

# Iran DESTROYS Saudi Air Base in MASSIVE Blow | Mohammad Marandi

Mohammad Marandi joins from Iran to react to the massive retaliation on US bases in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait as attacks on Tehran's infrastructure spiral into all out war. Follow Mohammad Marandi: [https://x.com/s\\_m\\_marandi](https://x.com/s_m_marandi) 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](https://chroniclesofhaiphong.substack.com) Cashapp: \$Dhaiphong Venmo: @dannyH2020 Paypal: <https://paypal.me/spiritofho> Follow me on Telegram: <https://t.me/dannyhaiphong> #iran #trump #SaudiArabia #israel

## #Danny

Welcome, everyone. Welcome back to the show. It's your host, Danny Haiphong, and I am joined by a good friend of the show, Professor Mohammad Marandi. Professor Marandi, thank you so much for joining me again today.

## #Mohammad Marandi

Thank you very much for inviting me, Danny. It's always a pleasure.

## #Danny

Of course. So let's get started right away with what has happened over the last 24 hours since the show was last on air. We have to talk about—I mean, over the last 24 hours, Iran has hit back very hard against Israeli and U.S. attacks on its infrastructure, including nuclear and steel plants. The big attack that the U.S. mainstream media is actually reporting on is the one that happened at Prince Sultan Air Base. About 15 troops have been wounded, some very seriously. But the big story is what Iran hit—three KC-135 tankers. I think that's up to eight now destroyed by Iran.

But also, a big point to note is that they destroyed an E-3 Sentry AWACS aircraft, which is critical for the United States to be able to wage not only offensive operations but also defensive ones, like detecting incoming threats and coordinating air defense systems. So, uh, Professor Marandi, if you want to react to this—because it wasn't just Saudi Arabia—there are also big fires in Kuwait right now, at the international airport and a steel plant there. The UAE has just had, um, you know, one of their big aluminum factories completely on fire and inoperable. So Iran has hit back very hard.

They said hundreds of projectiles have gone over the Gulf and into Israel. Talk about what's happened in the last 24 hours and why it's significant, especially now that the mainstream media is acknowledging the destruction in Saudi Arabia.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

Well, Danny, you never seem to get your priorities right. First, everyone has to press the like button, I think. What was it? Yeah. This isn't the first time—you're losing your ability to prioritize. You're right.

## **#Danny**

You heard him—hit the like button. All right, in terms of Iran, to you.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

Well, you know, first I have to repeat that Iran didn't start this war. You wouldn't notice that if you were watching TV—MSNBC, Fox News, the BBC, or CNN. It doesn't matter. Iran does not want to escalate either. Iran only strikes when it's struck first. Yesterday they bombed the steel industry in Iran. They murdered workers in the factory. And when Iran said it was going to retaliate and strike infrastructure in the Arab regimes that are hosting U.S. forces and facilitating the war against Iran, Iran first warned people to leave. This has happened on previous occasions too. Every time, Iran warns people to leave, whereas the Epsin coalition just bombs, slaughters, and moves on.

And Western journalists—they have no concern. Legacy media journalists have no concern for Iranians, just as they don't have any concern for the Lebanese and, of course, the Gazans. And now we know that they've struck Iranian national radio and television many times. Why? Because they don't want the world to know what's going on in Iran. Just as they're now murdering journalists in Lebanon—today they murdered two very famous journalists: a young woman from Al Mayadeen TV, whose brother was also murdered, and another very well-known and courageous journalist from Al Manar. They murdered them because they want to do to South Lebanon what they did to Gaza.

And they don't want the world to know, because Western journalists aren't going to do anything about it. They're part of the problem. They're foot soldiers for genocide, as they've always been. They'll say these are Hezbollah strongholds when they're bombing apartment blocks, so people won't understand what's really going on. They've been bombing and have murdered a large number of medics—apparently around 50 so far in Lebanon over the last couple of weeks. They're targeting journalists and medics. And, of course, we have to remember that's what they did in Yemen—they even bombed a newspaper there during the war.

They massacred a large number of reporters at a newspaper. And, of course, in Gaza, we remember very well that they murdered about 250 journalists there, including another one rather recently. So

the West and the Israeli regime don't want the world to see the truth. I just thought we should remind ourselves that, as we speak, there are people very courageously on the ground trying to expose the truth, and they're being slaughtered like everyone else. And there are others who are trying to save people, to save kids, and they bomb their ambulances—just as they bomb ambulances in Iran—and they bomb hospitals, and they bomb the Red Crescent Society, which is the sister organization of the Red Cross.

And this is what we're dealing with. Yesterday they also bombed—last night they bombed—a very important university in Tehran. And before that, they bombed another university, another important one, in Isfahan. So they're targeting civil society. They're targeting the youth, the younger generation, the future. And of course, they began with the slaughter at the Minab school, where they killed 168, or maybe even more. Someone told me it's 175 or so—I don't know. I remember 168. They slaughtered 168 little girls. And it was intentional, because it was the first wave. All those first targets were well vetted. They were vetted. They've been working on this for months.

