

Seyed M. Marandi: Iran SLAMS Trump's Ultimatum w/ COUNTER ULTIMATUM

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Hey mihan Khudai, sahne Imam Rezaei, miran Zulfiqar, miran Ashuraei. Hey mihan Khudai, sahne Imam Rezaei.

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Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

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Hi, everybody. Today's Tuesday, April 7th, 2026, and our dear friend, our brother, Professor Seyed M. Marandi, is here with us. Welcome back, Professor.

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

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Let me start, Professor Marandi. The footage I played for you is from Iran right now—what's happening there. Donald Trump is threatening the Iranian people, but you can see what's going on in Iran. People are on the streets supporting the government's policies. They know they have to fight, and there's no other option. They have to fight until the end. But Professor Marandi, let me start with what Donald Trump, the president of the United States, said. He posted that a whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back again.

I don't want that to happen, but it probably will. He's basically talking about using nuclear weapons, because it was reiterated by the Vice President of the United States, who's, you know, in Hungary supporting Orbán. And he said the same thing—there are tools that haven't been used by the United States, basically talking about nuclear weapons. What's your reaction to what has happened, and to the way Donald Trump is trying to intimidate Iranians?

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Well, Nima, let me be very clear about everything. We are Shia Muslims, and we have an infinite faith in God. We know that the path we've chosen is the right path. Our "sin" is that we support the Palestinian people—not because we're from the same clan, not because we're from the same race, not because we're from the same sect, not because we share the same language, and not even because we're neighbors. It's because they're victims. They've been victims for many decades, and now they're being slaughtered. And the West supports this slaughter. The collective West is behind it—the liberal democracies, as they like to call themselves, fully endorse the slaughter.

They'll do whatever they can to make it happen, to allow it to happen. Just like when Trump says Iran will be obliterated and none of the Western media say anything—whether it's his opponents or his supporters, whether it's The Guardian or The Times in London, whether it's The New York Times or Breitbart—it doesn't make a difference. When he says he'll send Iran back to the Stone Age, no one in the West is outraged. You don't see The Washington Post outraged. You don't see MSNBC outraged. Just like with Cuba, they starve the country. Just like with Syria, they enable ISIS and al-Qaeda.

The political establishment, when it comes to empire, is brutal and immoral. They're crushing the Palestinian people. For two and a half years, the Palestinian people have been enduring genocide. And the only thing that stands between their complete annihilation—their extermination—is the axis of resistance. It's the Islamic Republic of Iran and its regional allies. That is our sin, but we cannot forsake the Palestinian people. It's not doable. It's not possible. We'd rather die standing than live or die on our knees. It's just not a choice we can accept.

I've discussed this on your show before—that we have a deep connection with what the Prophet's grandson did in Karbala. In defiance of the despot of his era, Hussain stood up against the tyrant of the time, and he and his companions were all martyred for the sake of what was right. His sister continued the cause. This is deeply embedded in our culture. That's why you see men and women on the streets at night under missile fire. They target them with their missiles. As I told you last week, just near where I am now—a woman was murdered when they fired a missile at one of these crowds. They fire missiles at crowds.

And the Western media and Western elites are completely indifferent. They justify it. If they had any humanity, one of these Western journalists, with all their followers, would have tweeted, "This is outrageous. We are committing crimes against humanity." Have you seen a single important Western journalist over the last week express outrage at the threat of bringing about the greatest Holocaust by far in human history?

Have you seen any of these journalists at CNN, MSNBC, or Sky News? The BBC—in fact, the BBC is so sinister, so evil—that one of their journalists claimed that people inside Iran are saying, "You can use nuclear weapons against us." Utterly evil. The BBC is utterly evil. It was always like this. I know; I've been dealing with the media for all these years. And all those people who've contributed to the

lies of Western media over these years—to demonize Iran, to spread lies—whether it was about Mahsa Amini, who was never murdered, who was never beaten, or the lies about tens of thousands of peaceful protesters being slaughtered by the Iranian police—all lies.

