

Iran OBLITERATES Oil Tanker, Strikes Tel Aviv HARD as Trump FUMES | Krapivnik

Former US Army Officer and geopolitical commentator Stanis Krapivnik joins to break the latest developments in the Iran war as Tehran sinks more oil tankers Gulf countries and Israel face air defense collapse and the US considers ground operations. Who has the initiative in the war? What comes next? This stream covers this and much more. Subscribe to Stanislav: <https://www.youtube.com/@UCNFLdCSk3KxhahxQwjvQLbQ> 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 #israel #trump #middleeast

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Welcome, everyone. Welcome back to the show. It's your host, Danny Haiphong. I'm joined by former U.S. Army officer and geopolitical analyst, Stan "Stas" Kropivnik. Stas, good to see you again.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Good to see you too.

#Danny

Hope you had a good vacation.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Yeah.

#Danny

Working every day on vacation — a great vacation.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Hey, that's corporate life, you know. When I was at Halliburton, I had four weeks of vacation—yeah, except they were all like 20-hour workweek vacations, you know. The wife and kids are on the beach, and I'm sitting there in meetings on remote calls like, frick.

#Danny

Well, here we have a historic war of epic proportions. Everyone, hit the like button because we've been covering this every day, and it really helps boost the show. Stas, I wanted to begin—of course, we have Trump's temper tantrums that we'll get to. He's fuming right now, lashing out at everybody. One of the big reasons for this, which has been underreported, is that Iran has essentially attacked an oil tanker off the coast of Dubai. This comes after major threats against Iran's energy system. The tanker was fully loaded, according to Reuters, and immediately after that, oil prices jumped in a huge way—three whole dollars in a matter of hours. Now the average gas price in the United States is four dollars a gallon.

And here is the report from Kuwait itself, from the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation: a giant Kuwaiti oil tanker was subjected to a direct and, quote, "sinful" Iranian targeting while present at the Dubai port in the UAE, and it was fully destroyed—loaded. Stas, Iran keeps hitting back. It keeps striking at these very strategic targets, especially the tankers. Donald Trump is saying that the UK, France, Europe—everyone—can get their own oil from the Strait of Hormuz. He seems to be getting a little jittery about what's going on. Where do you see the war now, especially since it seems like Iran has—and you can question me if I'm wrong or correct me—has seized the initiative in this war? Iran is making hits, and it seems like the U.S. and its so-called allies are just responding, reacting.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

It's sinful. It's very sinful. You know, at that point, I don't know what you can do anymore. It's just sinful. I mean, honestly, it's sinful for us to even discuss this, because Donald Trump—who cannot tell a lie—has told us all he has obliterated, destroyed... he keeps using the word "decimated" incorrectly. Realistically, I think he means decimated, you know, one-tenth. Iran—like, every day—the president won bigly. He's won bigly. He's won bigly so much he's tired of winning. I mean, he's destroyed everybody. There's nothing left. And it's sinful to even mention that Iran is actually still shooting back, because we don't know what it's shooting back.

Everything's destroyed. I mean, I think they reported they destroyed, like, 120 ships of the Iranian Navy. I don't know where the hell they got that many, but I think they're shooting down—well, they did sink a couple of ferries, so I guess those count as warships now. The problem is, when Iran said, "We've got underground missile cities, we've got all this set up, we're going to shoot back," they didn't believe it. They didn't believe Russia was going to take on Ukraine if they kept pushing toward the border. They lie all the time, so they figure everybody else is lying. They don't know how to take people when they're telling the truth. And then Iran fired.

And, you know, with the proper thing, Iran is doing the right thing. Because it's not doing tit for tat. Tit for tat's pointless, because the West will win tit for tat. That's death by a thousand cuts. Iran's going, "Okay, you cut us once, we'll chop your arm off. When you scream, 'Ah, it's only a flesh wound,' we'll chop the other arm off," you know, and so on and so on. Yes, you got the reference. It's, you know, they hit two Iranian universities. Iran said, "All the American and Israeli universities, clear your people out, because we're just going to wipe them all out." Israel took out two Iranian steel mills. Iran hit six steel plants, including Israel's main one.

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And so on—and five others in the region. This is the point: you take an eye, we take your face. You take another eye, we take your head. And this is what the West—well, that's the only message the West can understand. You have to make the pain big enough that these countries will back off. Now, the United Arab Emirates seems to have a death wish. They really want a couple of those islands. They see American might as the way to get hold of them. But for some reason, they're not recognizing that these seven artificial statelets in one confederation can't survive without electricity and desalination plants, because they're grossly overpopulated for the resources of the region.

And if that desire to get those islands and control the Strait of Hormuz is going to destroy their entire entity, the trilateral territories are just going to go back to being desert. And, oh, I guess they'll have post-apocalyptic cities to film movies in, especially when the sand blows in. But, I mean, this is what we're facing. And Trump—Trump, good God, man—that man is... The one thing the Iranians are taking from this is they've got Trump flustered like a little teenage schoolgirl at a boy band concert. "Yeah, I don't want him. Yes, I want him. Please kill him. Oh no. Yes, yes. You go get him. We go get him. Oh no, no, no."

