This is a panicked meeting you're seeing in Riyadh right now—a panicked meeting.

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Scott, you mentioned desalination. Do you think we're headed toward attacks on desalination plants? Because that could be a huge catastrophe for the whole region. Iran wouldn't suffer from that if the

escalation goes in that direction. But we know the Arab states, together with Israel—Israel depends on desalination for more than 75% of its water.

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That's one of the last steps, because now you're talking about the erasure of a nation. Without water, you've got nothing. And there is no plan B for water. There is no plan B for water. So that's the next step. And I believe, at the end of the day, if these nations don't stop doing what they're doing to Iran, Iran will erase them as civilized nations by destroying their desalination plants. If I were the Iranians, I would actually take out Israeli desalination plants now—right now. End Israel right now. Just end it. Just take it out. End it. Israel might have a plan B. They might be able to ship in water, because no one's going to let the Jews die. So they're going to ship in water and all that. Fine. But that'll be their life from now on—foreign sources of water, tankers pulling up for Israeli people, you know, lining up to get, you know, like Gazans, you know, to pump water into their pot to take home and all that.

Good. Make that Israel's future—no more running water in pipes. Blow up the desalination plants and eliminate it. And Hezbollah, go ahead and take Shebaa Farms and shut off the Jordan River source. Cut it out. End it. Make the Dead Sea dead. Make Israel over. You know, Israel needs to cease to exist. It is literally the cancer on the planet. And Iran could do that by blowing up desalination plants. I think they might want to give the Gulf Arab states another shot, but at some point, at least pick one. I'd pick the UAE because I just hate them. Erase them. Blow up all their desalination plants and make the country disappear. All the expatriates will leave, all the foreigners will leave, and then those UAE Bedouins—they'll have to sit there and do what? Do what? Drink oil? Good luck. You know, they deserve it.

And hopefully what they're saying in Riyadh is, "We're screwed. We're screwed. We're heading toward the apocalypse." And again, when they say apocalypse, they don't care about their people. They only care about themselves, their family, the monarchy. I really enjoyed reading about what happened to the Hashemites in Iraq. I'll let people Google that to see what I mean. But I don't really mean that, because nobody wants to see families hacked up and dragged through the streets. But, you know, when you take these families that have no legitimacy whatsoever and you put them in charge, and they're this corrupt—maybe they need the Hashemite solution, Baghdad version, which could become the Hashemite solution, Amman version. That would be nice.

It could be the solution in Bahrain. You really want Khalifa to stay there—this fat nobody? I mean, he's so corrupt, so despicable. The whole family's been despicable. They were a joke when we were there as weapons inspectors. I could tell you stories that would make your hair curl. Go talk to the Gulf Air stewardesses—all the Gulf Air stewardesses out there who spent time on the Sheikh's beach and got recruited to go in and do his little things. You know what I'm talking about, Gulf Air stewardesses, because you did them. Why don't you start telling people what really happened, how despicable these people are?

Despicable. And yet they govern, and we treat them like they're some sort of somebody. They're nobody. They're stupid, they're ignorant, they're corrupt, and they are morally deficient human beings. And yet they sit there, live, and make all this money, and everybody comes rolling up to them, treating them like they're gods because they make money. Well, they're not going to make money anymore if Iran erases their energy, and then the world will see these people for what they are—pathetic losers. I'm fed up, because it's theirs to blame. People are like, "Scott, what do you got against the Gulf Arab nations?"

Everything. I've got everything against you because you're to blame. You caused this. You allowed the United States to come in and create a Sunni-Shia split. This isn't Iran's fault; this is your fault. You all bought into it, and you played the game where you let the U.S. military come in. And then you enriched the American defense industry. I mean, look at this—straight-up bribery. Remember during Donald Trump's first term, when he went over and did that ridiculous sword dance with the Saudis? Straight-up bribery. He said, "We're going to buy more American weapons," as if that's what makes a relationship good.

