

Iran's Retaliation SURGES, Yemen's Missiles POUND Israel

Troops have arrived in the Middle East as the US starts its ground war against Iran in a massive escalation that has Iran's retaliation surging. Yemen's entrance in the war is sparking panic in the US-Israeli establishment and Danny Haiphong covers the latest developments as month 2 of the war begins. FOLLOW ME ON RUMBLE: <https://rumble.com/c/DannyHaiphong> FOLLOW ME ON TELEGRAM: <https://t.me/dannyhaiphong> SUPPORT THE CHANNEL ON PATREON: <https://www.patreon.com/dannyhaiphong> Support the channel in other ways: <https://www.buymeacoffee.com/dannyhaiphong> Substack: chroniclesofhaiphong.substack.com Cashapp: \$Dhaiphong Venmo: @dannyH2020 Paypal: <https://paypal.me/spiritofho> Follow me on Telegram: <https://t.me/dannyhaiphong> #iran #trump #israel #yemen

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Welcome, everyone. Welcome back to the show. It's your host, Danny Haiphong. Hit that like button as you come on to help boost the show. We're going to get right into the latest updates on what has developed over the last 24 hours—up to the minute—in the escalations happening with the Iran war. We can call it one escalation after another. I won't win an Oscar, but that's exactly how we should describe what's been happening here. So, we have to begin with what Iran has done in the last 24 hours—an absolute surge in its retaliation against the U.S. and Israel, and their aggression against the country that began on February 28th. Dropside News is reporting—I don't know, you might remember—the New York Times report that was just released this past week, which said the bases in Iraq...

Thirteen bases in the Middle East have been destroyed—at least 13 of them, not all, but 13 bases confirmed. Kuwait was cited as having suffered the most damage, with U.S. personnel reportedly killed. Now Kuwait is facing an onslaught as we speak. Reports say 10 soldiers have been injured in the latest Iranian strikes. Kuwait's defense minister says 14 ballistic missiles and 12 drones were detected in the past 24 hours alone, injuring 10 military personnel. Overall, 307 missiles and 616 drones have hit Kuwait over the weekend. The attacks on the Gulf continue because, as you may know, Iran has said the Gulf is an active participant.

These Gulf countries are active participants in this war. The Iranian military has announced that two industrial complexes linked to the U.S. military and aerospace industries in both the UAE and Bahrain were targeted overnight. The sites are the EMAL aluminum plant in the UAE and the Alba aluminum plant in Bahrain. They said these strikes came in retaliation for the Israeli and U.S.-coordinated attacks on their infrastructure. As you may know, in the last 48 hours, Israel and the United States have bombed infrastructure in Iran related to its steel plants. They're trying to destroy the Iranian

economy, trying to get Iran to submit. But every time they do this, what happens? Iran strikes back—and strikes back hard—which only shows that Iran has not lost its capabilities.

Quite the contrary. One of the most important sites—one of the most important refineries for the country of Bahrain, which is seeing massive protests right now—has also been hit heavily. In the last 24 hours, the largest oil refinery in the Middle East has been completely destroyed. BAPCO, said to be the foundation of the Bahraini economy, can produce about 400,000 barrels of oil per day, generally around 200,000 to 300,000 on average. But nonetheless, this oil refinery is now up in smoke.

So you might think—and I've had some arguments and conversations with people over the past week about this—you may think, well, this is only going to harm the citizens and residents, those who live in these countries, Bahrain, the UAE, and so on. It probably won't hurt the oligarchs, the U.S. elites, the Israelis, and others directly. Well, nevertheless, regardless of what you think, in retrospect this is actually causing major disruptions to the global economy. These strikes are also sending a deep message to the United States and Israel that nowhere is safe for them, and that every single piece of military infrastructure can be hit. And we're going to get to Israel in a second.

I want to pull this up because CENTCOM, according to our friend Elijah Magnier, the war correspondent, said that a U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor took off in the Middle East during Operation Epic Fury—basically admitting, and we know this quite well now, that the Middle East, the Gulf countries where all these bases are located, is being used as a launching pad for the U.S. military, for the U.S. Air Force, and for Israel to conduct their airstrikes, making it legal under U.N. Resolution 3314. That has to be pointed out, because there's a lot of debate, especially in the mainstream media, claiming these aren't military targets. BAPCO is not a military target.

The aluminum plants. Abbas Araghchi, the foreign minister, said quite outright early in this war that Iran is the one being attacked. So Iran is not only responding with an eye for an eye; it's not limiting its retaliation just to match the impact on Iran. Their retaliation is now stepping up to the point where it's exceeding the overall impact we're seeing in Iran. And I think the facts really bear this out. So it's not just the Gulf countries in particular, but also Iraq. You may know that the Iraqi resistance, in conjunction with Iran, has been absolutely pounding U.S. assets there—especially the Victoria Base, the so-called Victory Base—which is a massive base in Iraq.

They've also been hitting Erbil, which is a major stronghold for the so-called Kurdish opposition to Iran in Iraq. And according to DGTO Politics and their sources, the smoke billowing there is from a possible full withdrawal from the Victoria Base. NATO has already withdrawn from Iraq, and the Iraqi resistance has pushed these forces into a corner. They're now stuck on this base, which is getting pounded every single day of this war. We're now seeing the results of that, where the U.S. may—well, it seems like every single month over the past couple of years—there are talks about the U.S. withdrawing from Iraq.

