

Paul Craig Roberts: Iran EXPOSED Israel's Air Defense

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Hi, everybody. Today's Monday, March 30th, 2026, and our dear friend Paul Craig Roberts is here with us. Welcome back, Paul.

#Paul

Thank you, Nima.

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Let me start, Paul, with Donald Trump's scenario. Every Monday he's talking about negotiations happening behind the scenes, trying to manipulate the market. It seems that this time around, the trick isn't working anymore. And here's what Caroline Levitt—the White House press secretary—said to the press about what's going on behind the scenes. Is Donald Trump really telling the truth about what's happening, or is it something different from what he's trying to make it seem? Here's what Caroline said.

#Speaker 03

These conflicting messages between the United States and Iran—I know the president insists that negotiations are underway. As you just mentioned, he's also said that Iran has agreed to most of the fifteen points. But we just heard from Iran again; they're saying no negotiations are taking place. They're calling the proposal sensitive and unrealistic. So how do you square that? How do you explain that discrepancy between the two?

#Speaker 04

I think the American people are smart enough not to take the word of a terrorist regime that's been chanting "Death to America" for forty-seven years. And I hope the journalists in this room are wise enough not to trust an Iranian regime that has repeatedly lied about our country, our values, and everyone in this room, frankly, for nearly five decades. So I think the American public is smart enough to understand that.

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Paul, who's lying? The Iranians are talking about it—there's nothing, no negotiations, no talks, nothing happening behind the scenes. Even through the Pakistani government, nothing is going on. But Donald Trump is saying everything is going amazingly, that they're accepting, that we're doing great in these negotiations. What's your take? What do you make of it?

#Paul

Well, he also says that we've destroyed Iran and we've won the war. You know, if you're asking why Trump says that the negotiations are going well or that Iran has accepted, I don't know, because it doesn't make any sense. It's clear the Iranians are not negotiating. Their position has been made completely clear. So it looks to me like Trump is just setting himself up as somebody who can't be believed. And I don't see how that serves the president or the United States. I think he should stop saying things that aren't so, because then people won't believe him when he says things that are.

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Yeah. Do you see any sort of plan on his part? Because they're talking about a ground invasion—basically, you know, where we were before this war happened in Poland. It was all about the nuclear program, the missile, the ballistic missile program. Right now, the main objective is to open up the Strait of Hormuz, which was open before this war happened. And let me play for you what Scott Besant said about the market.

#Speaker 05

It's well supplied, and we're seeing more and more ships go through on a daily basis as individual countries cut deals with the Iranian regime for the time being. But over time, the U.S. is going to retake control of the straits, and there will be freedom of navigation—whether that's through U.S. escorts or a multinational escort.

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Because you talk about Donald Trump and the way he's trying to picture what's going on—you look at Scott Besant, and nobody seems to talk about the reality of what's actually happening. What does it even mean to "retake" it?

#Paul

Well, the United States never had it. Apparently, the Secretary of the Treasury thinks the Strait of Hormuz was something we controlled, and that somehow it slipped out of our hands into Iran's, and now we have to retake it. I don't think that means anything. We've seen that the United States doesn't have enough confidence to put its navy anywhere close to the strait. So how is he going to retake it? It's just more talk. Netanyahu has got the United States and Trump in a very bad situation.

We're in a very serious situation. It doesn't look like we can win the war unless we use nuclear weapons. And if we can't win the war, then how do we get out of it?

#Paul

It's not clear. I think Trump, when he announces, we almost have an agreement that he's hoping the Iranians will see that as a way to let him save face in order to end the conflict. But the Iranians haven't shown any inclination—rightly so. Because if this conflict ends before Iran wins, it'll start up again as soon as the United States and Israel accumulate enough missiles. So I think the Iranians have made the decision that this has to be settled in some final way. My own view is that the only way it can be finally settled is for Iran to destroy Israel, because as long as the Israelis have the agenda of Greater Israel, the conflict cannot end. Now, the Iranians appear to be trying to avoid having to destroy Israel by setting down conditions that make Israel impotent, and by getting guarantees from other powers so that Israel ceases and desists from all of its aggression throughout the Middle East.