If someone carried out such an attack today, I'd say it's possible—maybe not plausible, but possible—that some officer, in a rush to find a new target, made a big mistake. Hard to believe. But, you know, schools are schools, and they're on all the apps, Iranian and foreign. In any case, it was an intentional strike on those kids. The school was well established. So they're targeting the future of Iran. They're targeting civil society. They bomb police stations—ordinary police stations—because they want chaos. They want the fabric of society torn apart. So what we have right now, though, despite all this, is failure. The United States and the Israeli regime have lost this—what was it—Operation Epstein Fury, or whatever it was.

## **#Danny**

Epic Fury, Epic Failure, Epstein Fury.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

Epstein Fury, Epstein—yeah, whatever. They've lost. And Trump wants out, but Israel won't let him. The Zionist lobby in the United States won't let him. Just like—what's his name—Joe Kent said in his resignation letter and in his subsequent interviews, it's clear as day what's happening. Trump wants a way out, but the Zionists won't let him, and that's why they're dragging the global economy toward a cliff. And soon it may—it may go right over the cliff, because if the United States attacks—and there's a good chance, a strong chance, that they will attack tonight and try to occupy islands or territory on the coast, or carry out operations deep inside Iran with their special forces—the Iranians will retaliate.

We already saw—you explained how, when yesterday they struck Iranian critical infrastructure, Iran's industries—the Iranians struck back. They began today and hit hard in Kuwait and the Emirates, and they destroyed or badly damaged aluminum production there. This will probably continue. But

earlier on, when they struck Iran's critical gas infrastructure, Iran hit back very hard and hammered Qatar, the Emirates, and Saudi Arabia—so much so that the Qataris, we can see, are becoming more ambivalent. They're not so purely pro-war. But in any case...

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

They failed, and Netanyahu is pushing, so we're probably going to see an escalation. I think we're moving closer and closer to the abyss because the global economy is heading toward catastrophe—there's no doubt about that. The gas crisis is bigger than the oil crisis, and the petrochemical and fertilizer crisis is even bigger than the gas crisis. So the oil crisis is just the tip of it—I mean, not the worst part. And since Yemen has now entered the war, it's unclear what's going to happen in the Red Sea. Will the Saudis be allowed to export oil through the Red Sea? Because supertankers can't go through the Suez Canal—only smaller ships can. And if they want to go to Asia, it's a very long journey.

They'd have to go around Africa. And Ansarullah may strike the smaller tankers, the larger tankers, or other oil tankers—maybe even gas facilities in Saudi Arabia. Or they may invade Saudi Arabia; no one knows what's going to happen. They may shut the Red Sea to all shipping. So, you know, this escalation will only make things worse for the world. And Iran and the Axis of Resistance have no option but to reciprocate, because this is a war for survival. The United States is ruthless—we've seen that with the bombing of civilians, the carpet bombing of Tehran. They just bombed very nearby here, probably the closest strike so far that I've experienced, with a number of explosions.

They carpet-bomb, they massacre, they kill kids. I posted one of those pictures we've seen a lot from Gaza—two kids' feet sticking out from under a collapsed building. You just see the foot of a little kid. This is what the West is all about. This is what Western civilization—at least the way Western elites have pushed it—is all about. The Epstein class, they have a thing for kids too. So it's not unexpected, not surprising.

## **#Danny**

Yeah.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

But the point is that Trump will not succeed. It's miscalculation after miscalculation. During the 12-day war, they said Iran was going to collapse. They lost that one. Now, in a much bigger war, they thought Iran would collapse—it didn't. Then after four or five days, they said Iran was running out of missiles, running out of drones. Now they're hitting harder than ever. Iran is hitting harder than ever before. So everything has been based on miscalculation.

For a month now, Iran has held its own against the collective West and their regional proxies—the full capacity of the U.S. Air Force and all these proxies that serve Trump, from Erdogan to Abdullah in Jordan to those little regimes in the Persian Gulf with all their wealth. So if they escalate, it's obvious they're going to get the same results: more dead people, more dead civilians, more dead soldiers, and perhaps, you know, American soldiers taken captive—who knows. But ultimately, Iran will have to strike back and destroy more of those key facilities on the other side of the Persian Gulf.

## **#Danny**

Yeah, I mean, I think there's a pattern here, Professor Marty, that you're pointing out. There's this continuation of escalation despite major setbacks for the United States and for Israel, but it keeps going forward—escalations. And when I saw that the U.S., with Israel, with U.S. coordination, struck Iranian infrastructure—economic infrastructure—I mean, if anyone's been watching this show, anyone's been watching you, anyone's been watching what's really going on, even mainstream media can admit this: what happens is that Iran has to hit back in order to create not an equal but an even more severe consequence to stop this kind of behavior. And that means you hit economic infrastructure—more economic infrastructure is going to be hit on your side—leading to even more catastrophic consequences for the global economy. And I just want to read off some of the things that Iran has hit just in the last six, twelve, eighteen hours here.

