Iran Orders NO LIMITS Strike, US & Israel Signal CATASTROPHIC WAR | Seyed M. Marandi

Prof. Seyed Mohammad Marandi discusses the countdown to catastrophic war as Netanyahu and Trump finalize plans for their post-midterm election strike. Iran has ordered a maximum retaliatory response as the markets, and the world's people, brace for further shocks from renewed escalation. We break down the latest developments in the region and what will be a decisive November. SUPPORT THE SHOW BY BECOMING A YOUTUBE MEMBER: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOxLhz6B_elvLflntSEfnzA/join 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

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Welcome back to the show, everyone. As you can see, I'm joined by Seyed Mohammad Morandi to go over the latest developments. Well, Professor Morandi, we are on.

#Seyed M. Marandi

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#Danny

Yeah, press that like button as you come on because, as Professor Morandi will tell you, that helps boost the show.

#Seyed M. Marandi

And you know, Danny, I was just saying to Nima the other day, the algorithms work against you. I can tell. When you do new videos, they sometimes don't come up for me, even though I subscribe to your channel. But there are channels that I have not subscribed to—I mean, not that I didn't want to, but I just forgot to—and I see new videos from those channels, which have differing political views. Those come up for me. So that's why I insist that people like the videos and so on, because it helps.

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Yeah, it definitely does help. Hitting the like button here, being in the chat, and leaving a comment after the show—that also helps. Well, certainly it all relates, Professor Morandi, this information warfare and the actual war that is happening, the bigger war that is happening right now and building up to new U.S. strikes. Iran has answered back, saying that it is going to respond with geographically unrestricted means should the U.S. and Israel carry out their plans for renewed strikes. Trump and Netanyahu spoke yesterday about these plans, following Trump's discussions with senior commanders about this renewed strike. And now here's what Donald Trump had to say at a Halloween party. Yesterday was Halloween. Here's what he had to say about what could happen next.

#Seyed M. Marandi

We knocked out their nuclear. We still have to take care of, I would say, one or two sites. But we can do that in 10 minutes. So we have that plan.

#Danny

So the United States has to take care of one or two sites, Professor Morandi. This is an active signal of what would be a catastrophic war. What is going on right now, Professor Morandi, and what is the Iranian view of what is happening right now?

#Seyed M. Marandi

If Trump and Netanyahu move towards war, the Iranians have said, "As soon as we see that they are about to strike, we are going to begin war." And the Iranians have been very clear that they are going to go all out. They are going to hit much harder than before. And many of the red lines that existed during the first 40 days of this war are no longer going to be an issue. I've spoken to someone pretty senior in the military. He told me that despite the fact that Iran is building all sorts of underground missile bases, expanding old bases and building new ones—drone bases, missile bases, and command and control centers—they are also building so many missiles. And these missiles are more advanced than the ones used during the 40-day war.

They're building so many that they're having trouble with storage. So that just shows how swiftly Iran is moving forward. And Iran is preparing itself for war in different ways as well, with regard to air defense and potential land warfare. The country is mobilized. The economy is a wartime economy. And as you know, and as your viewers know, the Iranians are striking lots of ships in the Strait of Hormuz. So the amount of oil leaving the Persian Gulf has decreased dramatically. Those ships that don't get permission will be attacked. Before, they used to strike them with light drones. Now they hit them with heavy missiles, heavy drones, multiple drones, and mines, as well as bombs in one or two cases.

Apparently, they went up to the ship, planted bombs, and detonated them. So that in itself is going to cause a major crisis because there's going to be a shortage of ships in the future. But if the United States attacks, I think it's going to be a completely different situation. Let's assume that Senator Murphy's understanding of the attack plan is correct. From my understanding of what he said, Iran will destroy the Arab regimes in the Persian Gulf. Iran will hit the Israeli regime with heavy strikes if they enter a conflict with Iran. But these Arab regimes only have oil or gas. They don't have anything else. So when Iran hits them, there'll be nothing left.

And they will all fall. Whether it's Kuwait or the Emirates or Saudi Arabia or Bahrain or Qatar, they won't last. And they're already in very bad shape. And we're seeing what Yemen is doing to Saudi Arabia. Mohammed bin Salman foolishly restarted his genocidal war. Now he's paying a heavy price. So if Yemen can do this to Saudi Arabia, imagine what Iran can do. And Iran can do it very swiftly. So we are in a very dangerous situation. I don't like war, but I do not sense any fear in Iran about war. Iranians know that it's not the fault of the Iranian side, that we're dealing with Zionists and Trump and Netanyahu, and that we have no option but to remain steadfast.