Well, Iran may achieve that in this war in a short time. But nonetheless, I want to play Al Jazeera's summary. And this is what's so interesting: Al Jazeera's summary of what Iran has done in the Gulf over the last 24 hours, which I think speaks to the reality that even now, a Qatari, very much U.S.-aligned outlet—despite the fact that there are good people who work there, as Professor Mohammad Irani noted on this show—is still very much aligned with the anti-Iranian sentiment that's pervasive in the Western mainstream media. But even they have had to admit that the devastation in the Gulf countries and those surrounding Iran is massive, especially in the last 24 hours. Here we go.

#Aljazeera 1

All this today, after the last 24 hours we talked about—seeing multiple attacks across the GCC. It's been so frequent in recent days that it's safe to say there hasn't been a single country in the GCC that hasn't come under attack from Iran in the last week or so.

#Aljazeera 2

We were mentioning that aluminum plants in Bahrain and the UAE have been hit. How important are these facilities, and how much damage was done?

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What we understand is that this is clearly a threat to the global supply chain of aluminum. About 49% is estimated to come from this region. It's interesting that metalworks are now under attack. We've seen Iran carry out this tit-for-tat strategy, where whatever comes under attack in Iran, they target what they say are U.S.-related interests here in the GCC. We've seen that with energy infrastructure, with civil infrastructure, with oil and gas—and now we're seeing it with metalworks.

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So there you have it. That's the admission. They say it's tit for tat. In truth, it's a massive response by Iran to cripple the entire global economy, but also the economies in this region, which is going to have incredible effects for years and decades after the major—well, I guess we could say—kinetic conflict that's arisen here ceases. And there are questions about whether it will cease fully anytime soon, and we're going to get to that. But I need to move on to Israel because every single day—we're in operations 84, 85, 86 now of Operation True Promise—Iran is hitting not just the Gulf countries, but Israel, especially incredibly hard.

And now they're doing so in conjunction with Hezbollah and ISIS. Yemen has entered this war on the side of Iran, not only to offer support but also to achieve its own objectives, which are coming—and we're going to get to that—to disrupt the global economy at just the right moment. But here's what's going on for Israel, and it's not good. It is not a good situation. Sirens are sounding right now in Haifa and 169 other locations across Israel, which means about 2 million people, according to

Iranian sources, are having to flee to shelters. And here's the map showing the range where Iranian missiles are being detected, flying and launching toward Israel.

Now, the images do not get any better for Israel here. Okay, I'm going to just share this. This is Tel Aviv. Tel Aviv is being hit very hard every single day, every single night. The air defense interceptors are not working. To continue the update on what's happening in Israel, the biggest news—the most breaking news—is this: an Iranian missile strike has hit the Negev area. Again, the Negev area is very close to the Dimona area. And in the Negev, in retaliation for the attacks on not just energy but also now steel, aluminum, and other key Iranian infrastructure, Iran is now attacking the nuclear sites of Israel.

And this is because Israel, with U.S. coordination and support, of course—in the last 24 to 48 hours—has been striking the Bushehr, if I'm saying that right, nuclear site in Iran. And this is how Iran has responded, in a very big way. The targeted facility has been identified as a chemical plant in Ramat Hovav, in southern Israel. Israeli civil defense has established a perimeter and evacuated the surrounding area due to the risk of a possible chemical leak. The incident will take several hours to control, and everyone in the area should stay in a protected location. This is the damage—it's massive. The chemical plant looks like it's completely gone. It's been destroyed by Iranian hypersonic missiles. And that's the big target in the last 24 hours.

And this is going to continue happening. Israel appears to be ready to at least allow itself to be destroyed for as long as it needs to, in order to, in their eyes, decimate the Iranian economy immediately—and Iran's infrastructure as much as possible. And of course, we know that when Israel is targeting infrastructure, they're targeting people, they're targeting civilians, they're targeting children, they're targeting factory workers, like in the steel plants. This is how they're operating in this war, while Iran is responding in a massive way. And possibly—and I think this is actually what Iran is doing—over the course of these last several days and into the coming days and weeks of this conflict, we're going to see Iran destroy Israel's nuclear capabilities and its ability to produce more nuclear weapons, to produce anything with nuclear energy.

And of course, the other chemicals needed for whatever they use in their economy related to nuclear power. And then, eventually, what Iran is saying is, "We could hit your nuclear weapons sites as well and make you either unable to launch them or perhaps hit a reactor—and that's the end." Right? So Iran is sending a very stark message to Israel at this time. They're pounding Tel Aviv every single day. The average missile salvos at this point, overall with drones and missiles, are in the hundreds every single day, divided between the drones and the missiles. Now, I want to talk to you about Yemen, because Yemen has now revved up their ballistic missiles—their hypersonic missiles—to hit Israel as well. And that is exactly what's happening. Here is a report.

On Yemen's second major strike on Israeli targets in solidarity with Iran, the Yemeni armed forces subjected the Israeli regime to their second major strike in support of Iran and the axis of resistance, amid ongoing unprovoked American-Israeli aggression targeting Iran. In a statement on

Saturday, the forces said they fired a barrage of cruise missiles and drones targeting several vital and military sites belonging to the Zionist enemy in occupied Palestine. They said the strikes successfully achieved their objectives and marked the second of its kind, shortly after the servicemen unleashed a barrage of ballistic missiles against sensitive and strategic Israeli targets in the south. So again, the Negev area is in the south. Iran is targeting the south. So too is Yemen.