I'll just read off first what they hit overnight. Not just the AWACS aircraft or the KC-135s—also six LCUs, which are these landing craft units, part of the U.S. Navy. They sank those. There was an F-16 that had to make an emergency landing, as they call it. They've also hit, as you said, Preston, infrastructure as well. That Emirates Global Aluminum plant—it's a massively important one in the UAE's economic zone. And as we speak, I think missiles are firing over UAE territory. So, over and over again, this is the pattern: the United States and Israel go further in attacking certain, especially civilian and economic targets, and Iran says, "Well, we need to retaliate." And they do. And that's causing this global economic catastrophe, which is very much here—and it's only going to get worse.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

Yes, and you know, I think people really don't understand—and neither do I, really—because it's so mind-boggling what could possibly happen. We don't fully grasp how bad the situation is for the global economy. This lack of energy is just beginning to show itself. Prices are going up, but when the real shortage hits—because it takes weeks for energy supplies to travel from the Strait of Hormuz or the Persian Gulf to their destinations—and when that natural gas, that LNG that was already on its way or had reached those destinations, is gradually depleted, that's when it's going to hit harder.

And I think we're going to see this begin. They say—I'm not an expert, but from what I've read—it's going to get worse within a week, and then within three weeks, it's going to get very bad. If they

push and the assets in the Persian Gulf are destroyed—the tankers, the oil and gas installations, the electrical power plants, and so on—then that’s permanent. Then the Strait of Hormuz becomes irrelevant. That’s the problem Trump can’t find a solution to. Let’s say he takes an island. Let’s say he takes two islands. Let’s say he takes three islands. Let’s say he takes territory. Let’s say he carries out some attack deep inside Iran with commandos and succeeds—or doesn’t succeed.

The Iranians are going to retaliate, and that retaliation will mean these assets are badly hit. The permanent damage will be visible for everyone to see. Then Iran may keep striking and striking until the Americans back off. And what if we do have an agreement? What if the United States accepts Iran’s demands and the facts on the ground change? If there’s no oil, no natural gas, no tankers, then the Strait of Hormuz becomes irrelevant. That’s when we’ll know the global economic depression is going to last for many years. The consequences are mind-boggling.

## **#Danny**

Well, the United States also has to be very much aware that Iran right now is exporting essentially what it was in terms of oil before the war—if not more now—especially since it’s asserted successful control over the Strait of Hormuz. And that only makes the situation worse, it seems to us, Maradi, because they—I mean, the New York Times admitted this recently—all these bases have essentially been destroyed. Whatever’s left is now being hit, as we saw with Prince Sultan Air Base last night.

But they have to know that this successful economic retaliation by Iran has only meant that now the U.S. and Israel are desperate to break that asserted control by Iran, leading to miscalculations again—like trying to invade Iranian territory to cut it off from its oil. And now all the mainstream media publications are saying, “Watch out, drop it.” Iranian drones, Iranian missiles, Iranian troops—I think they promised a million—are waiting for them and will confront these several thousand, whatever it’s going to be, should they try to land ashore. So this is, I don’t know, Professor Roddy, your comment—it just seems like a disaster in the making, and one that will be tough to hide. They’re trying to hide the damage, especially to U.S. troops on the bases, but this one will be difficult to hide, I think.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

What are your thoughts? Yeah, and the U.S. troops—what are they going to be remembered for? Dying for Epstein? I mean, that’s what it’s all about. It’s the Zionist and Epstein class. It’s all for the Israeli regime, not for the Americans. Trump is either badly compromised, or whatever the reasons are, this is not in the interest of the American people. And when things get worse, it’s going to get very bad for Trump, too. As I said, this is only the beginning. Not only can the Iranians escalate much further than what they’ve done so far—they’re holding back because Iran does not want the global economy to implode—but it’s not just Iran. It’s Yemen. It’s not just Yemen. It’s Iraq. The Iraqis could move into the Arabian Peninsula tonight.

They can take over Kuwait in hours. And this time around, no one is going to support Kuwait. Iran will support Iraq. And Yemen can go deep into Saudi Arabia—so can Iraq. And who's going to stop them? The 1,000-man army of Qatar or the 2,000-man army of the Emirates? I mean, their populations are the size of a small city. Combined, they're the size of a small city in Iran. So I don't think the Americans quite understand what they're up against. Maybe they do, but Trump is desperate, he's gambling, and he can't retreat because they won't let him. But this war is about Netanyahu. It's about Zionism. There's nothing else in it for anyone. There's no positive side for the United States.