And now we see Trump himself admitting that he sent weapons to these protesters. If these were spontaneous protesters, who was he sending the weapons to? He was sending them to those networks inside Iran that were getting their orders from outside. You don't just send weapons and leave them on a street corner or in the middle of a square—you have people. So this was an armed insurrection. But Western media closed their eyes. And these so-called intellectuals, these leftists, some of them who pretend to be opposed to the mainstream, they repeated it. They have blood on their hands—every single one of them.

Every single one of them has blood on their hands. Because it was very comforting for them—it was very easy for them to repeat the narratives. It made them more acceptable in the mainstream, while they could also pretend to be subversive. They lied. They've been lying about Iran for 47 years. The moral compass is here in Tehran. This is the country that opposes genocide. All other countries are complicit—except for, of course, Iran's allies, whether it's Yemen, Hezbollah, the resistance in Iraq, or those who support the resistance, who are in the hundreds of millions across the world now, if not billions.

The supporters of the axis of resistance are growing by the hour. And who are we standing up against? We're standing up against the tyrant of our time, who has the full support of the—have you seen one European country call out Trump during the last week? Have you seen one European official say, "You're a monster, you're a mass murderer, you want to carry out a Holocaust"? None. So what is Iran's sin? It's its independence and its support for the Palestinian people. That is not coming to an end. Tonight will pass. We'll see what happens tomorrow. But we will die standing, or we will stand and defeat the enemy.

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What we've learned, Professor Marandi, is that Iran has canceled all communications with the Americans—directly and indirectly—through Pakistan, Turkey, and all of that. What is the policy? What is the objective right now on the part of the Iranian government? And how is that part of the war? Why let that happen? And what does Donald Trump want from Iran?

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He wants total submission. He wants Iran to be subjugated. There is no compromise with this monster. Some people in Iran were naive to think we could make a deal with Trump. It's not doable. A deal where your dignity and your principles are preserved is not possible with such a monster. After all, he's been carrying out a holocaust in Gaza. He's helping carry out genocidal strikes against Lebanon day and night. He is strangling the people of Cuba as we speak—strangling a country of ten

million. And no one in the West protests. No one is outraged. No one in the Global South is outraged. No one will stand up except for Iran—except for Yemen.

Except for Hezbollah. You know, General Soleimani said—famously, and I've said this once before on your show—"We are the nation of martyrdom. We are the nation of Imam Hussain." This is actually contrary to what the West thinks about Iran, and what these regimes in the region—like Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Erdogan, and others—have been trying to do in demonizing Iran for decades. This is not a rejection of life; it's a celebration of life. We are prepared to be martyred to spare the children of Gaza. They're not our children; we're not Arabs; they're not our neighbors. In fact, in the Arab world, they're constantly antagonizing Iran.

They're constantly antagonizing Hezbollah. They always try to slander the Shia. Why? Because the empire wants division, and their proxies—like Azerbaijan, Turkey, the Emirates, Egypt, Jordan, and the rest—need that division to justify their inaction and complicity. They have to demonize those who sincerely support the oppressed. They have to. So despite all that, it is the resistance—it is Iran—that is opposing genocide. How can it be that a state, a people who oppose genocide, are the ones accused of committing genocide at home? They're called the evil ones, while the so-called good governments are the ones supporting the genocide in Gaza.

Can any sane person really believe that? Can a single sane person with a bit of integrity believe that? So this is the story. This is the reality. We are on the side of the oppressed. We are on the side of the marginalized. And we want our independence. The empire finds this intolerable. The empire has very, very powerful arms and many, many proxies. They will divide and rule. They will impose sanctions. They will support terrorism. They'll engage in wars. But Iran remains steadfast. For 47 years now, they've failed to defeat Iran. But when they hit Iran today, they should be prepared to be beaten back.

They should be prepared to accept the punishment. The Iranians are no longer going to hold back. They strike our vital infrastructure, we strike the vital infrastructure of all those regimes involved in this genocidal aggression—whether it's the Israeli regime, U.S. proxies in the region, or any U.S. assets available to us across the board. We will make sure that the United States under Trump is defeated. We will make sure that Netanyahu faces a strategic defeat. Regardless of the pain. And there is pain. And there will be more pain. They're murdering people. Today they bombed a market in Tehran. They bombed a synagogue.