Well, Saudi, how are those weapons working right now? How secure are you with all those weapons you bought? UAE, is that missile defense stuff working? I mean, you can put down all your bullshit numbers—"UAE: 400 missiles were fired at us, and we shot down 297 of them." Yeah? How many of your interceptors did you use to shoot those down? And how many do you have left? What's going to happen tomorrow when you can't defend your nation because the United States refuses to give you more interceptors—since we sent all the ones that were pulled out of South Korea to Israel?

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It's the role played by the Gulf Arab nations in making this possible. They're the ones responsible. This is why I shed no tears for them. I will never cry for Israel. As Israel gets erased off the planet, I'll cheer, because Israel is a cancer. But joining the Israelis as cancerous entities are every single royal family in the Gulf Arab region. None of them got there legitimately. They were all put there by the British, then sustained by the Americans, and they live off the money they pull out of the ground. They didn't earn it—it's a gift given to them. And there aren't too many of them who spend that money wisely. And, you know, again, unfortunately for the well-meaning people out there, you pay the price for the corruption of your bosses.

Everybody treats MBS as if he's some sort of good guy. You do know he's a disgusting pig of a human being. There's nothing good about this man. He represents the worst of Saudi Arabian society. The excesses of Saudi Arabia are embodied in him. There is no moral compass in him. Just ask the family of Khashoggi—MBS had him cut up, cut up. That's what he does. And yet we run around, shake his hand, crawl to him. Joe Biden literally crawled there. Joe, you should have bombed Saudi Arabia. That's the nation worth bombing, not Iran. We should have turned our guns on Saudi Arabia and eliminated this corrupt regime, replaced it with a democratically elected society

that represents the true will of the people—except, man, the Shia might get a vote then. Anyway, I've gone on long enough about these guys.

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But when it comes to this, our common friend Larry Johnson reported the other day that the Israelis are running out of interceptors for the THAAD system and the Patriot system. And we see how Hezbollah is able to hit targets in Israel. At the same time, Israel is talking about a ground invasion of Lebanon and using 540,000 soldiers. But when it comes to Israel's defensive capabilities, is that part of the calculation? Is that in the equation for Donald Trump together with the Israelis? And how is that going to work for Israel?

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Well, one of the reasons Israel felt confident striking out against Iran at this time is that they'd convinced themselves they'd taken Hezbollah off the table. It was always understood by the Israelis that Hezbollah was a loaded pistol to Israel's head—that if you went after Iran, boom, the pistol goes off. So they targeted the mid-level Hezbollah leadership, blew off a lot of hands, blinded people. They killed Hassan Nasrallah, and they worked with the United States to get the Lebanese government to tone down Hezbollah. They got rid of Syria, which made the lifeline between Hezbollah and Iran problematic. And so Hezbollah went into a quiet mode, like a sleep mode. But don't be lulled. I mean, you know, it's like me looking at this computer.

I'm giving a horrible analogy, but I'm making it up as I go along, so it may work in the end. You know, I've got this computer screen. The screen doesn't do it—I mean, it's just a screen. I look at it, move my mouse around, and think it's the computer, but it's not. The computer is right here next to it; it does all the thinking. What happened here is, we got everybody to put the screen into sleep mode. Now they're saying, "There, we solved the Hezbollah problem. Look at the screen—blank, nothing there. No mouse moving, no cursor, can't click anything." But the computer's right here, and if you shake the computer, the screen comes back on. Israel believed they had suppressed Hezbollah, that Hezbollah was weakened, and that they could use the Lebanese government and the Lebanese army as a way of containing it.

I mean, look at what happened when the Lebanese government—the prime minister and the president—told the Lebanese army to disarm Hezbollah. What was the response of the Lebanese army? "Hell no. We're not touching that." Because they know the truth. The screen may be off, but the computer still works. And when the computer turns on, it turns on with a vengeance. Hezbollah would wipe the Lebanese army off the face of the earth. The Lebanese army is incapable of any meaningful fighting because they're not trained for it. They all look good in their uniforms—I'm sure they do a lot of push-ups, because when they roll up those sleeves, they've got some impressive biceps. And, you know, they've got that chest-torso thing going, tapers down. The Lebanese soldiers look really good in uniform. They really do.