And despite the fact that we're being harmed—despite the fact that they're bombing our industries, our schools, our hospitals—Iran is emerging stronger. Iran will emerge stronger, all because when the global economy goes down, it's as if you're bombing all the countries. When the factories stop working, you don't need to bomb them—you've already destroyed business. What the Israelis and Americans are doing is effectively carpet-bombing the entire world. Yeah, because when energy prices go through the roof, things will shut down, people will lose their jobs, and those factories may just become landmarks after that. There'll be no consumers; they'll go bankrupt. So this is the state of affairs. But Iran—the people are united, as we've always known. I mean, if anyone from Western governments was listening, anyone seriously influential, they would have known that this would happen. And they would have prevented it or stopped it by now. It was clear as day that Iran would not collapse. And also, remember, Danny—remember after we had this discussion multiple times about Hezbollah?

## **#Danny**

Yes.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

They were saying—the Western media was saying—Hezbollah is a spent force, that it's been defeated, diminished. And even supporters of the resistance, and of course the Salafis and the Wahhabis who worked with the Americans to destroy Syria, were echoing that. Now we're seeing the fruit of their efforts—they've been exposed. They were gloating over the martyrs of Hezbollah and ridiculing them after the ceasefire, even though Hezbollah did an extraordinary job drawing forces away from Gaza. Forty percent of the country was against them. The United States has enormous influence in Lebanon. And of course, now with Syria in the U.S. camp and even being encouraged to attack Lebanon—which they didn't do because Iran and the resistance in Iraq threatened them.

But these Salafis and Wahhabis were gloating after the ceasefire. Well, look at Hezbollah today. All those predictions and all those analyses about the resistance in Lebanon turned out to be utterly false. Hezbollah is hitting the Israeli regime hard. And Iran—well, as we've been told, they've run out of missiles—yet they're hitting hard. Everything the West says is based on wishful thinking. They've been doing that for decades. So when they say the Iranians mass murder peaceful protesters and all

that nonsense, it's basically propaganda to reinforce the narrative that this is a regime and it's unpopular. Fine, you can tell the world that this is true and many people will believe it, but you shouldn't believe it yourself.

Because when you believe your own propaganda, your policies aren't based on reality—they're based on fake narratives. And then you hit a brick wall. They hit a brick wall in Iran, they hit a brick wall in Lebanon, they hit a brick wall in Iraq. Look at Iraq today: it's finally being liberated from NATO and the United States—finally being liberated. The people are rising up and kicking them out. This is the result of Trump's policies. And then there's Yemen. And of course, in Gaza, Hamas and Islamic Jihad are still there. After two and a half years of genocide, the Israelis still haven't eliminated them.

So the whole myth that the axis of resistance has been broken is nonsense. And with regards to Syria, many people who supported this dirty war there are waking up to the truth. That is unifying people across the region and beyond. There are those who keep their eyes closed—they were the ones who cooperated with the Americans. They got money from Qatar; they're funded by Qatar, the Saudis, and the Emiratis. As long as that money flows, they'll keep saying this was a blessed revolution. But when that money dries up—and it quite possibly will, given the current situation in the Persian Gulf—then maybe they'll move on to some other form of business with all the money they've gathered.

## **#Danny**

Yeah, I mean, we heard all this talk for so many months—months and years, really. For us, we've been having these conversations about the Axis of Resistance being dead. But what actually seems to be crumbling is, as you call it, the Axis of Epstein. I mean, we're seeing the Gulf countries—you mentioned Kuwait. No one's going to go save Kuwait. It's not even clear what's really going to be left of Kuwait very soon, because not only has their military infrastructure been hit—arguably the hardest by Iran over this period—it's been absolutely devastated, whatever was there.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

The resistance in Iraq has also hit them. And by the way, you know, the thing is, these are all dictatorships.

## **#Danny**

Yeah.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

Right. With Western support.

## **#Danny**

Yeah.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

When their economies collapse and the West obviously doesn't care about them—because its only priority is Israel—we saw even in South Korea how the Americans imposed an air defense system there that hurt Korean-Chinese relations. They forced it on the Koreans, and after all the damage they did to Korea, they took it away and gave it to the Israelis. So these regimes in the Persian Gulf—when they no longer have, or rather when the West no longer has, the ability to keep them in power—and when they no longer have the wealth to enforce their will on the people or to appease others through that wealth, are they going to remain in power? Will the people come to power? Will we still have the same family dictatorships in the Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait in the years ahead? Who knows?

## **#Danny**

Yeah, I mean, we can just look at the damage, Professor Morandi, in terms of this crumbling of the actions that I've seen. You had the mayor of Kiryat Shmona in Israel absolutely in tears—literally in tears—because of what both Iran and Hezbollah have been doing over the last several days in and around central and northern Israel. Now, there's also, of course, something being called the Merkava Massacre. Over a hundred tanks—what is it, March 28th?—hundreds of tanks, nearly, if not over; there are varying numbers going around. But those are six million dollars each. Hezbollah has just taken out hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of Israeli tanks in just a matter of weeks.