You know, I go out on the streets every now and then, and when people recognize me, there are two criticisms they make, and just these two. One is, "Why isn't Iran building a bomb?" And the second is that we should attack first: "Why are we waiting for them to attack?" This is the mentality I've encountered through my anecdotal experiences over the past month or so—or more than a month—as it's become increasingly clear that we're heading towards war. These are my experiences. And of course, people are also very friendly to me and very kind for no reason, because I don't do anything in particular. I just talk.

But the point is that the criticism is, "Why aren't we taking a tougher stance?" Last night, the chair of the Supreme National Security Council actually did allude to that, because in the polls—I can't say "overwhelming"; I don't know what that means exactly—but a very strong majority of Iranians want nuclear weapons. And he sort of acknowledged that in his interview on television. He said, "People have demands, and if this goes on, if they wage war, then we may possibly move towards leaving the NPT and all that." So he did allude to this popular demand last night, Dr. Rezaei.

#Danny

Yeah, well, I was going to ask you, Professor Rondi, you know, because Mohsen Rezaei, the head of the Supreme National Security Council, and others within the Iranian political system have mentioned that there's a debate going on about this. And I'm wondering, what is this debate like at the highest levels of the Iranian political system? How does it fit in with this idea of maximum deterrence? Because it appears that this debate is intensifying on all sides. But it also seems that, at the moment, Iran believes it has the capacity to achieve maximum deterrence against the United States and Israel. So how do those two things, you know, relate, interact, or conflict with each other? What are your thoughts on this?

#Seyed M. Marandi

Well, in general, the Iranian military today is much more prepared for war than even at the beginning of this war. At the beginning of this war, they were much more prepared than for the 12-day war. But now they are really prepared. And they've been working very hard. A lot of R&D has also been going on. And I think that we're going to see a lot of surprises. When I speak to different people, they speak about the nature of the coming war as being different from what we've seen before. And I think Iran's strikes on the Israeli regime will be very painful. There will be large strikes on the regime. But also, these vulnerable Arab regimes that are fully complicit in this war, that are co-conspirators against the Iranian people—they bet on the wrong horse. They thought that it would be a quick win and that they would be on the winner's side.

It didn't turn out too well. So if war starts, I don't see them surviving. You and I discussed this at the beginning of the war, when they were starting to strike some infrastructure in Iran, and Iran would retaliate. In one case, Iran hit the Qatari LNG project very hard, and then Trump put out a Truth Social statement saying, "It's going to stop. This is not going to continue." This time around, I think Iran is just going to go out and destroy. If the Americans make the wrong move, I think the Iranians are just going to go out and destroy. It will be very bad. The global economy will fall into a Great Depression. Again, I don't know what Trump will do, but this is the working assumption in Tehran: that he will launch a war, start striking infrastructure, and Iran will be relentless in response.

#Danny

Yeah, well, that seems to be a good assumption given the situation, Professor Morandi. What do you believe is driving this flirtation with a renewed catastrophic war here? Because, truthfully, a lot of people look at this, hear what you say, and then ask themselves, “Well, why even engage in this?” So I guess, why do you believe the United States and Israel are engaging in this? I don't even think it's a myth. And a lot of people say, “Well, that means getting into the head of Trump,” etc. I don't know if that's the case for us. Is there something bigger to it than simply the whims and thought processes of the Trump regime?

#Seyed M. Marandi

Well, that is a mystery to everyone. I have never heard an answer to this question that satisfies me or that has evidence behind it. It's all speculation. Part of it is definitely Trump's arrogance and his ego. Part of it could be the deep influence of Zionism, Zionist money that brought him to power, and the fact that he's surrounded by Israel-firsters who don't care about the United States. They care about the Israeli regime, for whatever reason. The Zionists may have dirt on many of them. That's why they're so obedient. I don't consider these things to be conspiracy theories.

In fact, when I was a teenager, it was very well known that the Arabs in the Persian Gulf, with their newfound wealth from oil and gas—well, back then it was oil—would go to Europe and the United

States and engage in all sorts of corruption, moral corruption, financial corruption. It was well known. And back then, they were saying that Western intelligence agencies had dirt on all these people who were going there. And I think that's just how these Arab regimes in the Persian Gulf are. I think there's nothing they can do. And I think that in the United States, many people are compromised. It's not just a few senators. I think it's much more extensive than that.