We have to have him. Oh, you bastards. It's like a girlfriend that breaks up with you—you break up with her. "I don't want to date you anymore." "Yeah, I hate you too." Five minutes later: "Can we talk?" "No, I hate you." Five minutes later: "Can I come over and get my stuff?" "No, I hate you." "Can my friend come over?" It's just, you know, this is the tantrum—the temper tantrum. Trump is just losing control. And you're just watching the man totally lose control. I mean, somebody needs to keep him away from that frickin' phone. Number one, he needs a filter and a manager. He's got trigger-happy thumbs. Yeah. Oh, geez.

He's also got that—he's starting to get that angry old man attitude, where everything trips his trigger and the emotions go before he can clamp down on them. It's one thing when you yell at whoever's near you; it's another when you put it on his equivalent of Twitter, Truth Social, and a billion people see it before you've thought anything through. And Trump's just erratic. I mean, that's got to be the message any world leader looking at this has taken away from it. Like, Jesus, this guy is absolutely

erratic. He cannot control his emotions. Obviously, nobody's controlling what he's posting. Bad for him, bad for the White House. So, you know, Iran's going to be going, "Yep, we were doing right." You know, just—watch Trump's erratic behavior.

#Danny

Yeah. And Stas, I'm wondering if you could talk about continuing on with these targets by Iran—the significance of hitting the oil tankers, the significance for the United States. Pete Hegseth was just on this morning saying that everything has been obliterated and they've basically finished the job. Regime change is here. They've said over and over again that the Navy—Iran's Navy—its weapon systems, etc.—they're eliminated. But yet Iran keeps hitting oil tankers. And this one was big. There are rumors there could be a spillage off the coast, that it was fully loaded, and it caused a huge jump in oil prices from a single strike. I mean, this is causing a lot of problems for us, and I wonder if you could talk about the military significance and why Iran has gone about things in this way rather than, you know, another way.

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You know, I'm surprised that this particular hit has caused a four-dollar rise, or three-dollar rise. I mean, this has got to be, what, the twelfth or fifteenth tanker that's been taken out, whether empty or full. The problem with all these exchanges is there are fundamentals, and then there's the—well, that's probably about 20% of the cost formation. The other 80%, or something around that, is based on emotions. Like, wow, now you've realized the tankers are going to get taken out, because there haven't already been a dozen taken out? There was one that tried to run the Strait of Hormuz, and they got taken out yesterday.

So now this one triggers them. That's amazing. It just shows you how much—well, one, normalcy bias—because people don't want to admit what's already been happening for a month now. After a month, they're finally going, "Oh, okay, this isn't going to be over anytime soon." So that's one thing. But, you know, first of all, let's talk about the knock-on effects. The first knock-on effect is the cost of insurance. I mean, that's an instant knock-on effect. Most of those tankers are with Lloyd's of London. Lloyd's of London isn't going to pay out insurance. Insurance companies' job is not to pay out claims; their job is to collect money. People constantly misinterpret what an insurance company really is. They'll do anything they can not to pay you out. But at this point, they're going to be skyrocketing those rates.

I mean, I can't even imagine how much they've raised. I probably should look it up, if they have that posted somewhere. Additionally, the long-term knock-on effects—depending on where the tanker was—if it's near any of these tankers that are in the paths where future tankers will have to go, they'll have to get dredged out. Uh, that's just even more time before any of these facilities can reopen. Also, if you're looking at Dubai—you know, if you've been to Dubai—they've got really nice beaches. Well, they had really nice beaches, because now they're gonna have oil slapping up on

them. So if they even survive all of this—and again, the Emirates are itching to go to war, fully go to war. Apparently, they're begging the U.S. to keep it up, and they want to send their 65,000-man military.

So really, it's probably about 20,000 combat troops, and the rest are the ash-and-trash support troops. That's not a very big military, obviously, but they want to go in with the U.S. and grab the islands they want to claim. But the point is, if their desalination plants get hit, that's it—those countries are done. There are going to be mass casualties. I mean, the heat's 40, 45 degrees right now, and it'll go up. Summer isn't even here yet. The human body in that kind of environment, that kind of heat, with the water vapor just evaporating right off your skin—one day without water—and you're done. All of those seven emirate pseudo-states rely 100% on desalination plants, because before oil, they were just mud-brick forts.

They were little villages with a mud-brick fort for the local warlord and a small pier. The vast majority of the population were Bedouin nomads. That's just the environment they were living in. But because of technology, because of money from oil and gas, and the banking that's tied to oil and gas, and just naked consumerism—because that's all they have—they were able to grow into these giant metropolises. But again, these metropolises can't feed themselves. They have to have food brought in. They can't—well, fine, a human being can starve for a couple of weeks before he drops dead, depending on how fat he is; he might last longer. But the point is, he can't live very long without water. And that's their Achilles' heel right there.