The Israeli regime bombed a synagogue in Tehran. Why? Because they don't care about Jews. They hate Jews. They only care about Zionism and their own supremacism. They don't care for Jews. Why in the world would they, of all places, bomb a synagogue in Tehran? Because anything that stands against them, or anything that is not with them, deserves death and destruction. And the West—the elites in the West—are fully supportive of this. The only way to defeat them, Nima, is to stand up and resist. We are the nation of resistance. And I think by now everyone knows that we are the nation of resistance. These are not mere slogans. These are not empty words.

For decades, these regimes in the Persian Gulf—the Erdogan regime and others—were promoting the idea that Iran and the resistance were just talk. But over the last two and a half years, we've seen who has made the sacrifices, who continues to make the sacrifices, and who remains steadfast. People have to start rethinking Iran. They have to start rethinking the resistance. They have to start rethinking the axis of resistance. And people across the world have to make their own decisions: are they going to sit back and let the world be ruined by this monster, or are they going to stand up and resist? Are they going to take to the streets? Are they going to boycott?

Are they going to push their governments to take a stand? Or are they just going to sit at home and like your video, or at most leave a comment? I'm sure many of your viewers—many of them—are people who are doing whatever they can. But I'm speaking to those who aren't doing anything. Resistance means not purchasing Western goods, not purchasing American goods, boycotting anything and everything American, and encouraging others to ignore anything that comes from the United States—even within the United States—and all those countries affiliated with it. We have to push governments, push people to rise up. We have to bring about change before it's too late.

Are we going to sit back and wait until Palestinians in Gaza are exterminated? Are we going to wait until they get rid of all the kids—until all the kids die of disease, hunger, cold, heat, and illnesses that could easily be treated? Or are we going to increase the pressure? I'm not pessimistic. You know me—I'm not pessimistic. I'm optimistic about the future. I don't know my fate. I don't know the fate of my family. I don't know the fate of the people in this building. But my responsibility is to remain steadfast, and the responsibility of the people around me is to do the same. And whenever I see people whose legs are shaking, I have to encourage them to be strong.

And whenever someone sees my legs shaking, they have to encourage me to be strong. But again, I ask your audience: if the Islamic Republic of Iran did not have the strongest moral legitimacy and popular support, could it have survived this onslaught—this madman, these madmen, this evil ideology—alone? Who is supporting Iran? It's alone. Some countries may trade a bit or assist a bit, but Iran is on its own. It's on its own. And it could have cut a deal many times in the past. It could have surrendered its sovereignty. It could have been another Egypt, or another Turkey, or another Pakistan, or any other country on this planet. But it chose to be independent, and it chose to have principles. And it will remain that way, inshallah.

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Professor Marandi, the language that's being used by the president of the United States on the eve of Easter—he called all Iranians bastards. And then again, we have him literally talking about putting an end to civilization in Iran, which, I think, shows he doesn't understand what he's talking about. He doesn't know the Iranian people, Iranian culture, Iranian civilization, Iranian faith. He doesn't know anything about these things. But still, the language he's using—I think this is the end of the international community.

Because, as you've mentioned, nobody's objecting to that. This is the language Adolf Hitler used while he was killing people, assassinating people. And again, you see the president of the United States using it against Iran. This is nothing new. We've seen this in history, and it's being reiterated by the president of the United States right now to somehow convince people that what he's doing is right. But how do you see the international community? How do you see the language he's using? There's no outrage, as you've mentioned.

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Actually, I don't think Adolf Hitler or Saddam Hussein, or any of the tyrants in history, ever spoke in that particular way—the way Trump did and does repeatedly, amid silence across the West. I don't recall Saddam Hussein, even during his murderous and genocidal war against Iran, ever saying that he was going to wipe out a civilization. I don't recall ever hearing that. Hitler said that, with all the crimes he committed. The only ones I can think of in contemporary history are, of course, those who call the Palestinians Amalek. They're the ones talking about wiping people out. In the past—maybe in past centuries—this was more open.