This is all coordinated, okay? And it's happening with Lebanese, Iraqi, and also Palestinian resistance forces, which are not as active at the moment but are indeed active. Now, I want to share this post because I think it's really important. This is from a source close to Yemen, and what they describe—and I'll show you some of the images down here—okay, I'll just reload this so you can see the images of what it looked like overnight with these coordinated Yemeni, Hezbollah, and Iranian strikes on Israel. I mean, the impact is very dramatic. The interceptors are not able to defend against these kinds of barrages, and everything indicates that the strikes are successful and that they're hitting. Now, there's major censorship, of course, in Israel.

So it's tough to get imagery as extensive as we did even during the 12-day war. But nonetheless, more and more is coming out tonight. According to this source, it seems the most violent and brutal since the start of the war is how Iran, Hezbollah, and Yemen are shelling various areas of Israel in what's being called the "unity of fronts." These clips show a near absence of Israeli air defenses, and their arrival confirms that many defense systems have been taken out of service—especially the THAAD system and others. So that's the reality we're seeing. We're seeing far fewer videos of these missiles now, all from the same sources—Yemen being in the war and joining in with the Iranian salvos to hit Israel.

We're seeing far fewer videos of interceptors going up to try to strike back, to hit these missiles. It's just not happening the same way anymore. And that's causing deep consternation within Israel, because that's all Israel has. Israel has to activate these air defenses, and they just aren't able to right now because they don't have them. So we're in that stage of the war at the moment, everyone. We have to note this because it's going to be critical from here on out—with the entrance of Yemen and with Hezbollah showing off its capabilities every single day. It's a crisis moment for the Israeli regime, as Operation True Promise 4 shows no signs of letting up, regardless of what the United States does. And we're going to get to that in a minute.

Here's what I really wanted to talk about when it comes to Yemen's entrance into the war. Yemen has military capabilities, and they're going to make it difficult for Israel and for the United States to continue their onslaught against the Iranian people and against Iran and the Axis of Resistance. But it won't be the game changer that this is. OK, and this is the game changer: at the same time Yemen entered the war, there were announcements across mainstream media—Bloomberg and outlets in the region—saying that Saudi Arabia's east-west pipeline had reached full capacity of seven million barrels per day. That's about the average Saudi Arabia was pumping before this war started and disrupted the oil markets. But now that Ansar Allah, the Houthis, have entered the war...

The concern is that the Red Sea will become the new front, because this pipeline goes through the Red Sea—it has to ship out of the Red Sea. So, this is the game changer. The game changer is that during the genocide in Gaza, beginning in October 2023, Yemen closed the Red Sea. In November 2023, Yemen closed the Bab al-Mandab Strait. Yemen hit many commercial vessels there, and it closed it—closed it so badly that the missiles Yemen is now firing at Eilat have kept that port shut down. We have to note that Eilat is a very critical Israeli port that's been closed for a long time now. It was closed during that period from November 2023 until the 2025 ceasefire in Gaza. Yemen did this because of the economic shocks caused by its missile strikes. And that's everybody.

The main thing here is that everyone thinks, "OK, it won't get so bad because Saudi Arabia can ship its oil through the Red Sea." Nope—that's not going to happen for a very long time. Yemen is waiting for the exact right moment. This is all part of a carefully coordinated and planned strategy on the Yemeni side, and of course it's now done in coordination with Iran and the resistance as a whole. Eventually, that route will be closed, especially—I think they're waiting for the U.S. to officially launch its ground operations. It's really begun, because they're in the Middle East and gearing up to invade something. But nonetheless, the Yemenis, Ansar Allah, are waiting for the right moment to enter. And that's where we are. You know, we talked about the Israeli regime.

We talked about U.S. assets in the Gulf and how bad the situation is for the United States at the moment. And we've just talked about the last 24 hours and what has occurred—all of these strikes, so numerous, absolutely pummeling Israel and the Gulf. But it's even worse than that, because what's happening now is that Iran's attacks are so deep, and its retaliation is so massive, that the interceptors can't help the U.S. and Israel or their assets in the region. We're now seeing that attacks which occurred a day or two ago are being shown to have done far more damage than what the mainstream media is willing to admit—for example, the E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control aircraft.

We didn't get to see any images coming out from this part of the attack on Prince Sultan Air Base. We were told by the Wall Street Journal that the attack only caused minor damage to this critical aircraft. But now we see the real photos—these are the photos. It's a catastrophe. That aircraft is completely destroyed. There's no coming back, okay? They'll have to build a new one. This is the actual damage that was done, and it was a pinpoint drone strike on the most sensitive part of the aircraft—the tail. And Will Shriver, a great geopolitical analyst, said it was pinpoint precision and exceedingly impressive—exceedingly impressive.

And it's because this aircraft—everyone has to know what it's really for. Yes, it's for radar, and it's known as a kind of logistics aircraft that can give you a base almost in the air for the fighter jets—the F-15s, F-16s, F-35s. But in truth, one of the most important functions of the AWACS, which was actually used against Venezuela, is detecting air defenses. So it's not only about providing logistics or targeting information, but also about detecting air defenses to maneuver around them and ensure they're not hit. Now, these "eyes" for the fighter jets have been damaged significantly.