The Achilles' heel—you know, that arrow goes in and that's it, it's game over. And it's game over within a couple of days for millions of people, quite literally. You can't get those people out physically. You can't, even if Iran says—and they probably would—“load them on as many tanks as you can, get them out of there so they don't die from dehydration.” But there are just too many people. So I don't know what they're thinking. The knock-on effect long term for these entities is going to be financial decline, economic decline. They're probably never going to fully recover from this war. Iran will recover; they won't. Because Iran has a full economy—it grows its own food, it has its own water, it manufactures. These are artificial statelets. Qatar is an artificial statelet. Bahrain is kind of.

I mean, it's bigger, obviously, economically, than Iran. But Qatar is mostly desert too. All of them really grew up because of oil and gas. So you strip that away—look at Kuwait. After '91, '92, that was the gem of the Persian Gulf. It never fully recovered. It's been 30, 34 years, and they've never fully recovered. They're a shadow of what they were before 1991, when the Americans got Saddam to stupidly invade Kuwait. Kuwait used to be the 19th province of Iraq, and they were stealing Iraqi oil. All that was true, but it was a trap to get the U.S. further into the Gulf by getting Saddam in there. And they never recovered, so I don't think any of these are going to recover—and that's if there's even anything left to recover from. I mean, the longer this goes, the worse they are. So it's amazing that these guys are going, “Hey, let's keep this war going.”

#Danny

Yeah, yeah, that's been the message: "Let's keep this war going."

#Stanislav Krapivnik

But Trump, by the way, has said, "No, you get to pay for this war."

#Danny

Yeah, now they have to pay for it. And pay for it with what? The very basis of their entire economies is being destroyed—uh, because of the United States.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Oh, they can, they can—uh, there's a lot they can pay with. Don't forget they have their money sitting in American banks. Yeah, and English banks, I guess. In English banks, they'll actually be safe. They have it in American banks, and their gold is in America, in Fort Knox. Goodbye. You know, you're just going to be made to pay for this. How are you going to rebuild your countries without any of that money? That's not our problem. Yeah, yeah.

#Danny

Well, let's talk about another entity that may not recover from this—and that is Israel. Because, you know, as we speak, Stas, Israel is hitting Tel Aviv hard with the submunitions Karashima 4. Every single night this is happening, every single day we're seeing these strikes just absolutely bludgeon Israel. And despite all of this—despite the fact that there are now, Stas, reports that there are scores of Israelis trying to leave through Egypt because Ben-Gurion is closed—Israel's in a very similar position to the Gulf.

They're saying they're going to do this for as long as it takes. And even with Trump wavering on the Strait of Hormuz question, and whether this war will supposedly go past his four-week deadline, it seems like that always changes—four days, four weeks, four months. Yeah, four weeks, four seconds—it's all the same. But what do you make of this? Because there are reports that Israel isn't even intercepting 20% of these missiles anymore. How much longer can they go? What's your assessment of Israel's predicament as this war continues?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Well, as far as interception goes, you've got to remember that a good chunk of the Israeli air defenses were never meant for ballistic missiles. Iron Dome was designed to intercept Hamas and Hezbollah rockets—rockets, not missiles. And what I mean by that is, Hamas was making homemade

rockets, right? So they'd launch a hundred of them, or maybe thirty, whatever. They go whichever way they go because it's like a firecracker—you launch it, and the bottle rocket flies in some direction you more or less aimed it for. There's no guidance system. Hezbollah was a bit more sophisticated, but most of what they're firing is equivalent to 122-millimeter Grad rockets, which are, again, rockets. You just saturate an area with a multi-rocket launch system, like a Grad, and you're shooting off about twelve rockets that explode in one area—and that's how you saturate.

And that's what they were shooting at, and the Iron Dome system is meant for that. They're not very fast compared to modern, say, ballistic missiles. I'm not talking about hypersonics—a ballistic missile is basically supersonic when it comes in. Sometimes it reaches the same speed as a hypersonic one; it just doesn't have the maneuvering glide vehicle. So it's just a ballistic arc. But the Iron Dome isn't meant for that. It can't catch up with them, it can't track them fast enough. It's there for the upscale bottle rockets and 120-millimeter rounds coming out of rocket or Grad systems, especially those older Grad systems. The smart part of the Iron Dome is that it calculates the ballistic arc of each missile coming in, and if it looks like it's going to fall in the desert or in sparsely populated areas, it just lets them go.

It doesn't intercept them—why waste the ammunition? And that just shows you again that these aren't guided; they're very loosely targeted. Now, when you come to Iran's ballistic missiles or drones, yeah, you're dealing with a whole different thing there. They're all targeted in. And the Iron Dome—there are plenty of videos where it shoots up just out of desperation. They fire a couple of interceptors, and the ballistic missile just flies right by them. It's moving at speeds they can't handle. So, yeah, Israel—and then the Patriots are basically out. The U.S. is grabbing Patriots. And while we're at it, the U.S. is out of Tomahawks. In fact, the Tomahawks that were supposed to be delivered to Switzerland aren't going to be taken, because the U.S. needs them—and they're overdue anyway.