I mean, the British Empire and other empires throughout history have done many things. Historians should tell us what language was used, and I'm sure this sort of language was used by different despots throughout history. But in contemporary times, among the main despots and evil figures—like the two I mentioned—I don't recall ever seeing such a quote. But Zionists—that is the language of Zionism. That is the language of Zionism. Go and look at what they were calling the Palestinians when they began the genocide in Gaza. Look at the terminology used by these people. So there's one example, which it seems Trump is repeating, and I think that's where he's getting his language.

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So I think, Professor Marandi, when it comes to the Strait of Hormuz—today we have J.D. Vance talking about it—one of the most important things he's mentioned that could, you know, force the United States, at least in his mind, to use nuclear weapons is the Strait of Hormuz. He's calling it, you know, "economic terrorism" or something like that—a new term being introduced to the English language by U.S. Vice President J.D. Vance. But after all, what is the Strait of Hormuz? I don't see that Iran has closed the Strait of Hormuz. Iran is managing it. Iran has been cooperating with other countries there. So what is the policy in the Strait of Hormuz that is somehow not acceptable to Donald Trump?

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Those against Iran are using the Strait of Hormuz. Iraq can use the Strait of Hormuz. Those countries that have purchased goods can take their goods, but as long as Saudi Arabia, the Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, and Bahrain are facilitating aggression against Iran—allowing the Zionists access to use their land, sea, and air against the Iranian people—we're not going to let them use the

Strait of Hormuz. Some countries that are not at war with Iran have made deals with Iran, and their ships have left the Persian Gulf through the Strait of Hormuz. But those regimes that are killing our kids, from where missiles are being fired, from where jets are flying to slaughter our people, to bomb our markets, to bomb mosques and synagogues?

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No, of course not.

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The terrorist is Vance. The terrorist is Trump. The terrorist is Netanyahu, the Israeli regime, and all those who cooperate with them. These are the terrorists. We didn't start this war, even though the Western media—which has been silent about all the nonsense Trump has been saying for the last few days, alongside Western leaders and others around the world—has said nothing about who the aggressor is. You'd think, if you watched CNN or Fox News, that it was Iran that started the war. But every step of the way, it was the other side that brought escalation. Iran never initiated escalation.

Iran never initiated escalation. The other side did. But when they start targeting our critical infrastructure, we will retaliate—there's no other way. And we will remain steadfast, come what may. Vance is in no position to talk about Iran. He has blood on his hands. He started this war. He's part of this administration, this Trump regime. It's extraordinary—the audacity of these people in the corridors of power in the West and their obedient media, whether it's the BBC, the so-called "sinister BBC," or Fox News, or whoever—that they can turn the victim into the aggressor.

But this isn't the first time, is it? The people of Gaza have been called the aggressors for decades. They've been labeled the aggressors. That's why there's no sympathy for them in the Western media. That's why, during the Holocaust in Gaza, they were indifferent and quiet. That's why, when the Israelis flattened Beirut, they called all those apartment blocks "Hezbollah strongholds." Why? Because they're foot soldiers for the empire. They create the language to assist and enable genocide, slaughter, and massacre. So again, this just shows anyone who is fair-minded who the Iranians are, who Hezbollah is, and who their adversaries are.

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There was an operation, Professor Marandi. Yesterday, Donald Trump was talking about a successful rescue mission in Iran. It was about a pilot—the second pilot of an F-15E—that he was describing somehow in great detail. You know, for more than an hour he went on about how the mission unfolded, step by step. And you might wonder, why is he doing that? Why does he need to go that far in describing what happened, just to show it was a total victory on his part? What's the Iranian understanding of what happened in that operation?

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Well, the more he talks, the more it shows that it's a failure. And he knows it—and so do the people around him, and those who control the media. For almost forty days now, everything has supposedly been a success, yet we've been losing. I don't know why our missiles don't run out, our drones don't run out. And when they carry out a ground assault—which is possible, they may do it soon—they'll again talk about success. But after a few days, they'll find out that's been a failure too. It's been a failure from day one, regardless of what the Western media tells you.