They're handsome dudes—got those berets and haircuts. Hezbollah would kill all of them, because Hezbollah are damn good fighters, and they're still there. Hezbollah, you know, had to do some, uh, what's the word I'm looking for—cosmetic, there you go—cosmetic alterations. They withdrew a little bit from the south, but all the tunnels are still there. Israel blew up a couple of missile depots, and they took over a missile production facility in Syria and blew it up. And, wow, the Israelis are really good. But Hezbollah's not stupid. Again, Hezbollah is like Iran—they don't put all their eggs in one basket. They have significant resources that have been saved. Israel fooled itself into believing that Hezbollah was off the map.

And now Hezbollah is back, and Iran has eliminated the bulk of Israel's ability to defend itself. So now Hezbollah is blowing up Haifa. Hezbollah is blowing up Tel Aviv. That's an amazing thing. And now the Israelis are going to send in 500,000 soldiers into southern Lebanon. I just want people to think about this for a second, because maybe you're not familiar with the military. One of the things we always did in the military before doing anything—training, war—you do what's called the intelligence preparation of the battlefield, IPB. And one thing you do is look at the terrain and see what it tells you, because the terrain is going to tell you a couple of things: where you can go and where you can't go.

And so we do overlays of go and no-go areas, and suddenly you restrict yourself to very limited corridors. Now, you also have to look at what terrain features could dominate those corridors, because as you have the corridors going in, whoever controls this terrain here can stop the corridor—not just blocking it here, but up here. So the battle starts defining itself. You can tell right off the bat what the key terrain is, what the key lines of communication are, and already you can shape the battle—what we're going to need, what the enemy's going to have to do, all that kind of stuff. If you try to squeeze 500,000 Israeli troops into the battlefield that is southern Lebanon, you're just going to get backed-up tanks. Or you're going to get guys on a hillside just providing more targets.

A hillside should probably only take a platoon spread out as they sweep it. That way, if Hezbollah opens fire, they might take out a fire team, but the rest of the guys can suppress, bring in artillery, reinforce with another platoon, and move in. But if you come in and put a company online, you're going to lose the company right away. All you're doing is creating more targets—more tanks, more concentration of troops. Where are these 500,000 troops going to go as they get caught up in a traffic jam? Because that's what's going to happen. They'll start snaking their way up to some unnamed southern Lebanese hilltop village, and they'll go in there, and Hezbollah's going to jump up and—bam—hit them. And now they're in a firefight. They've got wounded Israelis.

You've got to get them out, but you can't, because you've got a traffic jam going on. The traffic jam's going to get hit—rockets, burning tanks, everything. They're stuck. And all those troops are going to be in concentration areas. And Hezbollah's got rockets. They're going to hit those concentration areas and kill these guys. Please, Israel, don't make it 500,000—make it a million. Mobilize every man, put them all in uniform, and send them to Lebanon so they can all die, because that's what's

going to happen. Hezbollah's going to kick their ass. Hezbollah's in an existential struggle right now. You know, Hezbollah before never really did the fight-to-the-finish mode, because they were also linked to the Lebanese government. The Lebanese government's proven itself to be nothing more than a Mossad front.

The president and the prime minister work for Mossad. I'll say it again: the president of Lebanon and the prime minister work for Mossad. Now, it could be directly or indirectly—maybe Tom Barak, the American ambassador to Turkey, who's now the Lebanese special envoy, is a front for them. But the bottom line is, they don't work for the Lebanese people. Because if they did, they'd have declared war on Israel already for all the bombing that took place in Beirut and elsewhere. No, they work for Mossad. And so now Hezbollah knows what has to be done. They have to defeat Israel, and they have to defeat the Mossad government in Beirut. And they will, because this is a life-and-death struggle for people who, as we've talked about, embrace martyrdom—not suicidally, but they're not afraid.