It's an incredible thing to see. They're firing missiles into Israel and confronting whatever is left of the Israeli troops. The IDF chief is saying the Israeli military is on the verge of collapse. And you had Donald Trump himself talking to a bunch of financiers—the Wall Street section of the Epstein class. He said MBS has to kiss his behind. I mean, this is just utter degradation and humiliation. These Gulf states—we've had other guests on this show, like Scott Ritter, say it could be regime change for them rather than regime change on Iran. And that really looks like Bahrain, with their massive protests, right?

And it looks like that's the direction things are going. And then you add in a ground operation—I mean, it sounds suicidal, but still, they keep going. So my question to you, Professor Morandi, is this: what do you make of those who say that Israel and the United States don't care about all the damage they're taking, as long as they can inflict significant damage on Iran? Even if they have to stop at some point soon, they'll just do it again, hoping that the accumulated damage will eventually lead to the outcome they want—like in Syria. What do you say to that? Because that seems to be where some of the more pessimistic observers are pointing.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

Yeah, I thought they were out to liberate the Iranian people. And now we see, on CNN and MSNBC and these outlets, they're just like Fox News. They bring on these analysts who talk about what will happen to Iran, but they don't talk about the aggression, the murder of children, or the shamelessness of the Trump regime for not taking responsibility. In fact, people here believe that the attack on that school and other civilian targets was, for the most part, intentional. That school was, as we all know, the first strike, and those targets were well vetted. They had months to vet them, and I'm sure they did. It was a known school, so no one here believes it was an accident. And of course, Americans are trying to blame Iran. Western media has been indifferent about it, and no one at all has apologized. But again, they have this thing about, you know, kids.

So I think what's going to happen is that Iran, as I said earlier, is going to emerge stronger. Iran is not going to break apart. They've united Iranians in ways I've never seen before—not even in the 1980s, after the revolution and when Saddam invaded Iran. You see people on the streets under missile fire. The Americans and Israelis fire missiles at rallies, and people have been killed. At a rally I was at, a woman was murdered. But people didn't budge. So how are you going to break up that country? Teenage girls didn't go home to do what teenagers do—they stood their ground. So how are they going to break down that country? And on the other hand, as I said, these regimes in the Persian Gulf are in bad shape, but also governments across the world are going to be in terrible shape when the price of oil goes to \$150, \$160, \$200.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

I've been saying this for years—that it could quadruple. Back then, just a few months ago, it was around \$50 or \$60. Well, right now, that's where things are heading. When that happens, will there be regime change in Iran, or maybe regime change across Europe, North America, and elsewhere—where people will be rioting, losing their jobs? I mean, right now in India, things already seem to be getting very difficult. The Indian government miscalculated by clinging to the Israeli regime. Look at what the Israeli regime has imposed on the people of India. They don't care about Indians. They don't care if the global economy crashes. They care about Zionism. They care about their own interests. And so do American elites. They don't care about the United States.

So is there going to be regime change in Iran or in Washington? I would bet on Washington rather than Iran if I were a betting man—which I'm not. We're going to be hurt, no doubt about it. They're bombing our factories, our hospitals, our kids. Of course we're going to be hurt. They're bombing our universities. But we know we're on the side of what's right, and our sin is that we wanted to be independent and that we supported the people of Palestine. We support the people of Cuba who are being strangled. We support Venezuela. That's Iran's sin. That's the sin of the axis of resistance. We support the oppressed—that's our sin. There's no other reason. Nuclear programs, human rights, terrorism—these are all excuses, fabricated narratives to crush people who oppose hegemony.

And the Iranian people—and I've said this to you before on this show—the Iranian people and those in the Axis of Resistance have certain defining characteristics. One, it's a civilizational state. But even more important, the dominant religious ideology in Iran is deeply anti-hegemony, supportive of the victim, and hostile toward the aggressor. And that comes, of course, from the prophets and the final prophet, Prophet Muhammad—but especially from his grandson and the events in Karbala. I mean, if American analysts were smart, they'd read about the events in Karbala. They'd read a good book about what that was really about—Imam Hussain, his sister, his companions, what happened to them, and how deeply embedded that story is in our culture and in Lebanon.

That's why Hezbollah stands. It's not just about defending Lebanon; it's about defending Gaza and other people. They see them as victims, and they have to stand up for them. That's why we support Cuba. That's why we supported Venezuela. That's why we supported the struggle in Southern Africa. And that's why we're demonized. That's why we're called medieval, why we have “mad mullahs,” and why, you know, we're “sand so-and-sos” and “camel jockeys.” We're all these things to them. And then we're in all the movies where we're evil and sinister and we murder. I remember once on Al Jazeera—another Western media outlet that has nothing to do with the Global South—it's just another tool the Americans allowed to function in this particular way.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

I remember—when was this? Anyway, I remember that a while back... I think I'm conflating two different things. I'll get back to it when I remember. But the point is, the demonization of Iran—right, I remember now. I was on a show on Al Jazeera, and there was this author, I can't recall his name, who wrote a book—something like *\*They Came After Me\** or something along those lines. He wrote about Iran, like all those memoirs on Iran that are just rubbish. It's an industry supported by Western regimes—like *\*Not Without My Daughter\** and *\*Reading Lolita in Tehran\**, which was a bestseller in the United States. But, you know, *\*Lolita\**—in any case. And this guy, and then—what's his name? The American comedian, Jon Stewart—I think he turned it into a movie.