And it's not just one Epstein. I think a lot of people are compromised. But it could be that Trump himself is compromised because of Epstein and all that. It could be ideological. I once said this to Judge Napolitano, and he said that others have told him the same. I personally believe that it could be possible that he has become a Zionist, maybe converted to Jewish Zionism. And, you know, when Erdogan and the Qataris and the Saudis and the Israelis and the Americans—all of them—were creating these terrorist groups, these Takfiri cults like ISIS and Al-Qaeda, a lot of people who joined ISIS and Al-Qaeda were people who were not religious at all. And many of them had really bad backgrounds, like they were drug dealers or they were pimps.

These were among the people who were arrested and captured in Iraq and Syria. And a lot of them, when the so-called Islamic State grew or when Al-Qaeda gained huge swathes of territory, thought that this would be some sort of redemption for them—that they would go to the land of these cult groups and redeem themselves for their past sins. There was a lot of that, actually. And that's why they were so brutal, because many of them were just brutal people beforehand. But now they're just pretending to be Muslims and carrying out the same brutality in the name of Islam. And of course, Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya and the Qataris and Erdogan—everyone was supporting them and presenting them as the good guys.

And anyway, we know what happened. But I think it's not impossible that Trump, being a morally bankrupt person, has become a Zionist. I mean, look at his daughter. She relinquished Christianity for Zionism. Trump said she converted to Judaism for the love of Israel. I mean, is Israel that wonderful that you change your religion to become a Zionist? It doesn't make sense. I don't know if that's true. I'm just saying all of these things can be true, and it could be a combination of different things. But in any case, Tulsi Gabbard says under oath that Iran is not developing the weapon. And the International Atomic Energy Agency has carried out years of intrusive inspections. I mean, the number of inspections carried out in Iran alone was greater than all the other inspections carried out across the globe combined.

I don't know if your audience knew that. But if they did, they probably know quite a bit. You know, I've said before on your show that people should buy and read Going to Tehran by Flynt and Hillary Mann Leverett or Resistance by Alastair Crooke. But there are another couple of good books on the nuclear program. One is by Gareth Porter. I don't know where he is nowadays. He's very quiet. I think he's very old, but he wrote a good book called Manufactured Crisis. And there was another one written by Peter Oborne called A Dangerous Delusion. He's a British journalist, also a very, very decent person.

The inspections in Iran, including in all those buildings that the Americans bombed, were carried out for years, and they never provided any evidence that Iran was ever producing or seeking nuclear weapons. So Trump knew that. I'm sure he knew that. When Joe Kent, who was the head of counterterrorism under Trump, resigned right after the war, he said in his resignation letter that Iran was not developing a nuclear weapon. So no doubt Trump knew this. Even though he said that Tulsi Gabbard was wrong, I'm sure he knew. So why did he go down this path despite the clear evidence that this was all nonsense? It could be a combination of things. I have no idea. I think about it sometimes. It's very interesting to me. But ultimately, Trump is wrecking the United States as a result.

#Danny

Professor Morandi, I wanted to ask you about this obsession with time.

#Seyed M. Marandi

The previous president did a lot to wreck the United States too, but...

#Danny

Oh, well, yeah.

#Seyed M. Marandi

He's taking it to a new level.

#Danny

That seems to be a pattern in the United States. We're about to head into midterms, and we were speaking before the show about, you know, successive administrations in my lifetime. And I have to say that ever since I've been an adult in the United States, every administration has done this. And so, in that way, Trump is not so different. But where he is different is that he did decide to cross this particular line with Iran, and now he finds himself and the entire US regime in a situation that I don't think is exactly how they planned it to go.

My question to you, though, was about timelines, because we've heard “three-day strike,” “short,” “brief,” “intense.” We have all of these descriptors for what this strike will be, but never any consideration of the Iranian side. And Iran said there will be no timeline for its response to U.S. and Israeli aggression. So, your thoughts on this? Why is it that Iran's side is not being taken into consideration? I guess we don't expect it publicly, but I think just communicating a timeline for these strikes on the U.S. side indicates a complete and utter disregard for the Iranian side.

#Seyed M. Marandi

Well, that's the mistake they made during the 12-day war, and that's the mistake they made at the beginning of this war as well. They did not take into account that the Iranians would also be involved in the fighting and that, on all occasions so far, Iran had the upper hand. There's just no doubt about it. In the 12-day war, Netanyahu was the one who sought a ceasefire. Steve Bannon said that twice. I heard him myself say that Netanyahu was begging for a ceasefire since, like, day six or seven. And in this war, of course, Trump began by demanding unconditional surrender. Then, after 40 days, he ended up accepting Iran's 14-point plan as a framework for negotiations. Now, he didn't abide by his commitment. But still, it just shows how the Iranians were able to humiliate him.