And Switzerland had an issue with that, obviously—"We're not going to pay for that. We're not going to give you your money because you didn't give us the missiles." They said, "Well, the money you invested in the F-35s, you haven't gotten yet. We're just going to take that." So Israel got screwed, and screwed doubly. Maybe that's a good lesson for them to learn. But yeah, they're out of missiles. The good thing for the Israelis, I'll tell you, is that Israel is not in the same boat. There are several issues here. One, for Israel, this works because a destroyed Gulf—one burning—is in its interests. Let's remember that Netanyahu, what, about two or three years ago, went to the UN and gave that really odd speech—you know, "the curse, the blessing," and all that—the map of the locals.

And by the way, Turkey and Iraq were part of the curse, I think—Syria definitely was, and Iran. And he was drawing this line showing where the new trade route is going to go, through Haifa, so the Saudis can export their oil through Haifa. So for him, a destroyed Middle East is great in that area. And then Israel has another great thing that no other country in the world has—well, Iran does to a degree. Iran has Russia and China, which will help put Iran back on its feet. In fact, I'm personally

already looking into that issue for some people, getting things together for when the fighting stops, because Iran's going to need aid from Russian companies and from Chinese companies. I mean, that's beyond any doubt. But Israel's got a great backstop—it's called the United States tax sucker.

It's like, welcome to being the people who are going to rebuild the Israeli economy. You're not going to get schools, you're not going to get better roads, you're not going to get new bridges—you're going to get a newly rebuilt Israel, the main state of the United States of America. Believe you me, Ted Cruz and all of them, they can't wait to pour your money in there. So that's, you know, welcome to reality. They're ready to send your sons off to die for it. I mean, they're quite willing to pour more money into rebuilding Israel. Israel has free medical care, free education. You don't—but you get to pay for it. So that's the reality. I'm sure the Israeli leadership is looking at it exactly like that. No matter how much damage we take, Uncle Sam will fork over the money we need.

#Danny

Yeah, well...

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Unless you're a Zionist.

#Danny

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Well, you know, Iran is hitting these sites very strategically—sites that directly relate to the United States as well. In the UAE, they're claiming to have hit a command and control center with 200 U.S. forces. But also, Iran is striking right at the heart of where a lot of U.S. taxpayer dollars go, and that's the weapons manufacturers. There are reports that Iran has struck L3 Systems and Confit, these major weapons manufacturers, especially those supplying Israel. But of course, as you just said, they're using U.S. taxpayer dollars to get this done.

So this is where Israel is at. I guess the question is, Israel has the U.S. backstop—but how much will it have to suffer and "recover," so to speak, when this is all over, in order to reap the rewards of a more chaotic Middle East, especially if Iran is still around? Because I tend to imagine, if Iran is still the same government, the same system, and now with the resistance—people are talking about Israel being under attack from three fronts—will it have any kind of peace, especially since it's declaring a forever war on the region?

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Oh, Israel's about to have a nice little peace, and I'm sure soon they're going to be doing new investment projects. It'll be these chambers that have little nozzles in them—originally made for showers—but you can put gas in there too instead of water. And then you have these nice little

plants right behind them where you can, you know, generate electricity by burning things like bodies. What I'm getting at is that Israel just passed a law to allow the execution of, quote, "terrorists" of only Palestinian descent. So, you know, they hold prisoners, and now they're legally allowed to have them executed. And Ben-Gurion and all of these guys were popping champagne. They were even wearing these little pins of a noose. Yeah—lynching.

Yeah, lynching, baby. If you're from the South, you know what that means. They're celebrating their ability to start lynching Palestinian prisoners. And there's no age limit on this—little kids, women, whoever. Who gives a damn? They're in custody, so you can just send them off. And I'm sure the lynching will happen separately. I mean, you've got so many of them, it's going to get old. So sooner or later, you've got to take the next step in that "solution," the next logical step. Yeah, just start building it on an industrial scale. Maybe somebody thinks I'm being sarcastic, but I'm not. It's only a matter of time before they start digging trenches and lining people up, because that's how it always goes.

And these people—I mean, look at their faces. It was all over the news. They're popping champagne, celebrating that they now legally get to execute prisoners. Not just shoot the kids running across the street over there, but now they get to mass-execute prisoners. It's a party for them. I mean, this is an extremely sick government, an extremely sick society. And while there are anti-government demonstrations and they're growing, 70 or 80 percent of the population—yeah, they may not like Netanyahu, but they back his policies. So, welcome to reality. And by the way, for those who haven't realized it yet, that includes Christian Palestinians too. But then again, they're bombing the Christian third of the population in Lebanon.

So, you know, not that the Zionists believe that. They think they're the only real Christians—everybody else isn't a Christian. A Christian Zionist, that is. But, you know, so Trump, who says he defends Christians—well, start defending Christians if you really want to defend Christians. And by the way, the Sepulchre—in Russian it's just the Cathedral of the Christ's Grave, the empty grave—it was closed. So the Catholics didn't get to do Easter Mass. And in a week, we've got the Orthodox Easter Mass, or liturgy, Pascha. That's going to be closed again. That church, since it was built back around, what, the third or fourth century, has never been closed like that. But it is now.