Not only the radars in places like Jordan and Kuwait, etc., but we're seeing now the aircraft. This aircraft alone—there are only 16 of them—and the price tag is over \$100 million. So, a massive loss for the United States. Sixteen, only sixteen. And we know the THAAD batteries—what was there, only eight of those? Four of them are gone. There are reports that maybe the one sent to Jordan from South Korea is gone as well. We haven't been able to get confirmation of that. But nonetheless, the eyes of the United States have been blinded—the eyes of the U.S. military, of its aircraft, have been blinded to a massive degree.

And what's being revealed more and more, everyone, is that the United States is depleting itself as an empire—really as a military albatross. It's depleting itself to a huge degree in just a month. In one month, the U.S. has burned through 850 Tomahawks. This is from the Washington Post. That's roughly a quarter of its total inventory, and only about 600 Tomahawks are produced per year, which means a year and a half of production is already gone—and we're only in month one. Now we're at a point where there's no guarantee this war is going to end anytime soon, especially now that there are ground forces involved and Iran remains intractable.

It really is. It's being intractable—it's being firm in its position. But this is how bad it is for the United States right now. It's so bad that what we're seeing is the U.S. facing these crises, and Israel facing these crises, and they only have one place to go. They only have one place, and that's escalation. Politico had an article quoting a former national security advisor from the Trump administration who was a holdover into the Biden administration. So, of course, he doesn't have partisan ties to Trump, and he's going to be very critical. And while his analysis was very poor in terms of Iran's position and its capabilities—saying that everyone's losing and that it's unclear how much longer Iran can keep doing all this—

The main point you can take away from this is that there are principal elements within the national security blob in the U.S. that are sounding the alarm, saying there are only two options for the Trump administration at this point. They can escalate and watch the disasters and crises mount to irreparable levels—like a massive global recession and, of course, large numbers of ground troops killed—or they can capitulate to Iran, which has already been shown is not going to happen on the U.S. side. So Iran is expanding and surging in its retaliation.

I didn't even report this over the last two days, but it's happened twice now—explosions or attacks in Dubai on a Ukrainian anti-drone system. There are reports that at least 21 Ukrainians were killed in the strike. So it's going even deeper—deeper than just targets directly in the Gulf states or directly on Israel. Now we're getting into a larger geopolitical calculus, and we're widening this war—the United States and Israel are—so that every single thing becomes a target. And Iran is being pushed and is willing to accept that it now has to irreparably harm the Gulf and irreparably harm Israel, to the point of no return. And that's where we've quickly come to.

We are at the point of no return here. And I just want to show exactly what I mean by that, okay? The United States and Israel have attacked universities, they've attacked water plants—they're

attacking everything in Iran that they can see. There's nothing military about this, nothing strategic about it. This is simply an attempt to impose a kind of Gaza-like situation on Iran. Now, that outcome is actually impossible because Iran was very well prepared for this. Iran has stability and is pumping out oil in the tens of millions—I believe 25 million barrels of oil have been pumped out since this war began, or about 25 million dollars' worth of oil.

I don't know which one it is, but the point is that Iran is pushing oil out—exporting it through the Strait of Hormuz. They've asserted control over that, and they're actually building up a revenue base that could give them the possibility to rebuild after this war is over. So it's not going to be a Gaza situation, where Gaza—Palestine—has no sovereignty, is occupied, and is colonized. No, Iran is a sovereign country. The people are paying the price to defend that sovereignty, and they're going to rebuild after all this is done, even if it comes at a high cost—which it is. And so Israel and the United States are attacking universities.

This is the damage you see. They attacked universities in Isfahan and Tehran—three in total, I think, two with major damage. This is Tehran's Amir Kabir University. Many people are saying this is going to have an impact on Iranians, but not the one the United States and Israel are hoping for. It's not going to make them scared or have them capitulate. Actually, it will teach, especially college-aged people in Iran, that they need to step up and defend their country if they're going to have any kind of future at all. And that's a disaster for the United States and Israel in retrospect. And here is the Iranian response: Iran says it will target two Israeli or U.S. universities in the region in retaliation for Israeli and U.S. strikes on the university in Tehran.

Iran advised evacuations within a one-kilometer radius and gave the U.S. an ultimatum to halt the strikes, to condemn them, and to avoid retaliation against its own institutions. Here's the list of institutions that are now under fire—or will be very soon. The deadline is noon, Iranian time, Tehran time, March 30th. Tomorrow, the IRGC warns academic institutions across the Middle East that they are now targets for retaliation. And just look at how many U.S. universities there are—that's how you know these countries are not sovereign, that they're producing the very spooks and military forces out of these universities. There's no economic development happening here from these universities; they are simply military apparatus.

They're part of the military apparatus. But look at this—Carnegie Mellon, Texas A&M, Northwestern, Weill Cornell, NYU, American University. This is Dubai. You have them in Lebanon, in Iraq, in Kuwait, and in Jordan—just a massive number of universities that are going to come under Iranian missile fire very soon because of the catastrophic escalation that Israel keeps driving this war toward. And this is intentional. Israel is bringing the war to this point because it needs to serve as cover for U.S.-Israeli aggression as a whole. The Zionist entity is really the backbone of U.S. foreign policy, of the U.S. empire in this region, and it's acting as essentially the navigator of the conflict while the U.S. provides the firepower.

And the Trump administration now has no off-ramp, and it's declared that there is no off-ramp here, in large part because Iran's retaliation has cornered the U.S. as well. The U.S. and Israel, of course, wanted this war to be over in three or four days. But now the war is into its second month, and there's no sign that Iran is in any mood to end it anytime soon without getting the guarantees and demands it has laid out to the United States and Israel—especially to the United States. Cease the attacks. Ensure that reparations are paid to Iran. Stop the genocide in Gaza. Stop the genocide in Lebanon. Stop all of the attacks on the fronts in the Middle East, which are preventing the region from developing and from becoming sovereign.