Now, if war restarts—Ayatollah Khamenei met yesterday with senior commanders: the chief of the armed forces, the head of the army, and the head of the Revolutionary Guards. The three of them met with him, and one of the things he spoke about was the unity of fronts, which means Iraq, Yemen, and Lebanon. And Iraq is very important because they have been less involved than the rest. And by the way, if the countries in the Persian Gulf collapse, I think a new order will emerge. There will be people coming to power. The borders may change in the Arabian Peninsula, but there will be people in power, and I'm pretty sure they're not going to be the sort that the Americans want. So unity of fronts could mean more than just those entities that I spoke of. But then he also said that if the war starts, we determine when it finishes.

And that is the key. Iran is determined to force Trump to abide by Iran's demands. So it's not going to be a three-day war. Trump can do what he likes, but the Iranians won't stop. I'm sure of that. And the Iranians will be relentless, and they will be hard-hitting from the very beginning. This will be a different war than the 40-day war. I mean, everyone was immensely impressed by Iran's performance in the 40-day war. I think this time around, Iran is going to hit much harder. It's going to be much more painful. And I think we're going to see an immediate reaction in the markets across the world. I think within a couple of days, it will become clear to everyone how catastrophic things will be. But in any case, that's what he said. Also, a senior commander...

Spoke to Al Mayadeen. You know Al Mayadeen. I advise your viewers not just to read and buy those books, Going to Tehran and so on, but to follow Al Mayadeen English on Twitter. It's an Arabic news channel, but they have an English account. They also have a Telegram channel, Instagram, and a website. But why? Because Al Mayadeen gives more news from inside Iran than the other Arabic channels do. The other Arabic channels are just in the American camp. It's different from Press TV. I would advise people to follow Press TV, but Al Mayadeen is something quite different.

Anyway, it's worth following. A senior Iranian official, an unnamed official, spoke to Al Mayadeen. It's a long interview. I mean, people should read it. This was, I think, the night before last. Among other things, he spoke about those who are living in glass palaces. And in Iran, when they speak

about those living in glass palaces, they mean the regimes in the Persian Gulf. Because they have nothing but oil and gas, and they are despots, and they have enormous wealth, but they are terribly vulnerable. And so he warned those people in the glass palaces.

So this means that Iran's response is going to be directed towards them in a different way. And then Ayatollah Khamenei also said that the boundaries of war are not limited. So that means that the theater of warfare will be expanded. What exactly does that mean? We'll have to see. I mean, some things come to mind, but I don't know anything for sure. So this is going to be a big war. And the head of the armed forces, after meeting Ayatollah Khamenei, said that as soon as we see the enemy about to strike, or preparing to strike, we're going to strike back. And Ayatollah Khamenei spoke about a decisive response. You're seeing different people putting out statements.

And then the chair of the Supreme National Security Council—all of them are putting out statements, basically saying that this is not going to be like before. And I have no doubt that they are very confident about this war. They know that the United States is planning to strike power plants and infrastructure, which are war crimes. But the United States is a criminal regime. They will hit back very hard. And all U.S. assets in the region—Ayatollah Khamenei also said to expand the targets. So, with all their drones and missiles, I mean, we saw what they did during the 40-day war. What I'm saying is it's going to be far worse than that.

#Danny

Well, we can take a look at what Fars News released here in terms of how Iran may respond. These are the targets that they are saying will be zero-hour targets, meaning that when the war begins, assets in all these countries will be targeted: ports, airports, power plants, desalination plants, petrochemical facilities, on and on and on. Tech and AI firms, rail, metro, bridges—basically everything. Zero red lines. That is what Fars News is reporting, and this is all coming.

#Seyed M. Marandi

And look, can you bring the map back for just a moment?

#Danny

Sure.

#Seyed M. Marandi

Yemen is a country under siege and surrounded, down at the bottom center of the map. And I'm sure your audience knows their stuff. Yemen has been able to devastate the Saudis, even though they've been under siege. And today they've pounded lots of infrastructure in retaliation for Saudi strikes. But what Iran has is infinitely more effective than what Yemen has. No doubt, the Yemenis

have been heroic, and they are winning this war. But Iran has capabilities that no one else has. And look at where all the Saudi assets are, where all the oil fields are, where Kuwait is—all right alongside Iran's border. Yemen has been lobbing those missiles and drones from a thousand kilometers away or more. Iran doesn't even have to use long-range missiles. They can just fire missiles and drones day and night and take out everything. It'll just be a couple of days' work for Iran. Then the Strait of Hormuz will be irrelevant.