*\*Rosewater\** or something like that. I don't know. I didn't watch it—I don't bother watching garbage. But the writer came and did a debate with me, and he was saying that in Tehran they hang people on street corners. And I said, you know, I've been in Iran all my adult life. This is my city, except for three years living abroad during the last forty-seven years. I've spent all my life in Tehran, including during the war. I have never seen an execution anywhere. But, you know, they create these fake images or narratives so that people hate Iran. Well, those narratives are all falling apart, because it's the Iranians who are standing up against genocide, and it's all these nice “human rights” people who are supporting genocide. So everything about the Western empire is going south.

Their military, their economies, their soft power, their propaganda. And Trump is—someone told me, and I don't want anyone to misunderstand me—someone told me that Trump is the worst thing for Iran. I understand that argument. But while he's destructive and murderous, like previous presidents, he's much more crude. And he's helping to shatter those narratives through his

arrogance, stupidity, and the crude way he conducts himself. So, in my opinion, ultimately, he's doing more damage to Zionism than any other president in history.

## **#Danny**

Yeah, we see that. No, totally. I mean, I've heard this dynamic in China—people saying that the way Donald Trump talks, the way he goes about policy, only serves to isolate those forces who are pro-West, pro-U.S., and it unites the country.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

More importantly, it wakes them up.

## **#Danny**

Yeah.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

Some of them may be isolated, but others—young Iranian kids who believe the nonsense coming from Western media and their Persian-language media empire, which, you know, billions of dollars go into—are seeing them bomb kids. They see double-tap attacks. I posted one online; you probably saw it. The woman who survived the first attack was saying her shahadatein, and then she was murdered in the subsequent strike. People see that. So there's an awakening in Iran among the youth. They see that we are the victims, and that all these narratives were fictions.

## **#Danny**

Yeah, and now this is twice in less than a year that the United States and Israel have both done this—have woken up so many people all around the world. I'm getting messages in support of Iran all the time because people can see it. People can watch the reality of it—who's lying, who's killing civilians, and, of course, who is resisting the aggression. Which gets me to this question, Professor Rondi: what's the significance of Ansar Allah entering the war—Yemen entering the war now? Because as we're speaking, they began with missiles at Israel—first one, then eleven—and now they're actually launching drone attacks again. And people may remember that the port there was shut down by what Yemen did between 2023 and 2025, for the sake of Gaza. Yeah.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

Because of Gaza.

## **#Danny**

Exactly.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

To stop the genocide.

## **#Danny**

So what's the significance of this? Because now the whole energy question is in the mix. There's also the fact that Yemen now fits into this larger picture of the Axis of Resistance. But the Bab al-Mandeb Strait, the Red Sea— even Trump just admitted, I don't know if you saw that at his financier gaggle, where he was basically going off the cuff to his Wall Street buddies—he said in the last 24 hours that Iran was hitting the Gerald Ford. The Gerald Ford is out; it's in Crete. It's not going to come back into operation. And he was saying that Iran was targeting them 16, 17 times and nothing. Likely that was what caused the fire, if we put two and two together. But nonetheless, that happened in the Red Sea. That happened in the Mediterranean. So, Professor Rondi, what does Yemen's entrance mean for the war and also the economy? Because they hold a lot of cards there.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

Well, obviously, they could stop Saudi oil exports at any moment. They could strike the export facilities, which they've done before—and that's what led to the ceasefire after seven years of genocidal war against Yemen, when the Saudis and Emiratis had the entire West behind them. The region was supporting them too, except for Iran, including Turkey and Qatar. But then Turkey and Qatar distanced themselves after the Saudis and Emiratis targeted Qatar a year or two later. They could do that again. They could destroy Saudi oil infrastructure, they could destroy the tankers, they could shut down the Red Sea. They could even invade Saudi Arabia—and the resistance in Iraq could invade Saudi Arabia as well.

They're much more—tougher, stronger. They've been through war. The Saudis don't know how to fight; they send mercenaries to fight. But that's not going to happen this time around. So I think it's like, you know, they're like a sword hanging over the Saudi coalition. And the Americans can't do much about it because they're focused on Iran, just like they can't do much about Iraq. In Iraq, the resistance is pounding the Americans and their assets day and night, and the Americans can't do much about it because they're focused on Iran. And remember, Yemen and Iraq are big countries. We're not talking about Bahrain or Kuwait or the Emirates or Qatar.