I don't think that's realistic on the part of the Iranians. Israel will say whatever serves its purpose, and so will Trump. So the Iranians have no basis on which to trust anything the Israeli government or the American government says. They basically have to destroy Israel and all the American bases. And if the Persian Gulf oil sheikdoms continue to be bases for the Israeli-American attack on Iran, then Iran has to destroy those states as well. This is not a war that can be settled by some sort of agreement; it can only be settled militarily. It has to be settled the way the Romans settled things. And if the Iranians aren't up to this, or if it's too much aggression for them, then this will just keep being perpetrated—it'll go on forever. I don't see any reason for the Iranians to tolerate that.

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Paul, what's happened so far to Israel is that Iran has significantly reduced Israel's ability to defend itself, especially in terms of radar. The most important radars in Israel were hit by Iranian missiles and drones. That's why you're seeing so many casualties in Lebanon. They're destroying—well, in a single day they destroyed twenty Merkava tanks, Israeli tanks. And they're taking casualties. You know, the head of the IDF said the army's on the verge of collapse. There are a lot of signs that Israel, even with the invasion of Iran in the southern part of the Strait of Hormuz, is saying they're not going to be part of this operation—it's going to be just the Americans doing it.

You see the fragility coming from within—what's happening to Israel as an army, as this army that had this dream of a greater Israel in that region. But Paul, when it comes to West Asia, it seems that after all those radars in the Persian Gulf, in the Arab states, were destroyed, the Israelis are thinking they can have—because today they were talking about how the United States is going to build a new base in Israel to defend it—basically putting in all those radars that were supposed to be in the

Persian Gulf, in those Arab states, and moving them to Israel to defend it. Here's what Donald Trump said in his latest cabinet meeting when he was asked if the United States is going to leave West Asia, the Persian Gulf, and the Arab states. Here's how he responded.

#Speaker 06

There are some reports that Gulf allies are concerned about ending the war too soon, potentially leaving Iran in a stronger position.

#Speaker 07

Well, they'd probably like us to stay. But if we don't stay—look, the beautiful thing about airplanes that go 2,000 miles an hour is you can get back there very quickly. If we don't stay, we're still going to be protecting them. We know they've been very good—hey, Qatar, Saudi Arabia in particular.

#Nima

It seems the whole plan is to build a new base in Israel to defend it. Because the way the war is going, as time goes by, Israel is going to be devastated. It's not only Iran—you see Iran, Hezbollah, and the combination of both forces putting a lot of pressure on Israel.

#Paul

Of course they are. And if the United States builds a large radar facility in Israel, that will be destroyed too. Iranian missiles will destroy the radar stations wherever they are—it doesn't really matter. They'll be destroyed. In fact, they probably won't even be able to build them, because they'll be hit during construction. It really depends on whether the Iranians have the killer instinct. They'll have to destroy Israel if Iran wants to survive. There's no other way the Iranian nation can exist, unless the Israeli people reject the Zionist agenda. Now, there's a sort of new development in Israel, within the population.

In the past, the Zionist agenda of Greater Israel didn't really mean all that much to them. It may have been associated with dealing with Palestinian terrorists—"we have to deal with the Palestinians." But now there are Israelis who understand that the missiles falling in Tel Aviv and in some of the settlement areas in the West Bank, which they've taken from the Palestinians, are destroying homes and killing people. This is the consequence of Greater Israel. So it's not impossible—I don't know how probable—but the Israeli people may grow tired of this punishment and realize it's all the result of this Zionist dream that Israel should stretch from the Nile to Pakistan.

I think probably, to most Israelis, it doesn't make a whole lot of sense. Zionism used to be a small percentage of the population, and it may still be, in terms of fervent commitment. I think Israelis have tended to accept it because they haven't seen any cost to them from having it. If anything,

they were finally dealing with the Palestinian terrorists and the minimal kinds of threats the Palestinians represented to Israelis caught in the open or something. But this development, Nima, could cause a change in the government inside Israel that sort of deep-sixes the Zionist agenda. It won't happen if Iran slacks off or eases up—it will happen only in response to extreme punishment.

It has to be enough punishment for the Israeli people to realize that this is something the Zionists have caused to happen to Israel, and that Israel doesn't need to exist from the Nile to Pakistan. It's never had anywhere near the population to occupy or control such a huge area. So it's really one of those agendas that doesn't make any sense. You know, eight, nine, ten million Israelis—they can't occupy what's now called West Asia. And as always, when they confront Hezbollah, they take a licking. The fact that Hezbollah has already destroyed, I think, twenty-five of their tanks—this is not unusual.