It's been a failure throughout. Their only success is killing kids—and they're good at that. The collective West, that's their expertise. We've seen it in Gaza. We see it when they strangle the people of Syria and put in ISIS and Al-Qaeda. We see what they did in Libya, what they do in Cuba, and the list goes on. But this operation was interesting because it shouldn't have happened this way, first of all. And it's clear—this is what the Iranians believe—that those assets were prepared for something very different, but they ended up using assets that were meant for a major operation.

Inside Iran, they used them to save this person. Now, this person was probably important, given how much effort they put into rescuing him. They lost two planes, a number of drones and helicopters, just in that operation. They spent huge amounts of money because planes were flying overhead, and it's believed in Iran that a number of soldiers did die. There's footage of fighting, footage of a plane being damaged, and footage of a helicopter being damaged. Those who were involved in the fighting say there were definitely casualties, and most probably a number of people were killed.

But the United States is hiding its numbers. I don't know if the numbers the Iranians are giving are correct. Those are numbers I can't verify either. I don't know—I'm not on the battlefield. But people who were in the field said they took bad hits. And when they were putting these people on the planes to take them away, they were badly injured—or worse. So I think that probably, and no one knows for certain, this was a team put together to carry out an operation deep inside Iran, but it didn't work. And remember, this wasn't an area that's highly populated. Few locals went and fought them.

You know, that area is a part of the country that's very sparsely populated. People should keep in mind that Iran is about the size of Germany, France, and the UK combined—and a bit more. It's huge. The population is mostly in the north and in the west, right? Because in the north there are many mountains, and in the west there are mountains, snow, and water. So there's agriculture, there are cities, there are forests, and, you know, the land and the weather are better. There are nice places in the south too, but the population of Iran isn't spread evenly throughout the country. So that area was sparsely populated. And this is another interesting point.

Trump—the monster—and the BBC, another monster, or a whole series of monsters, said that people want us to bomb them. And the BBC actually went further and said people want us to nuke

them. I tweeted this from the BBC. Of course, someone else picked it up, but then I tweeted that BBC journalist, that criminal who posted this, so people could see the true nature of the BBC. But Trump said that people in Iran want us to bomb them. Then one of his senior commanders said, "Whoever had a gun was shooting at us." Which is it? Which is it? Today you see young people from across the country going to power plants and staging sit-ins, saying, "Bomb us." These are against the so-called regime. Who in the West would do that for their regimes?

And this is not just about rallying around the flag. Of course, people rally around the flag, but no one is going to rally around the flag of some genocidal creature. If people didn't accept the Islamic Republic of Iran, they wouldn't fight for it like this, risk their lives for it like this—go out on the streets every night, go to power plants and stage sit-ins, take their guns and, you know, these villagers take their guns and go off to fight these commandos. This is the spirit of the Iranian people. This is what General Soleimani was saying—that we are the nation of martyrdom, the nation of Imam Hussain. The Americans, the regime in Washington, have chosen the wrong country to mess around with.

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Yeah. And what you mentioned—it was the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Kane—who said that every single Iranian who owned a small gun or a rifle was shooting at us. You know, this is the reality they're trying to ignore. And Donald Trump said that people are happy we're bombing them. This is the reality somehow coming out through his commander, his general. Yesterday he mentioned that. Professor Marandi, the other point is what's important for Donald Trump—and even Lindsey Graham, who was talking about it today and yesterday—is how Iran is managing this trade through the Strait of Hormuz and reducing the importance of the dollar, or somehow influencing the importance of the dollar. Because Iran right now doesn't want to be dependent on the U.S. dollar anymore. For more than 46 years, Iran has been under tremendous sanctions. So what is the policy in the Strait of Hormuz that's hitting Lindsey Graham and people like him so hard?

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Well, first of all, they don't want us to use the dollar. They've sanctioned us—it's maximum pressure sanctions. They want to starve our economy, they want to make Iran suffer. So if they don't want us to use the dollar, then we'll use something else. What are they complaining about? Iran will no doubt control the Strait of Hormuz, and it will fight for it—and it will succeed. And if the United States escalates, Nima, these Arab dictatorships in the Persian Gulf will probably cease to exist. If I were living there now, I'd leave. Because if they start striking our critical infrastructure—they've already done so—but as we go forward, Iran is going to destroy theirs. And their critical infrastructure is much more expensive.