Get your military bases out and ensure there's a joint deal on the Strait of Hormuz that maintains Iran's control over it and keeps trade flowing through it. None of these terms, of course, the U.S. is willing to accept. And what has the U.S. done in response? Well, it's begun the ground operation. This is where we really are. The U.S. is going to continue its limited, war-crime-laced strikes on the Iranian people, but it's now focused on preparing for weeks—according to the Washington Post—of ground operations in Iran. This is the bombshell revelation. These forces landed not too long ago; they landed in Iran, in the region, just about 48 hours ago, according to some sources. The USS Tripoli must have been going at top speed for them to have reached the region so quickly.

It was an incredibly short amount of time—the timeline should have been about three weeks, but they got there in just under two. So they cut a week off by going as fast as they could, showing the urgency of what's about to happen here. President Trump approves plans—such an effort will mark a new phase of the war that could be significantly more dangerous to U.S. troops in the first four weeks. Well, that's definitely the case. The Pentagon is preparing for weeks of ground operations in Iran, U.S. officials said, as thousands of American soldiers and Marines arrive in the Middle East for what could become a dangerous new phase of the war should Donald Trump choose to escalate. And—scratch that. OK, scratch that. He's not approving anything. This is already approved.

This is already happening. If they're there, they're not there for no reason. They're not there to, uh, go hide in the hotels like the rest of the U.S. personnel are right now. They're not there to do that—they're there to conduct an operation. It's already beginning. Any potential ground operation falls short of a full-scale invasion, it's being said, and could instead involve raids by a mix of special ops forces and conventional infantry troops, said the officials, who all spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss highly sensitive military plans that have been in development for weeks. Such a mission could expose U.S. personnel to an array of threats, including Iranian drones and missiles, ground fire, and improvised explosives—aka mines.

It was unclear Saturday whether Trump would approve all or some of the Pentagon's plans. The Trump administration in recent days has been vacillating between declaring that the war is winding down and threatening to escalate it. While he has signaled a desire to negotiate and end the conflict, Carolyn Levitt, the White House press secretary, said that if Tehran does not end its nuclear ambitions and cease its threats to the U.S. and its allies, Trump is prepared to unleash hell. So...

here's the most important thing I want to get to, okay? What these people are actually saying about these possible attacks right now.

This is really important. What they're saying here—these anonymous officials close to the deliberations and discussions with the administration over the past month—is that they're talking about Kharg Island and raids into the coastal areas of the Strait of Hormuz. One person said the objectives under consideration would probably take weeks, not months, to complete. But others said the potential timeline is a couple of months. So this is where we're at—a couple of months. It could last months. And we've heard this before; we actually heard this during the Vietnam War.

This is exactly how U.S. officials were talking during the Vietnam War. And we're going to get to that in a minute. But I want to put up a letter—a very, I think, chilling letter—from Lieutenant General Leonard Anderson IV, commander of the Marine Forces Reserve, who instructs Marine service members to review their readiness and operations linked to Iran. It warned that a large-scale mobilization could become reality and that readiness would be assumed, not questioned. And here is that letter in full: "Our nation is in a consequential moment. Global events are shaping national security, and we must be ready. I ask you directly: Are you ready to deploy, fight, and win? Are your skills sharp? Are your standards high? Is your gear prepared for immediate movement?"

Is your desert MARPAT readily available? Is your gear packed and ready to pick up and move, or stored away in a corner of your home? Are your family affairs in order when the call comes? Readiness will be assumed, not questioned. Your readiness is not a declaration; it's a daily commitment. I mean, mind you, this letter sounds like it was written by AI, okay? But this is not a theoretical exercise. Our forces are currently engaged in operations in Iran and are positioned to preserve stability in the Western Hemisphere. Our enemies get a vote, and a mass mobilization could become a reality. We are operating in this environment now. History demands our readiness—tomorrow, today, every day. Your preparation for combat is forged in your daily actions, your training, and the seriousness with which you handle your responsibilities.

We are measured not by our intentions, but by what we can do right now. Check your readiness, tighten your standards, prepare your family. Our nation expects disciplined, capable forces ready for immediate action. That force is the Marine Forces Reserve. That standard begins with you and must be upheld by you. The fight is on in Penn—so he signed it. But the fight is on. This is happening. They're going to use these forces to conduct operations in Iran. This is what they're admitting to. And now, mind you, this same kind of rhetoric, the same kind of buildup, was happening during the Vietnam War, when the U.S. was preparing its own full invasion there—just two weeks to secure the Da Nang Air Base.

The U.S. Marine Force will not, I repeat, engage in day-to-day actions against the Viet Cong. And then what ended up happening was the U.S. fully invaded after those so-called first weeks—fully invaded Vietnam with, you know, hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops that eventually became fodder for the Vietnamese. And this is where the Iran war is heading. The Iran war is heading in the

exact same direction. It's moving toward a catastrophic place where a full-on, full-scale invasion is now on the table. And that, I think, if it does occur, will cause a catastrophe far sooner than what happened during Vietnam. During the Vietnam War, there was war fever. There was anti-communism.