The two previous attempts by the Israelis to occupy southern Lebanon were failures. Hezbollah drove them out and destroyed their tanks. In one case, the Israelis ran and left their tanks and artillery behind. The Israeli army is not—it's not really an army. It's good for terrorizing unarmed populations; that's its real function. I mean, who does Israel fight? They fight women and children, and they bomb civilians from the air. You can't fight Iranians that way. And there's been a big change in the nature of warfare as a result of the conflict in Ukraine. Tanks and artillery are outmoded—now it's drones and missiles.

#Paul

So that's a big change. What it means is that in the past, militias like Hezbollah were lightly armed. They didn't have tanks or air forces or much artillery. So the way they had to fight Israel was quite different. But now, with drones and missiles, tanks and artillery are at a disadvantage. To sum up, as I understand the situation, Israel is trying to call up 15,000 reservists—but these are people who have businesses. If they leave their businesses, those businesses fail. And they're not soldiers; they're shopkeepers.

#Speaker 05

Hezbollah is a tough bunch—tough like the Taliban.

#Paul

And it appears the Iranians are a tough bunch. The Israeli army is not of that quality, and neither is the American army. I mean, we proved it—twenty years in Afghanistan and we couldn't prevail over a few thousand lightly armed Taliban, no matter how many airplanes, bombs, and tanks we had. So I think if the Iranians stick this out, they'll break Israel. And I think the midterm elections are going

to break Trump. His replacement, having witnessed that, is not going to be very eager to get involved in continuing the conflict with Iran. And if the United States distances itself from the conflict, it's hard for Trump to do that now.

I mean, he can pretend that we won and go home, like they did in Afghanistan. But Trump is likely to be powerless after the November midterm elections, because I don't think the Republicans will be able to hold on to the House or the Senate. So Iran really only has to fight through this year. If they can hold themselves together and not get all liberal, wishy-washy—"we want to have a peace deal"—they can settle this once and for all. It's a chance they should take. And I think there's a constraint on Israel and the United States using nuclear weapons, because the Iranians have proven they can hit Dimona.

And my understanding is they hit an operating nuclear facility. It's sort of like nuking Israel, because the radiation and the explosion are nothing the Israelis would want to happen. And I don't think the Iranians would do it unless Israel or the U.S. used nuclear weapons against Iran. So I think the Iranians can stay the course. And Trump will be gone, and Netanyahu may be gone—you know, he's under indictment—and calling up businessmen to go fight in Lebanon. It's not clear how these businessmen see fighting in Lebanon as being in Israel's interest. Why is it in Israel's interest?

It's just like Americans—or some of them—are now beginning to wonder: why are we fighting for Israel in Iran? Why are we doing this? Why are we driving up the price of gasoline and energy in general, and therefore all prices? Why are we doing this? What are we getting out of it? It's not clear we get anything out of this. And I think the same thing is happening to some Israelis. With Netanyahu already under indictment—you know, the investigation of him went on for years—I mean, somebody recently released videos, unless they're AI; they may be AI, of his interrogation by the police. Somehow they leaked out, and they seem completely real.

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They're real. They're real. Tucker Carlson reported on them.

#Paul

Yeah, okay, well, he's in trouble—Netanyahu's in trouble—and I think the Israelis have some kind of election this September or sometime later this year. You know, Netanyahu's party is a minority party, only about 30%. It wouldn't take too much change. He's got to find new coalition partners. He could go by the wayside. I think Trump has already destroyed himself and his movement—or he let Netanyahu use him and thereby destroy him. Trump and his movement. You know, who likes Trump? Netanyahu. Nobody else.

#Paul

So I think it really depends—if the Iranians hold a hard, tough course, they'll come out the victor, either by destroying Israel militarily or by the Israeli people saying, "We don't want anything to do with this Greater Israel agenda that the Zionists have imposed on us." It's not just being imposed on the Arabs; it's imposed on the Israelis. And now they're seeing the consequences—they're experiencing them. Some people are saying it's up to Iran whether or not Tel Aviv ends up looking like Gaza. Well, if that's true—I don't know—but if that's true, it's nothing the Israeli public is going to be happy about. Yeah.

They've got to realize that after all these years of listening to "the terrorists, the terrorists," they hardly ever suffered. And now that they're actually doing something about the terrorists, they really are suffering. So I wouldn't discount some reaction from the Israeli public. We're already seeing it in the United States. I mean, who knows about polls, but the ones being reported show hardly anyone supports Trump's war with Iran. There's just no public support, and that'll show up in the November election. As for sending troops into Iran—it's laughable. The Israelis can't even call up 15,000 reservists. And Trump has sent, what, at most 15,000 Marines?