The combined populations of those four countries I mentioned are nowhere near the population of Iraq or Yemen. And within those countries, many people aren't happy. A lot of them are foreigners or indentured servants—they have no rights, nothing. So they're not in a good position. And again, to me, anything Trump does against Iran—he takes an island, he takes two islands, he takes three islands—the price of energy is going to go through the roof. Iran will hit back hard. These groups

and these countries will get more involved. The Iraqi resistance will expand its offensive attacks, and the same will be true for Ansar Allah.

So it's just going to be a quagmire that gets worse, and things will be out of control. They're already out of control. The global economy will collapse, and Americans will have to retreat because when it collapses, you just can't sustain it anymore. You can't keep all those troops there—you don't have the money anymore. It's going to be catastrophic for everyone. It's going to change the lifestyles of every single person, most probably everyone watching your show right now. The good people, the bad people—it's going to hurt them too. Hopefully, it'll hurt them and not others. But when the global economy goes down, who benefits?

## **#Danny**

Yeah, and what's so shocking to see, first of all, is that despite all of this—despite all these miscalculations—the conclusion is, well, let's flirt with it. It's unclear what kind of operation the United States is actually going to engage in, but it's going to be something, and it's going to happen soon. They didn't bring ten thousand or so Marines and paratroopers, et cetera, to the Middle East to sit around. But... it could be tonight. It could be tonight.

And that's what's shocking—I just looked at Axios, you know, this mouthpiece of the U.S. government, the Pentagon, the CIA—and even they're saying, "Hey, let's reality-check all the things about Iran's military." And it turns out none of what the United States has been selling as Kool-Aid about it is true. Iran still has its drones and missiles, and Iran has this massive military. Just a couple of days ago, they were saying, "Come closer, let's do this." And not just us, but all of us are ready to fight. Iraq is ready to fight. You know, the entirety of the resistance is ready to fight.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

So, a number of things in Syria are not as they appear. No, people are not happy with the regime. The money will not flow like before for Al-Qaeda. And the supporters of the resistance—they're not small in number. One other thing that I think is important is that the reason Trump is so isolated among his own allies is because they all know what's going to happen. You speak of Axios, this Zionist mouthpiece and tool of propaganda. It's European leaders who are desperate to be in Trump's good books, but this is just too much for them. They recognize where things are going. Again, it's not as if Iran will defeat the United States, but Iran will pay a heavy price.

But Iran has no option. This is a fight for—this is an existential war. It's a fight for survival. You know, a few days ago, a very good friend of mine, a Brazilian friend, was saying that a very senior figure in leftist politics in Brazil—and this is not just the left, but this particular person is a very important figure in the radical movement, one of the key communists of Cuba—was saying, "We

need this culture. We have to become like the Iranians. We have to get this culture of resistance from the axis of resistance and learn about their ideology and worldview. Maybe we have to change to be more like them.”

So the United States is basically making the axis of resistance a role model for resistance across the world. And again, no matter how you look at this, it's not good. People across the world—who are they going to blame when they lose their jobs? Who are they going to blame when the costs go through the roof in the United States and elsewhere? Trump. And who forced Trump down this road? The Zionists. Netanyahu. The Zionist lobby. So is it going to make them more popular or less popular? It's going to make it worse. They've been going downhill for two and a half years. Major public figures are now turning against them. It's going to get worse and worse and worse. In other words, they're bringing about their own destruction.

## **#Danny**

Yeah, and even Axios' Farid Moradi is reporting that, while they won't verify the one-million number given by Iran's military in recent days, they're saying at least 150,000—from what little they know about Iran, which is very little, of course. But 150,000 is still far more than anything the U.S. can send into Iran.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

Danny, Danny, the Iranians have been preparing for this war for 25 years. They've always said that the Americans—Ayatollah Khamenei, the martyr—has always, you know, basically believed that we have to prepare for an assault by the United States, especially after 9/11. And, you know, now if you look at the history and Tucker Carlson's own documentary, 9/11 and what's happening now, you see 9/11 through a very different lens. But ever since 9/11, Iran has been preparing. These underground missile bases and drone bases that have been operating for a month now are hitting harder today than they were weeks ago. Does anyone in their right mind think that the Iranians haven't prepared the Persian Gulf region, the islands, and other places for an American assault? They're crazy.

## **#Danny**

I mean, they've only been talking about it for weeks now, so it's not as if there hasn't been time to prepare in that period—especially along the coast of Iran, which people don't really recognize. I just want to throw this out there and let you continue, but there isn't air superiority. We know that the fighter jet was an F-15 over the southern province, off the coast. Iran has air defenses.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

And Iran's coast is very, very long.

## **#Danny**

Yes.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

In the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman—and it's rugged, it's mountainous.

## **#Danny**

Suicide.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

But we'll see. I think there's a significant chance something could happen tonight. It's not certain—I'm not privy to anything, obviously—but it's believed that this weekend, because the markets are closed, it may happen. Some think it could happen later next week. But there's a significant chance something may happen tonight.