#Danny

Yeah, I mean, this is the disaster that, of course, the United States is enabling under the Trump administration—and really under all administrations. I wanted to talk to you now about the reactions, now that we've gone over the landscape of what's happening militarily here. We know that the United States overnight was bragging, as was Pete Hegseth this morning, that you've got B-52 bombers leveling Isfahan and the weapons and ammunition depots and all of this over Iran, claiming they're eliminating all the targets. But Donald Trump's recent lashing out at so-called allies, especially European allies, I think is of note here—because Donald Trump, I'll just pull these up.

First, he goes after the United Kingdom, where he talks about jet fuel. He says, "The United Kingdom, which refused to get involved in the decapitation of Iran, I have a suggestion for you. Number one, buy from the U.S.—we have plenty." And they're talking about jet fuel oil here. "Number two, build up some delayed courage. Go to the street and just take it. You'll have to start learning how to fight for yourself. The USA won't be there to help anymore, just like you weren't there for us. Iran has been decimated. The hard part is over, or done. Get your own oil." Donald Trump. And then he goes after France. And this is all happening at the same time.

France wouldn't let planes headed to Israel, loaded with military supplies, fly over French territory. France has been very unhelpful with respect to the "butcher of Iran," who has now been successfully eliminated. The USA will remember. And this comes after the Wall Street Journal reported that Donald Trump may be willing to—well, and of course this is coming out of the Trump administration, so it's hard to know what to believe—but that he may be willing to end this conflict without reopening the Strait of Hormuz. That signals maybe things aren't going as well as we're being told. But here we are: Iran is decimated. Everyone, go get your own oil. And, oh yeah, you've all been very ungrateful, Europe.

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So, Saaz, your reaction to this—what does it tell you about the state of the war, especially on the U. S. side? Okay, so we haven't been able to sell this war in 32 days now. By the way, this war isn't about nukes. It's not about that. And, by the way, the "butcher of Iran" is writing those memes right there, those Truth Social posts. That's the real butcher of Iran right there. So now we've got to open the Strait of Hormuz, which was open before we started this conflict and is actually still open. It's just open for countries that, A, aren't supporting American military bases and the U.S., and, B, aren't buying in dollars. Whoops. So... yeah, I think—and by the way, Spain has also said, "Nothing's flying over our airspace. Thanks, go away." And I think Trump added that France are a bunch of losers.

Yeah, that's it. You're a bunch of losers. This is the only thing he didn't do—you're a 3D loser right there. 3D loser. You're all a bunch of 3D losers. That's the only thing Trump hasn't done yet. I'm sure he's taking a photo of it, watching our program going, "Damn, I should've added that. Then they would've understood what I'm saying." He's going to have a photo of Trump with a "3D loser" on his head. I mean, again, this goes back to what we were saying about his temper tantrums. This is temper tantrums—this bully attitude of, "I'm going to force you because I'm going to call you names, and I'm going to chest-bump you if you don't do what I say," because he's screwed everything up and needs you to pull his chestnuts out of the fire with your hands and your paws.

Like, you know, the Europeans are going, "No, for once." If they don't pay in dollars, once this is all over, they could go get that oil out—if there's any oil flowing, that is. Let's just begin with that. Yeah, they could actually go in there and get it. In fact, Trump throwing in the towel and walking out is the best way to reopen the Strait of Hormuz with minimal loss of life. That's probably the last thing Trump wants to hear because, well, the MAGA base that's left—they'll buy anything from him.

They bought his coins, for God's sake, and gave him \$30 billion. You know what I'm talking about? The Trump coins?

#Danny

Yeah.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Thirty friggin' billion. Jesus Christ. God, these people—it's incredible. Most of them can't afford their rent, but they're buying because they want to be part of the Trump team, the Trump family. That's how he was selling it. It's pathetic. Even though what he was doing wasn't illegal, it was absolutely morally corrupt. But that MAGA base that's left—they'll buy anything. The problem is, he's lost two-thirds of MAGA. A lot of Republicans have turned on him, and the Democrats are just waiting. I mean, the elections—if there are going to be elections—that's still a question. There are ways of getting around that. But if there are elections, and if they don't get stolen the way Trump's elections were stolen previously—they were stolen—and Trump's trying to do the exact same thing, steal them, you know, his turn to steal them by making it all electronic.

In this case, by the way, it's owned by an Israeli company. You can't make this stuff up. You know, if he loses the elections, that's over—I mean, it's quite literally over. At the very minimum, if he even loses one house, it'll just be impeachment attempt after impeachment attempt to suck up his time and energy. And if he loses both houses, it might be impeachment attempts with federal marshals coming to take him out of the White House. So... you know, at this point, the best thing—well, obviously the best thing he could have done was not do this. But we're 32 days too late for that. The best thing he could do right now is throw in the towel, put himself on an aircraft carrier, say "mission accomplished," and leave.