#Danny

Yeah, yeah. And Professor Marandi, one point I wanted to bring up and get your reaction to is this: I've asked a few people, why is Israel suddenly back at the center of this potential restart of strikes and renewed escalation into a catastrophic war? And most have talked about, well, what are Israel's interests in this situation? I'm wondering if one of the reasons why Israel is such a focal point now, in terms of rearming and getting ready for these strikes, is because that's where the U.S. has essentially been pushed. During the last round of strikes, Professor Marandi, a lot of the operations were happening from air bases in Jordan, which borders Israel. So we see kind of a progression of the U.S. continuing this war, but it seems like they're doing so from a much greater distance. What are your thoughts on this? It almost feels like the U.S. is getting pushed out, and they keep relaunching operations from farther away.

#Seyed M. Marandi

Yes, exactly. And that just shows—I mean, they say there was information from the war games that they knew the Iranians would shut the Strait of Hormuz. But the U.S. armed forces obviously knew very little about Iran's capabilities. Otherwise, why would they have allowed their bases in the Persian Gulf region to be so vulnerable to Iran? All of the Iranian bases were underground. All the U. S. bases were above ground. And so Iran just destroyed them one after another. That's what Senator Murphy was talking about when he visited the region, you recall. He was speaking about the devastation, and they didn't allow him into U.S. bases. So the American armed forces were kicked out of the Persian Gulf region. As you rightly pointed out, they went to Jordan.

Then the Iranians started striking them there, and now they're in Israel. Well, Israel is not safe. You know, it's not safe. And, you know, Danny, it's really interesting how the Americans do nothing for these Arab regimes, despite the fact that they've sacrificed everything for the Americans. They give them all their excess money for their stock market and their bond markets. And the Israeli regime just steals from the American taxpayers. These Arab regimes contribute to the wealth of the United States at their own expense. But yet the American air defense systems that are being brought in from Korea—they're withdrawing everything from the United States. They're taking everything to Israel.

But they're not doing it for Saudi Arabia. So Yemen is hammering Saudi Arabia, and the Saudis can do nothing about it. But the Americans are focusing on taking everything to Palestine. So, you know,

what does that tell the Arab regimes? What does that tell the Arab population? What does that tell the Koreans? I spoke to a Japanese senator a while back, and he told me that the Americans have taken all sorts of things out of Japan and to Israel over the past few months without even telling the Japanese government. Without even informing them. So the United States is basically wrecking its reputation across the world, even among its own allies. So obviously, for them, the Israeli regime is more important than everyone else combined.

#Danny

Yeah, well, the Arab Gulf regimes are certainly looking more and more like the second-class citizen vassals of the U.S. empire compared to the Israeli regime, that's for sure. And I think that also speaks to a dynamic that should be noted, which is that these regimes, regardless of how clear that is, continue to go down this same path of self-destruction. I know the UAE has sent people. I know Qatar and the others all seem to be trying to work out some kind of deal that allows them to continue, I guess, beginning or exacerbating this kind of century of humiliation they're going to go through—or they're going through right now—but to do so while negotiating some kind of social peace with Iran. At least that's what the optics look like, as they act almost as messengers for the United States. What are your thoughts on this?

#Seyed M. Marandi

It's not going to work. It's not going to work. If war starts, they're all going to be wrecked. The glass palaces I spoke of earlier—they're all going to pay the price because they are co-conspirators. They're part of this war. They just bet on the wrong horse. As we speak, American drones take off from these countries and probe Iranian air defenses and strike fishing boats. Yesterday, they struck a fishing boat, and a sailor was killed, was murdered, was martyred. So where are these drones coming from? They're coming from these countries. They're at war with Iran. So yes, they send delegations, and the foreign ministry in Iran reciprocates. They're seeking a solution. But if the United States wages war, the Iranian armed forces are going to deal with these countries.

Not like during the 40-day war. It's going to be very different. Very different. As I said, if we take Senator Murphy's statements seriously, that means that these regimes will fall. And by the way, I'm sure you've noticed, but Senator Murphy, when he talks about how catastrophic this is and how crazy the plan is, he doesn't say it's because it's inhumane and they want to target civilian infrastructure. He speaks about the rule of law. He doesn't talk about crimes against humanity. American elites apparently can't even talk in those terms when they talk about their own country. Or Obama, when he was campaigning in Michigan—I watched the entire speech, something which I rarely do. He's very gifted, no doubt. Much more sophisticated than Trump, smarter than Trump, not at all crude like Trump.