There was the Soviet Union and China as these big threats to the U.S.'s so-called way of life. All of this was happening at that time, and it made Vietnam a far easier war to justify. But it wasn't actually so easy because—so essentially what the U.S. government had to do was prime its population for an invasion they believed would be very quick, since they thought they had military superiority over the Vietnamese forces. They didn't learn the lessons of Korea, when they engaged in carpet bombing, destroyed all the infrastructure, but still had to hightail their way out of there in a so-called truce and armistice—a so-called truce and pause, rather than a real peace deal.

The U.S. had to retreat to the south and stay only in the southern part of Korea because they couldn't win. And that's the situation we're going to get into now—except this time, there's going to be no dividing Iran like what happened in Korea. It's going to be more like Vietnam, in the sense that there will be no way to divide the Iranian people from the state and the military. What's going to happen is that U.S. troops, Marines, are going to come under fire. There are going to be casualties. And there are some who are indicating, even intimating, that this might actually be part of the plan—that U.S. troops, the Marines who are there now, will be used in limited operations, and their casualties, when they begin to mount, will serve a purpose.

They're going to be used as cannon fodder to justify an even larger escalation. And the mainstream media is now going back and forth about Donald Trump's posture. Some are saying he actually wants an off-ramp, like what we read in The Washington Post. Others are saying, don't confuse this with Donald Trump really wanting an off-ramp—that he's very much committed to seeing this through to the finish. Which, if that's the case, means this war could go on for a very long time, because no U.S. or Israeli objective can be achieved in the short term. In fact, none of these objectives may be achievable at all.

If we're looking at the reality of the situation as of today, more than a month in, there is no possibility of regime change. There's no possibility of degrading Iran's military to the point where it can't strike back. Iran is promising that one million troops will confront U.S. forces wherever they land, wherever they decide to invade Iranian territory. And of course, they've promised—and this is the big one—to absolutely devastate any country in the region that acts as a launching pad for these ground assaults. That means the UAE, or any country bordering the Strait of Hormuz and the Arabian Sea, used as a launching pad for U.S. troops.

They're going to be devastated—completely destroyed. We have massive numbers of people right now trying to leave the Gulf. They're trying to leave as we speak because they're afraid of what's going to happen. They've seen what happened to their aluminum plants, which are a major part of their economy. Now there's the threat of a U.S. ground operation, and that could lead to the UAE

coming under heavy fire because of its complicity. Iran has already reported that the UAE has been sheltering U.S. forces who are hiding away from their bases, and that Iran has already targeted them.

We haven't had any confirmation from CENTCOM. They're saying it's a lie. We haven't seen any real images or gotten a full breakdown of exactly how many have been killed. Iran is saying up to 500 just in the last week or two have been killed because of these strikes on personnel hiding in civilian areas in countries like the UAE and Bahrain. Now, the Gulf states are getting—if you really recognize where we're at, and why I say this escalation is still very much embryonic—you can see it through the mouthpieces of the United States. The U.S. will give you several different answers about what they want to do.

They want to escalate one day, and then they want to find a way out the next. You heard Marco Rubio say, "We don't need ground troops; we're going to achieve our objectives. We have about two to three weeks left." That's what they say. Meanwhile, others are like, "Well, we're going to finish this to the end. Donald Trump is going to finish it to the end." The Gulf states are actually acting as a mouthpiece for the U.S. military—for the U.S. neocons, etc.—and they're essentially committing suicide. They're saying the U.S. must not just end the war; ending the war won't be enough. Iran's military has to be completely degraded. They're supposedly telling the United States, according to Reuters, that Iran must never be allowed to weaponize global energy supplies ever again.

A ceasefire alone is not enough. They're telling Washington in private meetings that they have no diplomatic off-ramp with these countries. So the Gulf countries are committing suicide, right? They're telling Reuters that they're willing to act as the locations—the sites—for their own destruction. They're willing to be the vessels of their own destruction in order to achieve U.S. objectives. But don't take that as some kind of indication that they're asserting themselves in this war. This is actually the U.S. telling them they've got to do what they're told, and they even have to look like they want all of this destruction, right?

Because when it's all said and done, the leaders of these countries are going to be the ones blamed by their people. And the U.S. does not want any blame. I mean, this is how Donald Trump operates—but this isn't new. This is how the Trump administration operates. It's operating as a reflection of all prior administrations. The entire U.S. imperial way of war is dependent on distance from itself and from the warmongering. This is because war has become exceedingly unpopular, and Americans—people in the United States—have a very low threshold for what they can actually handle when it comes to losses. For many reasons: one, American exceptionalism; and two, the fact that these wars have nothing really to do with them—they don't meet their interests.

Three, there are millions of families in the United States, over the last two decades alone, that have been affected either directly or indirectly—economically, or maybe they lost people close to them due to the thousands of troops killed in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. So all of this together means there's no appetite. The polls show it. There's no appetite for a ground war. There's no "rah,

rah, rah, go, go, go, USA, let's destroy Iran." The only people who are for that are the very loyal forces to Donald Trump. Everyone else is either on the fence, doesn't care, or doesn't want this at all.

And it's sinking and pushing Donald Trump's approval ratings into the low 40s, if not the 30s. And this war is in a very similar place in terms of polls. So it's a very bad situation for the United States right now. There's no possible way to justify this anymore. All we have now are the escalations that are going to continue, and the suicidal tendencies of the Gulf and of Israel to keep this going. They're going to try to keep it going, to bludgeon Iran again into capitulating, into ending the war—into getting to some kind of, well, what they really want is just some kind of ceasefire, like what happened during the June war.