Of course, the donor-owner class isn't going to be too happy. Well, who knows? Maybe the Israelis will be happy—they'll stop getting bombed if they just shut the hell up and start acting like human beings. So at this point, I mean, there's no good solution, right? And by the way, there was a report that came out on Trump's daily war briefings, which would explain a lot about his absolute—well, I mean, the man doesn't have a clue what's going on. What they were saying is his average daily brief is two to three minutes long, and it's just videos of the U.S. military blowing things up. That's it. There are no casualties from the U.S. side, no damage to U.S. or allied forces—nothing else.

It's just the U.S. blowing things up. So... I don't think there's ever been—even Sleepy Joe. OK, I mean, Sleepy Joe was obviously not participating in any kind of briefings. But the people who were manipulating him, working behind the scenes as the shadow cardinals, they had a good clue what the hell was going on here. We've got a president who's just out to lunch. I mean, two minutes of

watching this stuff blow up, getting his little boner on there, and then, yeah, "Well, we've won." He's right—they decimated, in the sense of the word "decimate," every tenth. For those who don't know, decimation was the punishment for any Roman legion that broke and ran.

Every tenth soldier was put to death by the other nine, and they drew straws. That was a decimation. So when they say "decimate," that means 10% destruction. Probably decimated—maybe they twice decimated—but they didn't. They definitely haven't annihilated Iran or anything of the sort. Now, these B-52s—they're moving into carpet-bombing territory, mass murder on a scale the U. S. has done. I mean, I was watching Tucker Carlson, and they had some guy on there who was like, "Yeah, you know, the Israelis are bad, but it's not like us. We were always trying to save human life." Okay, let's look at that realistically.

Five million dead German civilians out of six million total in World War II. Millions of dead Japanese civilians. Three million dead Vietnamese. Pyongyang was bombed so heavily that U.S. pilots were complaining they had no targets left to drop bombs on. And so on. In Yugoslavia, they were bombing civilians because they couldn't find the military. You know, it's just standard operating procedure. They can't find the Iranian military because it's spread out, it's in bunkers. So what do they do? They bomb civilians. And that's what they're doing now—schools, churches, mosques, hospitals.

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Well, did you hear, Stas? I was seeing reports that while the United States was supposedly bunker-busting Isfahan and hitting the so-called weapons and ammunition depot, Iran was firing ballistic missiles from Isfahan.

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So, uh, that's quite a dynamic.

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I mean, that's quite a dynamic. You know, there were maps showing they were firing—I believe they were targeting Israel. But nonetheless, that's a dynamic I think is quite stark in terms of what the battlefield realities are here. The U.S. can drop bombs, but is it making a dent in Iran's capabilities? It doesn't seem so, which then begs the question, Stas—militarily and politically—there seem to be two options on the table: keep going this way for as long as the United States and Israel can, or concede, because I don't think Iran is going to stop. It doesn't seem like Iran will stop even if the U. S. stops striking, because Israel hasn't guaranteed they'll stop. And there are no concessions attached to just a cessation of hostilities. So, what's your take on these options, what it says militarily, and how this can go forward without concessions to Iran? I just don't know how things change without that.

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Oh, it's easy. Egypt, Turkey, and I'm not quite sure who the third country was. There were three countries. They proposed to Donald Trump a plan on how they would coordinate and control the flow of oil tankers through the Strait of Hormuz. You heard me correctly—not the Suez Canal, the Strait of Hormuz. Not the Bosphorus Strait, the Strait of Hormuz. So the people who aren't even close to the Strait of Hormuz—geographically convenient there, yeah—on the other side of that whole area, are now proposing to Trump to let them control the flow of oil. I mean, nobody's asked Iran because... why would you bother asking Iran about that? The absurdity in this world—I mean, Monty Python couldn't have made this stuff up no matter how many drugs they took.

Uh, if anybody had written this ten years ago—if anybody had put this kind of insanity into a book—it never would've gotten published. It's way too far out there, man. But, you know, ten years ago, if you'd told someone that we were going to cut off the genitals of little boys and remove the developing breasts of little girls, then give them drugs to block puberty and destroy their bodies in the name of medicine, nobody would've believed you either. What are you, insane? But then again, we're living through that right now. So, you know, the insanity never stops, man. This stuff just writes itself. You read things like that and think—why ask Iran? It's like saying, "Oh, we're going to have peace negotiations on the Ukrainian conflict without bothering to ask Russia."

Which it had in Switzerland in '23—or was it '24? '24, I think. So that's just stupidity that never ends. I mean, we're dealing with people—we're dealing with the Epstein class to begin with. They're degenerates, and we know that. And second of all, we're dealing with just really dumb people. The world's got an overproduction of really dumb leadership. It's amazing how much dumb leadership there is. The French and the British—and with the smaller gigs, the British are actually still kind of doing stuff, even though they don't admit it. But the Spanish at least found some kind of spine not to get involved in this. Still, they're fully wedded to Ukraine, no matter how much it blows up.