But, I mean, this is the guy who destroyed Libya. This is the guy who destroyed Syria. This is the guy who gave the green light to Mohammed bin Salman to destroy Yemen. I mean, he's no better

than Trump. But did he say anything about the war, about the children that Trump murdered? Or the teenagers who were murdered in the sports complex? Or the massacres at the wedding? No, he spoke about an unnecessary war and how people are feeling the pain at the pump. So it's not as if there's some moral distinction to be made between the likes of Trump, Biden, Obama, and Clinton. They're all the same. True, Trump is more crude. Trump is more destructive. But none of them are people of faith. It won't work.

#Danny

Yeah, well, I think there's a rule. We talk about the rule of law. I think that there is a law when it comes to U.S. foreign policy. And make no mistake, Chris Murphy is a part of the foreign policy establishment. He just doesn't want to be attached to the disaster that is the war against Iran during an election season. But one actual rule and one actual law of U.S. foreign policy is that those the United States wages war against cannot be viewed as human. So, Manab, they don't even talk about bringing war crimes to light.

They don't talk about the investigation that the Trump administration continues to scuttle and delay. They basically keep stringing us along about the actual truth of that horrific war crime, as if it's a secret, even though it's all out in the open. What does Trump say? They're just stringing us along? They can't even talk about that. Chris Murphy doesn't talk about that because he would have to acknowledge that Iranians, who are the victims, are human and that killing them is wrong. We never hear that uttered out of the mouths of the U.S. political class, no matter which side it is. Even the most so-called progressive sides of the political class in the United States don't talk about it like that.

#Seyed M. Marandi

True, very true, 100% true. And one of the things that I think is dragging the United States down is the fact that people across the world are seeing this lack of morality among American politicians. People are much more aware than they were before. I mean, the world went through this once when Obama came to power. The United States had suffered a lot with regard to soft power because of the criminal war in Iraq. And then Obama came, and people were optimistic, or many people were, at least. And then he just continued with the same policies as Trump, and no one was punished for the torture. Only the whistleblowers were punished—John Kiriakou, for example. These were the people who were punished, not the people who actually carried out the torture or the atrocities, or those who lied the United States into war.

But people across the world are seeing this. And of course, why would the American elites address this? Because that's who they are. They have no moral compass. The whole political class of the United States is irredeemable. But it's something that people see across the world. It's not just Trump. Trump has just made it clearer. He's made it more evident. But no one has stood up against the war. No one stood up and said that kidnapping Maduro is a crime. No one said that what's happening in the war in Iran amounts to crimes against humanity. No one in the Western media was

outraged about Minab or about Trump constantly calling for the obliteration of Iran or wiping out a civilization. You don't see any of that anywhere. People take note of that.

#Danny

They definitely do. And all the polling numbers suggest that, of course, the economic crises don't help, but neither does the fact that this war threatens the lives of U.S. personnel. The longer this goes on, the clearer it becomes that the United States is not just an aggressor. After three-plus years of what Israel has done with U.S. help, it just makes it even clearer that the United States is not just complicit—it is the leading and active party in all of this. And that is a big hit to American exceptionalism. There's this idea that the United States is above the law and everything that it does is above board. But eventually, people can only stomach so much.

There's only so much that people can hold their noses and tolerate. And that is why the Trump administration right now, I feel, is facing so much backlash: because he is smearing the reputation of the United States, which, truthfully, never existed, actually. But, you know, people do believe in ideas. And when you conduct a war like this, you put that idea to the ultimate test. And it's been a big F for the Trump administration in that regard. Your thoughts on this? Because I think this is a big challenge to U.S. hegemony and superiority, which people in the United States tend to assume is just always the case. But now, not only is the U.S. a murderous regime, it's also one that can't really deliver the goods either.

#Seyed M. Marandi

Well, you know, it's interesting that the United States was already fighting a war in Ukraine. Now, more recently, the burden has been mostly on the Europeans, but still. And the Russians are winning. And then the United States under Trump escalated by giving Zelensky a green light to strike deep inside Russia and strike critical infrastructure and so on. And while doing that, they go and wage war against Iran. And these two wars, being carried out simultaneously, are harming the United States on both fronts. Just one small example—and this is a small example—is that they're running out of air defense or missile defense systems, like the THAAD interceptors or the Patriots, because they've been fighting on two fronts.