All the other people, all those little Israeli boys out there getting ready to go into Lebanon—they're scared. They're scared little boys. You see, they're mama's boys. They're the new generation of Israelis. They grew up with mama. Oh, they're so nice. They know IT, they're very good at it. Their big thing in life isn't to work on a kibbutz under the sun, getting sweaty and building muscles. They want to sit in an air-conditioned office and do an IT startup. That's all they want to do: "I want to do an IT startup—a startup," because what that means is you do nothing and get all the money. Because that's what the Israelis are today—they don't work, they're lazy. And so all these little mama's boys now are going to be moving toward Lebanon. But when they take off their helmets, there's going to be little Mishva, or whatever the fuck their girlfriend's name is.

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And they're going to look at it and go, "Oh, mama, and my girlfriend. Oh, I miss them." They're thinking the wrong thing.

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Hezbollah, meanwhile, is down there—pooping in a bag, burying it, pissing in a cup, burying it—because they're ready. They're not moving. And here they come, and Hezbollah's going to close in and kill them. Hezbollah's going to sit there and go, "Oh no, Fatima? Forget Fatima." Hezbollah's in the business of killing Israelis, and business is good right now. And the Israelis are going to come in, these little mama's boys, and they're going up against real men who are in killing mode because they have no choice. Israel and the United States have made this existential. If they defeat Iran, that's the end of Hezbollah. So Hezbollah is fighting literally for their existence. And the Israelis don't know what they're fighting for.

They just know that when they go into Lebanon, they get chewed up, and they start to hesitate. And when you hesitate in combat, you're dead. Mobilize every Israeli and send them to Lebanon, and then we won't have to worry about Israel anymore. Hezbollah is doing God's work right now because they are excising the cancer. You know, Hezbollah wasn't defeated. Everybody's like, "Oh, they're defeated." They went dormant. Their screen went into, you know, silent mode—went black. But the computer's still there, with a hard drive and a CPU and all that kind of stuff. And now they've shaken it, the screen's up and running, and the computer's working like a champ. And the Israelis are just getting slaughtered. They're not very good.

They have some special forces guys who are good, but the Israelis are really good at flying airplanes, dropping bombs, and blowing things up. But as Iran showed, you've got to blow up things of significance. In Beirut, what's happened is they've run out of significant things to blow up, so now they're back to the Dahya doctrine—holding the population collectively accountable. It's war criminal stuff. Of course, that's what the United States is doing. Pete Hegseth hasn't quite formally announced it that way, but we're in the mode right now of killing Iranian civilians. We're literally shifting over to civilian targets because our goal now is to punish the Iranian people for not rising up and taking down the regime.

War criminal activity. So the United States and Israel have defined themselves as the worst possible nations in the world today. We're the leading practitioners of war crimes right now. And Hezbollah is doing God's work. I know, as an American, I'm not supposed to say this, but since Hezbollah is not formally at war with the United States, I feel comfortable saying it. I want Hezbollah to defeat Israel. I want them to defeat Israel in the most comprehensive way possible so that Israel is lethally damaged. And I want Iran to help them. I want Israel gone. Israel got us into this war. The American people understand that this is not an American war. Donald Trump sold us out for Israel. Pete Hegseth has sold us out for Israel.

Marco Rubio sold us out for Israel. Everybody in the White House, everybody associated with the Trump administration, sold America down the road on behalf of Israel. Ted Cruz did that. Mike Huckabee did that. Every one of them. And we need to know that. We need to know that when we pay the higher gas prices because of Israel. Everything is because of Israel. This isn't anti-Semitic. I'm not saying it's because of the Jews; I'm saying it's because of Israel—the Zionist entity called Israel, this parasitic entity that has attached itself to the United States and is sucking the lifeblood out of the United States and the world. Israel. Israel needs to be erased. And hopefully Iran has the eraser to do it. I know Hezbollah does.