

Trump threatens Iran beside the Easter bunny

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#Max

Trump's Easter Bunny — or we could call it the Easter "Baal" spectacle — outside the White House, next to his planned ballroom. Or should we call it the "ball-room," B-A-A-L? A \$400 million project. I don't even know if there's a Rose Garden anymore. I was actually in downtown D.C. by the White House yesterday, and people were pouring out from this bizarre ceremony — and I missed it. I wasn't able to watch it live, but what I saw afterwards was pretty shocking. Aaron, what was your takeaway? Yeah.

#Aaron

Well, everything feels like an AI-generated nightmare — Trump next to the Easter Bunny, talking about how the people of Iran—he literally said this. I think we have the clip, but it's just hard to fathom everything that comes out of his mouth. He said the people in Iran are upset when there's no bombing.

#Max

Yeah.

#Aaron

Among the many demented comments he keeps making.

#Max

Well, this is Trump ranting about Iran while standing next to the Easter Bunny.

#Donald Trump

And I don't think it gets much more hostile than Iran. They're capable fighters, very tough people. And there are others like that — you don't mind when the enemy is weak, but that enemy is strong. Not as strong as they were about a month ago, I can tell you. In fact, right now they're not too strong at all, in my opinion. But we're soon going to find out — oh, we don't even know. It does feel kind of like an acid trip.

#Max

Like the bad side of an acid trip — not the part where you gain some kind of consciousness or understanding that it doesn't matter what people think about you, like something you realize when you're 17 or 18. It's more like, "Oh man, I've been on the road with the Dead too long and my life is destroyed." And there's this freak-show game where I'm riding on a short bus called the United States — a nuclearized short bus — and the driver is a demented game-show host who owes millions of dollars to racist Jewish investors. And I'm totally screwed. And the Easter Bunny's riding shotgun, and there's this Jean-Luc Brunel catalog bride behind him, and we're just so screwed. That's the U.S. government right now.

#Aaron

Trump's threat to Iran today — that unless Iran caves to all of his demands, a civilization will end — underscores, with images like Trump ranting next to the Easter Bunny, that this civilization as we know it, led by someone that evil, needs to end. We need to transform here. And his call to end the civilization of Iran should be another wake-up call to us that whatever this is — whatever has let this guy become the head and the face of this civilization — has got to change, because he's a threat to everybody on this earth. Not just the people of Iran, not just the people of Palestine and Lebanon and throughout West Asia, but everybody. Because even if he's not talking about nuclear weapons here — which the White House says he's not — who knows? Maybe he is. You never know with this guy.

Whatever he does — I mean, talking about wiping out all of Iran's infrastructure — that would lead to a retaliation that could cause permanent damage for an untold number of people around the world. Because Iran is using the only leverage it has, which is: if any country is complicit in destroying our country, they're going to bear the brunt of Iran's response. And that's where all this is headed with these unhinged threats from Trump. So unless something happens from within this civilization — people under Trump refuse to obey his orders, Congress acts — you know, for once Democrats have delayed a war powers vote. I think now they're finally coming around to saying they'll do it. But something in this civilization has to change, or else Trump's threat to wipe out civilization pretty much extends to the entire planet.

#Max

He's expressing the intent to commit genocide, as Israeli leaders have for years. We all remember Gallant's pledge — no food, no water, no fuel — calling people "human animals," intent on committing genocide. "Amalek," as Netanyahu refers to the Palestinians and the Iranians, that's intent to commit genocide. And we've heard one Israeli leader after another call for bombing Lebanon back to the Stone Age. Just use whatever search engine you like and look up "Israel Stone Age Lebanon," and you'll find statement after statement by Israeli leaders going back decades, or saying the same thing about Gaza.

Trump went into this war without a strategy, without any plan, without any clear objectives. Everything was driven by the Israelis. And now he's taking on the rhetoric of Israel. We now have a truly Israeli-American president pledging to destroy civilization because a settler state has no civilization. All of its culture is stolen. So that's what we're witnessing with Trump. Of course, the U. S. is not a party to the Rome Statute, but there should still be ICC action here. There should still be congressional action. The 25th Amendment should be invoked. Trump should be removed for this. But when was the last time the Democrats tried to impeach Trump for doing something warlike?

The last time they tried to impeach him was when he wouldn't be warlike enough in Ukraine. We're going to have to see a real political shift for there to be any obstruction to Trump's intent to commit genocide. But he's put it all on the record. Here's another statement: "Open up the Strait, you crazy bastards. On Easter, Tuesday will be power plant day and bridge day all wrapped up in one. In Iran, there will be nothing like it. Open the effing Strait, you crazy bastards, or you'll be living in hell. Just watch. Praise be to Allah." I guess he's mocking Islam. President Donald Trump — I wouldn't have bet on Trump praising Allah on Easter, but if I had, I would've made some cash.