They've been using them both in Ukraine and against the Iranian people. And then what happens? As a result, the Americans have to withdraw their assets from Korea. You know, the Americans forced the Koreans to accept the THAAD missile system. The Korean government didn't want it because ordinary people didn't want it. And so they forced it upon them. And then they took it away after the Koreans paid the political price. And they do the same to Japan. So what the Americans are doing is trying to mobilize their proxies against Russia in Europe or against Iran in the Arabian Peninsula. They do the same against China, right, in the South China Sea, Japan, and Taiwan.

But now, because the United States is being dragged down in these two wars, it is also being dragged down in the Pacific, in the South China Sea. So, because of these wars, the United States is losing on all fronts simultaneously. But the war in Iran had a particular impact across the world. It showed that the United States does not have the power to defeat Iran through conventional means. And I saw this firsthand when I was in Moscow two or three weeks ago—or was it three or four weeks ago?—and in Beijing, China, just a few days ago. At both conferences, there were large numbers of guests from across the world. And everyone I spoke to was enormously impressed with how Iran defeated the United States.

But many were also saying, you know, how it's impacting the way people across the world view the United States, because now they see that the United States is not as strong as it seemed to be. There are two events that I think changed the world, almost two simultaneous events. One was the collapse of the Soviet Union, and the other was the U.S. victory against Iraq and Afghanistan after Saddam Hussein's stupidity and his immoral invasion of Kuwait. When the United States took Kuwait very easily—and there are many things that can be said about it—the ghost of Vietnam was sort of swept away. And then the collapse of the Soviet Union made the United States the sole superpower. That was the unipolar moment.

And so, from then on, the belief was that the United States could do whatever it wanted and had the ability to do so. But in this war, the exact opposite of what happened against Saddam Hussein happened. The United States was defeated, not through years of occupation and money wasted. No, they couldn't even take the country. They couldn't even take a small part of the country. They couldn't overthrow the government. They couldn't do anything. This was not like Afghanistan. It was not like Iraq. And by the way, in Afghanistan and Iraq, in both cases, Iran played a central role in defeating the United States by supporting the resistance. The Iranians supported the Taliban.

Sometimes, when some of these childish people who are funded by Saudi Arabia and Qatar, and perhaps Erdogan and others, say the Iranians supported Syria for sectarian reasons, I always tell them about Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, Iran supported the Taliban—the new generation of the Taliban, not the old genocidal generation that took Afghanistan. They were really crazy people. But the new generation that was resisting U.S. occupation—they're not like Iran. Women can't go to school. That I understand. But they were not like the first generation. Iran believed that the major problem in Afghanistan was the occupation.

And if the empire were forced out, that would be a good thing for Afghanistan. And so Iran supported the Taliban. And those who were unhappy were actually some of the Shias and some of the Tajiks, the Persian speakers, and the Uzbeks. They were unhappy. So it was the exact opposite of Syria. Why was Iran supporting the Syrian government? Because Iran was opposed to the policies of the empire. Because U.S. imperialism, U.S. domination of the region, and Zionist domination are the worst possible scenario. In any case, in Iraq and Afghanistan, the United States was defeated after years of occupation. In the case of Iran, they couldn't even take the country. They couldn't

even occupy it. So that had a huge impact on these people who I was meeting in Beijing and in Moscow and elsewhere.

#Danny

Well, you know, first of all, in the last 10 minutes or so that we have in this program, perhaps you can just comment on the larger regional situation. You mentioned China, of course. Dammam in Saudi Arabia has been hit very hard by Ansar Allah today. We are now hearing rumblings that Israel is putting together all kinds of emergency measures, from remote learning to moving security forces around and conducting drills at Ben Gurion Airport. So there's obviously a lot of activity happening in the region. Perhaps you could comment on these developments overall—everything that we spoke about and other things that we haven't spoken about. You said a lot has changed in the world. What exactly about the world situation is going to change and continue to change as this region remains the focal point of geopolitical developments worldwide? Because that certainly seems to be where we are right now.

#Seyed M. Marandi

Well, first of all, the Americans are obviously worried. You saw the Secretary of State say, you know, "This is not normal. The Iranians, if they don't get what they want, say they'll destroy all the infrastructure of the region." Yeah, well, those countries that co-sponsored your war, those countries that helped you with the war, they're guilty. But in any case, it's obvious that he knows that Iran can do this and that Iran will do this unless it gets what it demands. And what it demands is the full implementation of the MOU. So Rubio knows this. He knows what Iran can do and what Iran will do.

And when Iran does carry out its counterstrikes, I think what will happen in the world is it will change everything because, as I said, it will have a huge impact on the global economy, something that is, I think, beyond my comprehension. It'll be worse than the 1930s. The global population is much greater. There's so much new technology and instability. I mean, if many people are worried about immigration and refugees, imagine what will happen across the world when this war happens. And it'll be quite quick, I think. I think within two or three days, it'll become clear where things are going to be heading.