## **#Danny**

Yeah, I mean, I can't imagine personal morale. If we look at this—my father, he was in the Vietnam War, and he always talked about how low morale was. He was drafted, sent there in '69, moved around the world because they were just bouncing people from base to base, and then finally was in Vietnam for about a year. And he couldn't stop talking about how awful the morale was then.

But I can't imagine what it's like to be in the Marines, or these paratroopers—whoever it is—having to sail thousands of kilometers while you're, I don't know, maybe completely cut off from social media, maybe cut off from the news. But I can't imagine they aren't aware of what's happening to those thousands of troops who were or still are on those bases in the Gulf. They don't know anything about what's happening with Israel. They don't know anything the Iranian military says, because regardless of all these racist tropes and Zionist tropes about Iran, you can't really "racist" and "Zionist" your way out of reality. That's why you have Israeli mayors crying.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

They've probably heard a thing or two about Joe Kent.

## **#Danny**

Yeah, yeah, yeah. I mean, they probably have access to at least the mainstream media, and even the mainstream media is saying these things are destroyed. So that means you're going into that, and Iran has the capabilities. I think there were some sources saying that Iran has the capabilities.

It doesn't matter how many U.S. troops they put on—or any part of Iranian soil. Oh, Professor Morandi—looks like we lost Professor Morandi. Anyway, hopefully he's able to return. I was just going to finish my point that I really hope he's okay, actually, because that was a really concerning, very sudden exit. I'll just message him really quick.

## **#Danny**

But yeah, I'll just wait five to ten more minutes to see if he's able to return. I was just going to say, I can't imagine what it's like to have to go into that, knowing you not only have to face the military that wants to fight you, but also all the various capabilities of Iran. There he is—hey, Professor Morandi! I'm glad it wasn't something catastrophic that made you drop off. Oh, no.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

But this—this connection's going downhill a bit.

## **#Danny**

That's okay. Well, we can conclude here. First of all, I want any final thoughts on this. I was just finishing my point that I can't imagine what it's like—what the morale is like after what happened to the Gerald Ford, and now what's happening in terms of having to face Iranian capabilities with drones, missiles, and the worst thing of all.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

Yeah, yeah, yeah. And the worst thing of all is that it's all being done for another country—well, not a country, a regime—the Israeli regime, you know, an ethno-supremacist regime. You know, the Epstein War—this is the Epstein War. And so they're going to sacrifice their lives for what? I mean, at least in Vietnam they were told this was to save democracy and to save the world from communism, and many of them may have believed it. But what are they doing here? Jack Kent said there's no threat. It's not about saving America; it's about some other genocidal regime they're being told to fight for.

## **#Danny**

Yeah, yeah. Well, Professor Morandi, we can wrap up here. I want to thank everyone who sent super chats and super stickers—thanks so much. Someone asked, actually, why doesn't Iran show drone footage to demonstrate that the U.S. is losing? I think we already have satellite imagery that shows a lot of that. Somebody also asked, "I heard reports that nuclear plants in Iran are leaking. Is that true?" So, if you want to respond to any of these as we close out.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

No, no, there's no leakage. The plant itself hasn't been struck. As for the images, I don't know—perhaps a lot of that is confidential for the time being.

## **#Danny**

Yeah, yeah. And then, you know, someone asked if four E-3 Sentries were simultaneously destroyed. I don't know about simultaneously, but I know that at least one of those was destroyed. I wouldn't be surprised if more information keeps coming in by the minute. But I want to thank everyone who gave.

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

In any case, all is not well in the Epstein camp.

## **#Danny**

No, no, all is definitely not well in the Epstein camp. I mean, we're talking about massive amounts of money just hemorrhaging. And we're also talking about U.S. military capabilities. Forget it—I've been saying this for a while now, Professor Morandi—after Iran, whenever this ends, forget about Russia, forget about China, forget about Iran for a long time. Just forget about it. And that's going to create a certain level of unease for, as you call it, the Epstein regime—the oligarchs, the warmongers.

This is kind of a point of no return, and we're seeing history being made in real time. But Professor Morandi, I know your connection's getting poor, and I know you've got to head out, so let's all head out together. Hit the like button before you go. As Professor Morandi said at the beginning of the program, we boost the show by doing that. Be sure to check the video description and support this channel any way you can—Patreon, Substack, Buy Me a Coffee, and more. Professor Morandi, any final words before we hit the end stream button here?

## **#Mohammad Marandi**

Not really. Thank you very much for inviting me, and I thank your audience for listening. I'm sure everyone is doing their part to bring an end to this and to put pressure on the Epstein forces. Hopefully, we'll see better days after the darkness we're seeing today.

## **#Danny**

Indeed, yes. We'll be following it all the way through. All right, everybody, take care. Hit the like button, and I'll see you again soon. Bye-bye.