And look what Ukraine's doing. Ukraine's now attacking—I guess they didn't want to seem partial to one side or the other. So they took out a Greek military oil transport about two weeks ago that was heading into Novorossiysk to load up with Kazakh oil from the Caspian Authority—by the way, that's majority-owned by American companies, Chevron in this case. And then, you know, last week they attacked a Turkish tanker full of oil in Turkish waters, which, by the way, was probably going to head down to Israel. Because Turkey, as much as Erdogan talks against what the Israelis are doing, he's had no problem redirecting fifty-seven tankers to Haifa—fifty-seven tankers since this conflict started.

They could have probably gone to Europe, but what do the Europeans need oil for? And then the Israelis—I mean, the Ukrainians—are attacking TurkStream gas, which goes to the south. The Russian gas pipeline goes south to feed southeastern Europe. And they closed the Druzhba pipeline for Hungary and Slovakia, which, by the way, were then refining that oil and giving Ukraine 20% of the diesel it needs for its military—which is mostly where it goes. So you're just looking at a bunch of

insane individuals all over the place. I mean, it's incredible to watch this. It's just absolutely incredible to watch this. And Iran—you know, I'll give Trump this—they did regime change.

They did regime change. They changed, but it was a generational regime change. They got rid of the people who were actually pro-West and wanted to negotiate with the West because they had good memories of it, and they replaced them with their sons—men who grew up fighting the American-backed Iraqi proxies in the 1980s. Their late childhood and teenage years, even early adulthood, were filled with seeing their friends killed by Iraqi gas attacks—gas weapons provided by the West—dropped on their cities, watching women and children die. These are the people in power now. They don't have fond memories of the West. They want revenge. So congratulations, Mr. Trump—you put in the worst people for your side that you possibly could have. But keep beating your chest. Yeah, yeah, you regime-changed them. Now what do you do?

Now what do you do? There's no plan B. There's no plan C. So, I don't know. And then you get this idiot notion—either grab a couple of islands, or we'll send in special forces to break into a base in the middle of, uh, Iraq—sorry, Iran. So, okay, this is the movie. This is how we're gonna do it: Mission Impossible, Delta Force. We're gonna fly them in by helicopter, because the Iranians are never gonna notice that in the middle of their country. And they're gonna blast their way through these doors, and the Iranians are gonna run out of roads so they can mow them down like Grandma did. Okay, we'll keep that in the script. And then they're going to go all the way down to the super tunnel system down there and wipe out all the Iranians, because they'll just stand in the middle of the tunnels and wait to get shot.

And they can't hit anything—just like, you know, we'll put that in the script too. And then they'll blow everything up, and then they'll get out. Mission accomplished. And then they all fly back out. Great Hollywood movie. Maybe a B-level movie. Which stars are we going to put in? These people are actually looking at this as a real plan. I was a consultant on a zinc mine in eastern Kazakhstan, and I went down there—all the way from the 12th parallel down to the 18th parallel. That's 1,200 meters underground, basically two kilometers underground, in a granite mountain. So I know a little about granite mountains and how they blast chambers. You're not going to bring that place down on your heads with some explosives you're carrying in.

The blast chambers—they literally drill holes into the walls, place big blasting charges, seriously big blasting charges in there. It takes days to do this correctly. Then they blast a 10-by-10-meter chamber down and fill it back up with cement once they've taken the ore out. But this is granite. I've been underground when the whole mountain shook after one of these blasts. Everything moves—you move with it. The mountain doesn't collapse. Maybe a very small chamber might collapse, but that's it. So all these ideas about bringing down a granite mountain—just blowing it all up and leveling it—stop watching Hollywood. It rots your brain. First and foremost, for the Washington leadership: stop watching Hollywood.

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Yeah. Well, I wanted to—now maybe you can break this down, Stas—back to the Wall Street Journal, the plan. Because with this so-called plan, with this announcement in the Wall Street Journal, this so-called revelation says that Donald Trump will end the U.S. war on Iran even with the Strait of Hormuz closed. There's this "genius plan" here that I'd like you to break down if you could. So first, pressure Tehran diplomatically to restore the free flow of trade. If that fails, press allies in Europe and the Gulf to take the lead in reopening the strait. Well, we went over those tweets—that seems to be maybe where the pressure is. And then here we go: the third one. U.S. officials determine that a direct mission to reopen the Strait of Hormuz would risk prolonging the war beyond Trump's stated four-to-six-week timeline instead.

The strategy has shifted toward degrading Iran's military capabilities while winding down active operations. Pete Hegseth said the coming days are going to be decisive, and that's exactly what they're going to do—they're going to keep hitting Iran, hitting it very hard. Yada, yada, yada. But my question to you, Stas, is this: the U.S. just sent, what, thousands of Marines, paratroopers, and other forces they're trying to build up. Is this just the typical "can't believe anything you hear from the Trump administration" situation? Is there going to be some kind of ground operation coming or not? Is there just a lot of confusion, and we don't really know what's going to happen? Because this seems to be what we're being told is the plan. So what do you make of this so-called plan and how it's all going to play out here?