And all of it is along the coast, and none of it is indigenous. All of our critical infrastructure was built by Iranian engineers. Their critical infrastructure was built mostly by major Western corporations,

and it's right there in front of us along the coast. These are deserts. All they have is oil and gas—and without anything but oil and gas, if they don't have water or electricity, they're finished. If they don't have oil or gas, they're finished. And they can't complain, because they thought their overlord would take us out. It didn't happen. So now they're going to pay the price. Either they back down and end this war—and they can end it today, Nima—the leaders of the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council.

They can sit together today and say, "All Americans must immediately leave our territory. All American soldiers must immediately leave our territory. They can no longer land their planes here. They can no longer refuel here. They can no longer load bombs here. They can no longer fly over our airspace. They can no longer fire missiles at Iran from here. They can no longer use our territory against Iran, our shores against Iran." Then, except for the issue of reparations—which they will have to pay—it would be over. How could Trump continue with this genocidal war? It wouldn't be possible for him anymore. Without them, he can't do it. So when the destruction of their infrastructure happens, when it takes place, they'll have no one to complain to—and it won't be livable there.

And within three, four, five weeks—I mean, you're from the south of Iran—when does it get very hot and humid in that area? Just a few weeks from now. And then the sands from the Arabian Peninsula, and, you know, U.S. weapons and weapons systems, they're not well protected because they're not in their bases. They've all been brought in urgently for a very short war they were supposed to win overnight. This is going to be very bad news for—well, I mean, Trump wants to increase the military budget to a trillion and a half, and of course cut, take it from the mouths of orphans and the marginalized to feed his war machine.

But a lot of that money, if not all of it, is going to go to repairing all the equipment they brought to this region, which is going to suffer serious damage—war aside—from the heat, the sand, and the sandstorms they'll start seeing in the weeks ahead. In any case, these countries are not going to be livable, especially for the very wealthy people who've benefited from oil and gas all these years. They won't be able to tolerate this situation. These regimes will all collapse. They will all collapse. Either new people will come to power and Iran will welcome them, or there will be chaos, or they'll be diminished. These regimes may remain, but they'll be diminished. And they have no one to blame but themselves.

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Were they using these GCC countries to carry out the operation in Iran? Because as the operation was going on, we saw Iran hitting some targets in Kuwait. What was the connection between the two?

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Yes, they've been firing. I mean, the U.S. Armed Forces have even used social media to show that they're launching missiles from these countries. And of course, those planes that were downed—those three planes over Kuwaiti airspace—how did they get there? Because they were using them. All these countries are involved. Right now, American soldiers are in these countries. Since their bases are being destroyed, they're hiding in hotels. They're still there, their assets spread out across the country. They're firing at Iran from outside. But it's more than that—these regimes are now complicit. Iran isn't just going to stop there. Now Iran is going to say, "Okay, we've destroyed the American bases, but you are complicit, and you're destroying our infrastructure."

We will destroy your infrastructure. And since most of this infrastructure is partially or fully owned by Western corporations and companies, those will be our first priority. But these regimes have no reason to complain. They've killed our kids. The slaughter of the children in Minab is thanks to them. None of these regimes have apologized. And by the way, these regimes are also funding the war. The Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar—these three—it's known that they helped fund the Trump war. And now Trump wants more from them. But in any case, as I said, they're complicit at all levels. And Iran is the side that has shown restraint, because Iran is a moral actor. We did not start this war. We did not initiate any stage of the escalation. But when they escalated, we escalated.

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Here's what the IRGC just announced: if the United States Army crosses the red lines, the response will go beyond the region. We will strike the United States and its partner infrastructure in a way that denies them access to the region's oil and gas for years. And they're even talking about Bab el-Mandeb, because Bab el-Mandeb is not, you know, in play right now—it's not being closed effectively by the Houthis.