#Nima

Yeah, it seems the number is something like over 50,000 right now.

#Paul

Yeah, well, I saw that Iran already has a million men, and they just called up another million.

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That's why I think, for this guy, it's total suicide if they do that.

#Paul

They'll be slaughtered. Why?

#Nima

Why? Why? Why do you need to do that? What's happening?

#Paul

Well, the only reason I can see that Trump might do it is that they'd be slaughtered, and then he'd be able to get the Americans mad and use nukes. I don't think they'll attempt an invasion. I'm just thinking back to the invasion of Iraq. I think it was an American army of about 200,000. And of course, Iraq is nowhere near the size of Iran, and the Iraqi forces weren't motivated the way the Iranian Revolutionary Guards are. The Iraqis' motivation was weak compared to what Iran is

showing. So 50,000 troops would just be destroyed—disappear. You can't do much with 50,000 troops.

#Nima

It's nothing. It's nothing when it comes to an invasion. Yeah.

#Paul

And in fact, you know, the troops that we had there, as I understand it, Nima, have been moved out of the bases because the bases are indefensible, and they're staying in hotels inside the cities—inside the oil sheikhdoms and the civilian areas. And the Iranians are hunting them down. In that way, it'll bring the war home to America. You know, if a hotel full of American soldiers takes heavy casualties, this will have a tremendous effect here—a bad effect for Trump. I don't see any easy way out for Trump or Netanyahu. The only way they can get out is if Iran lets them out. So we'll see whether the Iranians understand that as long as Greater Israel is on its agenda, they're slated for destruction. And why, when you have an advantage, would you perpetuate a situation where sooner or later the Israelis intend your destruction? So it really comes down to the judgment of the Iranians.

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Paul, since you compared the war in Iraq to the current war against Iran, here's Erik Prince. He's a former U.S. Marine and the founder of Blackwater, a military contractor. Here's what he said when comparing the two.

#Speaker 08

Your initial assault on Kharg Island is going to be mighty thin, because those aircraft have to cycle—and that's assuming you don't have any losses from maintenance or from missiles. Do you do a mass drop of the 82nd on Kharg Island? Again, that's pretty sporty. An airborne invasion in a place that has thousands and thousands of missiles—not to mention, the Iranians have been learning. They've certainly been paying attention to modern drone warfare and have implemented FPVs down to the squad level. I mean, you see videos of the Israelis in southern Lebanon losing tanks, losing armored personnel carriers to the same FPVs the Russians have been using with great effect in Ukraine. So again, a fight against Iran—they're not Arabs, they're Aryans. They're highly intelligent, highly skilled warfighters, and it would not be the pushover, by comparison, that you saw with the Iraqi army that we fought.

#Nima

Yeah.

#Speaker 08

Oh, he's right.

#Nima

And looking at the way the war started, Paul, you remember—it started on Iran, and then we had Iraqi resistance coming in on the ground because the border between Iran and Iraq is so important. The Iraqi resistance, from day one, started fighting together with the Iranians. As time went by, you saw Hezbollah joining. And just two days ago, we learned that Ansarullah in Yemen joined the war. Yeah, the Houthis. Houthis, yeah. They're all coming in based on some sort of strategy on their part. They know what they're doing. They knew they were destroying all these radars, and no one came. Ansarullah and the Houthis were just in the background before; they weren't part of it. Now they're joining the war. And I think it was all planned by the Iranians. They knew what would come, and they knew what the process would be for fighting the United States. That's why you see everything just unfolding this way.

#Paul

Well, it's a bad situation for Israel, because now there are three fronts against them, and they've run out of interceptor missiles. We don't have any to give them, and moreover, the interceptor missiles don't seem to be very effective. So it's a desperate situation for Netanyahu and for Trump—not just militarily, but politically. It's a desperate thing, and it's amazing to me that they could make such an absolutely stupid, reckless mistake. Why make such a stupid, reckless mistake? They basically achieved their own defeat, and all Iran had to do was what it's done—just not give up.

#Nima

Well, I think a great deal of what's going on right now reflects what the situation in the United States will be as time goes by. We see many people criticizing Donald Trump, even at CPAC. You know, people were asking whether they were in favor of impeaching Donald Trump, and you could see the reaction from the crowd. Here's what happened at CPAC.