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Yes. In a word, yes. Do they have a clue? No. Do they know what they're going to do? No. Do they have a plan? No. So we'll just throw every option we have in there. I love this—"We're going to pressure Iran to open the straits," which will supposedly open before you pressure them diplomatically by blowing up the freaking diplomatic teams. Oh, okay, you know, twice. Not just once—twice. So, you know, fool me once, shame on me; fool me twice, shame on you. Fool me a third time—we'll never get fooled again, right? Yeah, fool me twice, shame on me. They've had their "shame on me" moment. I don't think they're going to go for round three of this idiocy. So, pressure them diplomatically.

And again, like I said, you know, these guys—the French, the Spanish—I think they're willing to pay in yuan at the end of the day, or just bring gold, whatever, just not in dollars. I think they can do that, or in euros, because they basically said, "Just don't pay in dollars." Our question is, are they going to be able to get anything out of these ports? As I said, the damage is piling up. And what they're talking about with Europe, with the damage that some of the—well, as an expert who's worked in this field—when I was looking at the limited number of photos I had, I'd say, you know, the gas, a year and a half to two years to get it back up and running. And thus, all the fertilizer isn't going to get produced either, for that long.

I mean, Russia's expanding its fertilizer manufacturing—it's up 40%—but it can't make up 30% in a year. Physically impossible. Especially now, you know, not even a year and a month. But what I've read from people on the ground actually said it's gone. It starts from zero. And if that's the reality, even if the wellheads aren't damaged, you're looking at five to seven years. If the wellheads are damaged, you're looking at a decade or more. Which then goes back to the question: are the sheikhs in Qatar going to bother investing that much money? Because really, if you look at these little countries, they're just corporations—family-owned corporations masquerading as pseudo-states.

And at this point, they have no revenue coming in. They may not have revenue for five, seven, even ten years, but they're going to have a lot of money that has to be invested. We're talking hundreds of billions of dollars. Are they going to willingly do that, or are they going to cut bait, you know? Are they just going to get the hell out and say, "Whatever, we don't care about it. We've got our billions in our bank accounts. We're going to live the best lives we can now on those short funds we have—in the hundreds of billions. Why bother putting them back in?" Because, I mean, all of this has been built up since the '40s, the '50s, and the '60s.

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And it was built up steadily, and their cash flows were coming in. They were investing and building up. And now they have to do it all within five, maybe seven years. That's massive. But I mean, can you imagine that much gas not in the economy for the next 20 years? And for people who are going to be saying, "Drill, drill now," sure, that's a great idea—but just understand one thing: it takes, on average, three to five years to bring a new field into economic exploitation. From identifying geologically where that oil and gas may be, to getting equipment in place and starting to do wildcat wells—which is basically going, "Okay, let's try here. Nope, nothing."

Okay, let's try here. And you start just putting holes in the ground until you come up with product. Then you go, "Oh, okay, there's product there. We did fine." Because geologically, you're looking at layers in the soil and thinking, "Yeah, that may be an area where there might be oil and gas." But until you start drilling, you don't know. That's the simple fact of it—where it's located, and whether it's in volumes that can be exploited economically. You just don't know until you start drilling. But once you start, you've got to get equipment and people in place wherever you happen to be. Then there are climatic issues.

Like, for example, if you're drilling in the far north in Russia, you can only drill during the winter—during the ice-cold winter—because the roads are frozen, everything's frozen. You can't do it in the summer because everything turns into one big swamp, and the mosquitoes, which get about that big, come in black swarms. This is why the reindeer up north migrate—not just because of lack of food, but because they're trying to get away from the mosquitoes. I'm being quite serious when I say that. So all of this, you know, you've got various issues that are pushing down on how long it's going to take to bring any new field into operation.

Never mind. I mean, you've got to build infrastructure for that. Once you've got the oil or gas coming out, now you've got to figure out how to get it to market. All of that takes time. There's no time. That's it—the crisis is here. The food crisis will be here in the next couple of months. The fuel crisis is already here. A lot of countries are basically out of fuel. In Australia, they were showing that about half the gas stations—or petrol stations—are out. That's it. They've got nothing. Zero. They're rationing everywhere now. Except for Russia, China, and India. The U.S. isn't rushing; the U.S. is just squeezing the crap out of the population.

And Trump could put price ceilings on oil, and he could stop exports to make sure there's enough oil. He's not going to do that because his buddies are making money off it. And that's what matters in the end—not the peasants, not the tax serfs, unfortunately. Many who are listening to this show are tax serfs, whether they want to admit that or not. At least that's how Washington or London sees you. Or, for that matter, Paris and many of these other capitals—they see you as just something they can squeeze for their little projects and their better life. Yeah.

#Danny

Yeah, yeah. I mean, Stas, I think it was a great show today. We covered a lot in a short time. I know you've got another appointment, so we'll wrap it up here. Everyone, hit the like button—that helps the show reach new viewers and boosts it in the YouTube algorithm. Go to the video description, where you can find Stanislav Kropivnik's YouTube channel, *In the Eyes of Truth*. Subscribe there to follow his work. And, of course, all the places that support this show—Substack, Patreon, Buy Me a Coffee, and more—are listed there as well. I'll be back tomorrow and will announce what's coming up then. Until next time, everyone, take care. Bye-bye.

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One thing—one thing, if I can say.