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That's what they want.

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They want Iran to say, "Okay, okay, let's all lick our chops and stop fighting because, you know, we met our objectives, right?" The U.S. will put up the victory sign—Donald Trump saying, "We won. We hit everything we wanted. We destroyed their military." Then Iran comes to them and says they want to stop, and Iran stops. And then they prepare for the next time. Because that's what this is about—it's about the next time. It's about the next time. They've already—well, they haven't made peace with it, but they've certainly realized and recognized that the objective of destroying the Iranian government, its social system, its economic system, and, of course, getting the people to accept subservience and bow down to U.S. diktats and Israeli diktats, has failed.

That it was a miscalculation—that Greater Israel is not where it thinks it is. That project is completely in shambles right now, especially with the entrance of Hezbollah and the Iraqi resistance. These forces are far too powerful and far too motivated to even think about continuing that project in the same way. And what is Israel saying? Israel is saying that their military—the chief of staff is saying their military—is on the verge of collapse. They need a massive draft. They need to go to the ultra-Orthodox and say, "Come into the fighting." And the ultra-Orthodox are saying, "No, we don't believe in that. We're not going to fight any kind of war. We're not going to join any kind of military, especially this one." Israel is saying that their military is on the verge of collapse.

If this goes on another month or two, they can't fight back against Hezbollah. Hezbollah has destroyed over a hundred tanks in the last thirty days alone, since the beginning of March. It's a disaster. That's six hundred million dollars' worth of tanks gone from Israel. Not to mention, we already have reports of Israel's economy hemorrhaging because of the same problem that happened during the twelve-day war. The reservists are people who work. The colony needs people who can

work, who can exploit the stolen resources of the Palestinian people. They don't have that anymore. The reservists are either getting their butts kicked by Hezbollah, or they're the targets of Iranian ballistic missiles hitting various military facilities across Israel.

And not only this, but of course, we have the ongoing disaster that's unfolding in the Red Sea and the Strait of Hormuz, which is driving up Brent crude oil prices. They've already gone up. In California, there are reports of \$9 a gallon in some gas stations in L.A. Those prices are only going to explode. And the real damage, too, is the price of oil in places like Oman, the UAE, and Saudi Arabia—for as long as they can keep pumping oil. The price has just skyrocketed, which means there are going to be heavy costs on the entire global economy—on production, on fertilizers, on metals, on everything that's produced, including technologies. Prices are going up everywhere. Four percent inflation is estimated for the U.S. very soon if this goes on another couple of weeks.

The economic costs, as has been said, might be the only thing that can really end this war, but I wouldn't be so sure. I've said for quite a long time that the economic foundations of U.S. imperialism are already in tatters. They're already highly financialized, already kind of in a permanent crisis because they keep pushing people to the bottom. They keep taking everything they can from everyone who isn't in the Epstein class—the elites, the richest of the rich, the eight people in the world who hold nearly half of the world's wealth. These people, with their corporations, monopolies, and banks, have already said they're okay with a kind of permanent general crisis. What really matters to them is how fast they can cement their overall hegemony over the planet and destroy any alternative to their rule.

And that's why you have Iran right now. And that's why, despite the economic panic, you don't really have many voices—outside of some fringe at Goldman Sachs and a few analysts in the liberal corporate media—talking about how disastrous this is for the oil markets. Other than that, it's not a very loud cacophony. You don't have a letter saying, "Hey, please stop this," from the major capitalist entities and individuals, the major monopolists. You don't have that—"Hey, stop this." They're not exerting their influence over Washington. They control Washington, mind you. And that's not just Zionists; we're talking about the most powerful corporate monopolies, who, of course, are heavily Zionist in their ownership structure. They control Washington. They could easily press Donald Trump and say, "Hey, do you want to live?"

Do you want to be president? Do any of these politicians want to be? We could just replace all of them. But they're not doing that because they're, in large part, aligned with the objective of destroying Iran and making sure the rise of China and Russia is hampered. So they're going to keep going—this is just the beginning for them. Even if it means sacrificing major, as they say, short-term pain for long-term gain—well, really, short-, medium-, and long-term pain for the system as a whole. It's a race for them: which one can they beat? It's like gambling—can they beat the destruction of their own system? Can they prevent that before the fall of Iran? If they can get the fall of Iran before they collapse, then they're very happy, and they're willing to take that gamble, as we've seen here.

They've gambled on that, and that's where we are at this moment. That's why I always say, yes, it's not in the U.S.'s interest. A lot of people who watch this program say, "No, this is in Israel's interest." Yes, that's true—Israel has primary interests here, to be a regional hegemon. They want a greater Israel. They want Iran gone because it's the strongest, most powerful force supporting the resistance all over the region. Yes, that's true. They're the primary vessel through which this war is being waged. But it's not just Israel—it's the Zionist forces, the U.S. forces, the Americans, the Westerners, the elites who see an interest for themselves, not for the U.S. This has nothing to do with the overall U.S. economy or U.S. society. No, they never cared about that in the first place.

They've never cared about that in the first place. They've only ever cared about their profits, their hegemony, what they can get out of this. That's why I've been saying here on this channel that this was going to happen at some point in the very near future—that every single war the U.S. and Israel have been waging is about making sure they can topple the so-called regimes that stand in the way of their hegemony. And of course, that means in the way of the dollar's hegemony, the financial hegemony of the overall monopolist, capitalist oligarchy that seeks to take everything for themselves, turn it into a profit motive, and enrich themselves. It's not just a simple, evil, conniving, immoral thing. No—this is their goal.