#Speaker 09

Who would like to see impeachment hearings? No, that was the wrong answer. How many of you would like to see impeachment hearings? No. Can someone bring out some coffee?

#Nima

Yeah, you see the tone. I think Donald Trump understands what's going on in the United States. I don't know how much he really cares about what's happening—what will happen in the midterm elections and going into the December elections.

#Paul

I don't know what he understands—I really don't. It kind of looks to me like he's lost it. He seems like a different person than he was during his campaign.

#Nima

Totally, totally.

#Paul

And I don't know whether something's gone wrong in his head, or the strain is just too much, or... he's delusional, you know? When he says, "The law is whatever I decide, whatever I want to do," that's nonsensical. It's not true. And when he's made all these claims—he still makes them—that we've destroyed Iran, that there are no targets left, nothing left to hit—that's nonsense. I can't believe somebody's actually telling him that. We know for a fact that the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, handpicked by Trump—Trump took this man out of retirement and put him in as chairman of the Joint Chiefs—advised Trump, "Don't attack Iran. We're not prepared."

We don't have the means for any kind of sustained conflict. Somehow Trump got the notion that the thing wouldn't last more than three days, so they didn't need any preparation. Well, there's nobody in the Pentagon who would have told him that. So where did that come from? I can't imagine anybody saying, "Go attack a country the size of Western Europe that's ready for our attack, and you don't need to be prepared because they'll collapse in three days." When that happened, I knew something was seriously wrong somewhere. And you played the clip of Caroline Leavitt, the White House spokeswoman, and she couldn't answer the question. The way she answered it was, "Don't believe the terrorists."

Well, the question really is, who are the terrorists? Is it Iran, or is it the Israeli Americans? It's the Zionists who are the terrorists. I keep looking for acts of Iranian terrorism—where's the long assassination list? I mean, Israel and the United States have a very long assassination list. I can't remember who the Iranians have assassinated. I've never heard of a "Greater Persia." I've never heard any Iranian politician saying, "We're from the Nile to Pakistan." So, in a way, it's funny, but it's tragic. It's tragic because a lot has gone wrong in the United States. A lot has. We had a major political party—we had twelve years of Democratic presidents, Obama and Biden—who insisted on open borders.

Millions of people who don't speak English, who aren't part of our culture, have flooded into the country expecting medical care, food, and housing—all at the expense of Americans who are already hard-pressed. They have enormous debts. The Federal Reserve published a study showing that 40% of American households couldn't raise \$400. When you have a huge percentage of the population living on credit cards, making only the minimum payment so their balance keeps growing exponentially, how can you expect them to take responsibility for millions of poor people who don't know English, don't have any skills, and who come in and flood the school systems and emergency care, needing housing or debit cards so they can buy food?

#Nima

By the way, he was talking about all these issues before coming to power, before being elected. But since he took power, he's talking about Greenland, Canada, Mexico, Venezuela. Right now he's saying, "After Iran, I'm going to go after Cuba." What is that? And who's running the show in Washington?

#Paul

It doesn't make any sense. I suspect the government knows that if they say anything, he'll fire them, get rid of them, and start calling them names—like he called Marjorie Taylor Greene, Thomas Massie, and this latest guy who was the head of counterintelligence and Homeland Security who resigned—calling all of them names. Anybody who doesn't support his delusions or illusions, whatever they are, he dismisses. So maybe people in this government know better, but they don't want to lose their positions. Yeah. You know, it's a difficult situation for the people in the Trump administration, unless they're independently wealthy, because the Trump regime is so despised by the ruling elites. They're not going to hire any of these people. The secretary of defense, for example—he's not going to get put on ten corporate boards, each one paying him a quarter of a million dollars a year.

#Speaker 09

It's not going to happen.

#Paul

Uh, it's, uh, Caroline Leavitt. She's not going to get, uh, an anchor's job at CNN or whatever. It's going to be hard on them because, uh, the government is so unpopular with the liberal establishment. And we've already had Susan Rice—you know, the Black woman who was in the Obama administration—she's already said, "We're gonna get every one of them. We're gonna get them all." In other words, they're going to use weaponized law, and the prosecutions won't stop at Trump. So it's a seriously bad situation. And it seems so silly that the United States government is

such a puppet of Israel, that they got drawn into something that's destroying the chance they had to recover their own situation—close the border, get things back in order. Trump was defeated in Minnesota; he had to give up deportations. He couldn't stand up to the mayor of Minneapolis or the governor of Minnesota. And so, where did ICE go?