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We're very, very close.

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The resistance in Yemen and Iraq has made some small moves—more in Iraq than in Yemen—but they haven't yet made the game-changing moves they can and will make if this expands, which is now expected.

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We've seen in the news that the Iranian expert, together with the Hezbollah expert, are in Yemen. I don't know if that's accurate, but there were some reports suggesting it's related to the fate of Bab al-Mandab in the Red Sea and how they're going to respond to the escalation by the United States.

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By now, Yemen has more than enough experts. I don't know who comes and who goes, but Yemen has lots of experts, and their abilities are very much indigenous. They produce their own systems, they produce their own infrastructure, and they already won a war against the United States. So I'm sure there's cooperation between all the elements of the Axis of Resistance at the local level, with regard to training and new technologies. But the infrastructure in Yemen, just like in Lebanon and just like in Iraq—these countries are full of young, smart, educated people who are, you know, pushing forward and helping strengthen those entities.

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Since we mentioned the media in the West, we have to note that Tucker Carlson is calling on the U. S. military and people close to Donald Trump to either resign or take away the nuclear codes from him. This is the same guy who supported Donald Trump, who did everything to help elect and reelect him in the United States. Right now, they're distancing themselves from Trump. They don't want this from him, and they don't see anything good coming out of it. He had a report yesterday basically talking about the language Trump is using, and that nobody really understands what's going on with him. I think we have to acknowledge these people who are being courageous, who understand what's at stake for the United States in the long run.

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Yes, Dr. Carlson was, I would guess, one of the two people who were most influential in bringing him to power, alongside Elon Musk, I would assume. So of course, he's very important. But there is the MAGA cult—and the MAGA cult are not rational people. They're not people who have any moral compass. I mean, anyone who supports Trump, anyone who supports the regime in Washington, has no moral compass, whether it's Democrat or Republican.

But Trump, you know, is really—it's clear he's very crude. I mean, calling, you know, threatening to carry out a holocaust, saying that he will carry out a holocaust tonight, shows how evil and sinister he is. But the fact that he still has these supporters shows that a segment of American society is beyond redemption. But, um, things are turning against him. I told how many before he was martyred—he said about Trump, he compared him to the Pharaoh, and he said the Pharaoh fell at the height of his power. I'm paraphrasing; I don't remember the exact wording. It was his last speech, or maybe the second-to-last. People can find it on the website. But he was basically predicting that Trump will fall like the Pharaoh.

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Thank you, Professor Marandi. I know these are... it's unbelievable what's going on, and it's tragic what's going on, because people in Iran are not happy with the case, and they know there's no

other option but to fight back. And this is the problem—that the Middle East should be freed, I think, after all. Whatever happens in the region, after such a long time, the Middle East should be free of what's going on. You know, American dominance should end. I think that's what Iran has done.

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Zionism.

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Exactly. Zionism is running things.

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The Holocaust that's being threatened—it's Zionism. The Amalek narrative—it's Zionism. This is all Zionism. What Trump is saying, what Netanyahu said—this is all Zionism. This genocidal mentality, it's all Zionism. And it will come to an end. Regardless of what these Western pundits and politicians say, and how they demonize us, we're on the side of truth and justice. All we're saying is that ethno-supremacism and genocide are wrong. And for that, we've been demonized for 47 years. And we're saying it about a people who are not our cousins—they're not our neighbors. They're far away; they're not that close.

There are countries that stand between us and Palestine. But it's about the moral principle. They're human beings—just like their children are like my children. Their women are like Iranian women. Their men are like you and me. Exactly. As human beings, as Shia Muslims, we cannot bow down to the emperor. It's not possible. Ayatollah Khamenei, in his very last speech, quoted Imam Hussain and said that the likes of Imam Hussain cannot give allegiance to the likes of Yazid—meaning he cannot give allegiance to the likes of Trump. And we cannot give our allegiance to the likes of Trump. That is our destiny. It doesn't matter what happens, because God is just.

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Thank you so much, Professor Marandi. A great pleasure, as always.

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Thank you, Nima Alkhorshid. A great pleasure.