This is their goal—to make themselves as rich as possible, to reinforce the system that does that, and, of course, to lay waste to anything that gets in the way of it. And this is how it has been since the rise of the Western colonial and capitalist model of development over the last several centuries. It falls in line with all the prior wars, coups, invasions, colonization, and occupations. What Iran has experienced is part of that. It's part of that overall trajectory, and it's part of the acknowledgment that the world is very different now. Iran is a powerful actor, and it falls within a model and a movement that's very strong right now—led especially by China and Russia. These countries have built an overall political and economic system that can withstand the hits that have ultimately been laid upon them.

So this is where we are. This is where we are in the war. These daily developments keep coming for all of us. It's a rapidly changing situation. Soon there will be special forces coming on the ground—Marines on the ground. And yeah, you better believe it will be limited in the sense that they cannot handle a mass casualty event. So they're going to test the waters. We're going to see reports in the next days and weeks of these operations occurring, and Iran is going to respond very hard to them. We're going to see more American casualties. They're willing to sacrifice this.

They're trying to prime the Marines themselves, as that letter showed by the lieutenant general there. They're trying to prepare the forces they've sent to be ready to die. And, um, you better believe these forces know what's happened in the Gulf, what's happened at the bases in the region, what's happened to the USS Gerald Ford, right? We were all here joking about how they had plumbing problems, with sewage coming up and destroying their capacity and their morale to fight. It was a horrible time—waiting in lines for hours just to use the bathroom.

Well, now that it's stationed in Crete, we're being told by Donald Trump himself that Iran targeted that thing at least 17 times, and it's likely the reason the fire happened on the boat—on the aircraft carrier—that made it inoperable for maybe 12, 14 months, maybe even two years before it comes back into operation. So, Iran—you better believe these U.S. forces know that Iran has capabilities, that they've seen the warnings, that they've heard about them from Iran. They've seen the baiting—“Hey, come here, come closer.” This is not a good situation.

This is not Iraq in 2003. This is not Afghanistan in 2001. This isn't even Iraq in the 1990s, which did fight back to a certain degree but didn't have the capabilities to push the U.S. back fully. So, in conclusion, this is the latest update. We've had massive hits in the Gulf. Kuwait is now under fire again. The Saudi base, Prince Sultan Air Base, was massively damaged. It's now being shown that the E-3 AWACS aircraft that were hit, and the KC-135 tankers that were hit there, are destroyed. We're seeing, of course, the UAE come under fire, with massive numbers of people trying to leave Dubai. That economic model is gone.

The bases in that region are continuously getting hit. And now Iran, of course, is hitting BAPCO in Bahrain. They're hitting everywhere they can. Um, and they're going to continue to do this. Universities are next. So we could see that in the coming 24 hours or shortly thereafter—U.S. universities being hit after Iran's universities were hit. And of course, Israel is going to continue to get the brunt of the attacks from the entire axis of resistance, because the entirety of that axis is activated right now. They're going to keep pounding U.S. forces in Iraq, and they're going to keep pounding Tel Aviv.

They continue to pound central Israel—Be'er Sheva, the Negev area. That's going to keep getting hit until there really isn't any Israeli infrastructure left, until the Israeli economy is crippled, and until Israel cries for mercy. Up until this point, they've been willing to take more damage than even during the 12-day war. That is, I guess, the success of the Zionist colonial model. Without further ado, everyone, that's really where we're at. The massive global implications will continue to unfold economically. The world is changing. Iran is really showing that the multipolar world has real force behind it. This was something that was in doubt for a long time, even for people who watch this show.

But now we're seeing that with the Strait of Hormuz under its control, there's no real possibility of reopening it. It's a ridiculous assertion. It was never closed to begin with until the U.S. and Israel invaded. Now they want to “reopen” it, when Iran has a huge plan—they're going to push through a lot of tolls and all, in order to keep it controlled. And Iran has the military capabilities to close it if the U.S. tries to reassert some kind of dominance over it, which it never really had in the first place, as we've seen. So this is where we're at. The massive economic and geopolitical implications will continue to unfold. Everyone, hit the like button before you go.

I want to thank everyone who gave a membership, who gave a super chat—these are very generous super chats. Thank you so much. Uh, thanks for saying this is the best reporting, Ray. Thanks to I

Am Valentine—thank you for being a regular viewer here. Thank you so much to all the new members; we're getting a lot of new members here. Hundreds of people have come on to support this channel, and I really do appreciate it. Thank you, Wallys, for that. Thank you so much. I'm just pulling all of you up—it was a very generous day from you guys. There are some weird glitches going on with the views here. It seemed like for a long time they were saying no one was viewing this show. Very weird stuff that's going on.

I just want to remind you to hit the like button before you go—that really helps boost the show. Check the video description too; you can sign up for Patreon, Substack, or Buy Me a Coffee. All of those help in case this channel gets punished for its reporting, which is possible. So do that if you can, if you have the financial capacity to do so. It helps keep the show going, even if I'm off this platform. But without further ado, everyone, hit the like button before you go. And you know that I'll be back tomorrow—that'll be announced soon. I think it's 3 p.m. Eastern time with Larry Johnson for another military, political, geopolitical update on this war. All right, bye-bye.