They went to take the jobs at TSA so the airlines could function. These are tremendous defeats at home for the Trump agenda. And why? To serve Netanyahu? I hope Americans understand that Israel has destroyed the MAGA movement and the hope that the United States could get a little less crazy in its domestic policies and operate more as a government looking after domestic concerns. That's lost now. It's lost. If Trump is finished this autumn, this November, then the Democrats are going to open the border and begin all kinds of prosecutions. The law will be completely weaponized. It'll be like a dictatorship. And that's what Netanyahu has done for MAGA. Netanyahu destroyed MAGA. And Trump was complicit—he allowed it. Now, why didn't he see that? I saw it. I'm sure we talked about it long ago. No—why didn't Trump see it? Why didn't his government see it? Somebody should have seen it.

#Nima

Paul, you know, before wrapping up—before this war happened—we thought that this trade of hormones was only important when it came to oil and gas. But it seems it's going beyond oil and gas. It's moving into fertilizers, then food, and everything is becoming dependent on this trade of hormones. How do you see that? Because as time goes by, I think this war is going to last a long time—it's going to be a continuous war. It's not going to end anytime soon.

That's why I'm asking—how do you see the impacts of this war, what's happening in this trade of hormones globally? You know, in terms of food, food security, energy security—all these important issues. For example, in Africa, I'd say, today one of the members of parliament in France told me he doesn't know what will happen to Europe, because Europe is going to face a lot of difficulties soon. And I don't know what the plan is on their side. They're saying they're not part of this war, but how do you see the consequences of what's going on?

#Paul

Well, clearly, Nima, if this goes on for five or ten years—let alone the twenty years we were in Afghanistan—there'll be mass starvation and massive inflation, with prices driven up by the lack of energy and declining living standards everywhere. It'll be especially hard on some of the underdeveloped countries that have been taken over by American agribusiness interests. Countries like India, for example, which used to have a large percentage of its population self-sufficient—they were farming their own crops. India had some self-sufficiency in food, and there are African countries that were like that too.

And then the Americans come in and convince them, "Oh, build a dam, flood all the area where these people had farms. Just plant an export crop—a commercial crop you can sell abroad." So they're no longer self-sufficient in food, and they've got nothing to fall back on. If fertilizer supplies decline by 30%, I don't know what effect that has on food—maybe it declines by 30%. And some people are going to be hungry. All these countries that were once self-sufficient in food—they're not anymore. So what happens to them? They've got nothing to fall back on. I don't think, Nima, at this point, this war can continue much beyond next March. I think Trump will be out. I think the Democrats will be in.

And the oil price and the lack of fertilizer for the current planting season will already have done enough damage. You can't sell the war—even to the military-security complex—because there's no gain from it. There's famine, gasoline prices are high, people can't drive, they can't deliver things, airlines will go bust. Some of the American airlines will fail. An airline ticket will cost a lot of money. The grief will be so widespread. So I don't think this can continue. This isn't going to be like Putin's war in Ukraine that just goes on and on and on. The hurt from this is going to be too large. I think it'll be over with the midterm elections.

It may take some time for the new government to be installed in January and get itself up and running—February, March, you know. But I think the pressure will be on to stop the damage. It's just too high. I don't think they'll say, "Well, we're going to go through a second planting season with 30% less fertilizer." So there are constraints, I think. The damage affects too many people, too many countries, including the Americans, who already don't support the war. And, as I mentioned earlier in our conversation today, this is happening now in Israel. Israelis are saying, "What is this all about? It was fine as long as nothing ever touched us." So...

#Paul

If it's long term, it makes no sense because nobody benefits. And I don't think Zionism—the Zionist agenda of Greater Israel—can survive a long-term situation like the one that's developing. You outlined it; that's what it is. But that's not a situation that can be sustained year after year after year. It's too severe.

#Nima

Yeah. Thank you, Paul.

#Paul

As always, a great pleasure. Yes, well, thank you. You've got me thinking, and I actually have some optimism now. All right, thank you.

#Nima

See you soon, Paul.

#Paul

See you soon. Bye-bye. Send me the URL. Sure, okay. Bye-bye.