And then, when the global economy collapses, will the United States be able to sustain its military in the region? Will it be able to sustain all those 850 bases? No. I think they'll have to pull back. And if Trump loses the election badly—regardless of what I think about the Democrats, I don't have any respect for them either. After all, the genocide in Gaza began under the Democrats. But the base that votes for the Democrats in the hope of change—they're anti-genocide and anti-war. So if Trump wages this war and things go south very quickly, I think you'll have instability in the United States. I mean, look at what's going on in Europe right now.

This is just the very, very, very tip of the iceberg, what we're seeing now. If this war happens, we're going to see collapse. It will be tough for Iran, too, because the United States wants to destroy our infrastructure, electrical power plants, and energy supplies so that kids will die, people will die, and hospitals will cease to function. That's the plan. It just shows how brutal and barbaric and medieval the United States is as a regime. And the same goes for its Western allies who close their eyes to this reality, and senators who oppose it but don't talk about this criminal behavior. Instead, they talk about how terrible it will be for the United States.

But I think this will cause irreversible damage to the world. I also think U.S. influence across the world will collapse because people across the world will blame the United States, the Israeli regime, Zionism, Trump, and Netanyahu. And I think people in the United States will blame Zionism, Netanyahu, and Trump for whatever economic catastrophe they will have to endure. This is how I see it. Again, it would all be good if it weren't for the catastrophic hardship that people across the world, including in Iran, will be enduring. It's just very, very difficult to even contemplate. I don't even want to think about it. But this war has been imposed upon us. And why is it being imposed upon us? Because we say no to genocide.

That's it. Because we want to be independent and we say no to genocide. Everyone else gives lip service. That's why they're all fine. That's why they're not sanctioned. That's why they're U.S. allies. That's why they call Trump. That's why they have group photo sessions. That's why they do business. That's why they export to the Israeli regime. They import from the Israeli regime. They tend to be anti-Netanyahu, but they're doing business with Netanyahu. So they're all fine. But Iran has to be destroyed because it's saying that what's happening in Gaza and southern Lebanon is unacceptable. It's really that easy. It's really that simple. It's more than that, but this is it, too. This is key. This is the key reason.

#Danny

Last question for you, Rondi, before we end the program. Is there any hope for Palestinian resistance at this time? Because the region has changed dramatically, of course, since October 2023. But especially in the last—what's it been, nine months, eight or nine months now?—it's changed even more, given that the flashpoints of war have only expanded to include Iran. So is there any hope for Palestinian resistance at this time, given that this region is now under fire and will continue to be on fire, it seems like, for the foreseeable future, until dynamics change decisively?

#Seyed M. Marandi

Well, every day the Israeli regime is killing kids. Today they've killed more kids. They've bombed kids, and I tweeted footage of the bombing. You know, these monsters won't end this. I was on a program with Piers Morgan. And I don't do debates with Zionists from Israel. I forgot to ask them, and they put him on. I said, "I'm not going to engage with him." But I looked the guy up, not to look

at his background, but to see if he was from Israel, from the Israeli regime. And then I saw a quote from him saying that the only way to stop these Palestinians who are resisting, whom they call terrorists, is by raping their family members and so on. People should watch it if they have the time. And he tried to deny it. And I saw this on Wikipedia, which is like a CIA-controlled thing.

And then I asked Piers Morgan to have one of his producers fact-check it on the show. And they did, and it was true. And then he tried to justify what he was saying. This is what we're dealing with. This is what the world is dealing with: genocidal monsters. And this guy is a professor. It's going to be tough, obviously, for the Palestinians. It will continue to be tough. But the damage that Netanyahu and the Zionists themselves collectively have done to Zionism over the past three years now is beyond repair. It's beyond repair. And Zionism is finished. I don't know how long it will take. And then, when this war happens, people across the world will know that it was the Israelis who pushed for this war. Is this going to do the regime any good among Americans, among Europeans, among traditional supporters?

Definitely not. Not only are they genocidal, but they've wrecked the lives of people across the world, including people who supported them, like the MAGA cult. So, no, I don't think things are good for the Israeli regime at all. And Palestinian resistance must continue. But we have an obligation, all of us and all of your viewers, to continue raising our voices on Palestine. And we have to do it every day, wherever we can, however we can. And many people are. But we just have to keep pushing and pushing. Of course, it's Lebanon too. It's the barbaric siege on Yemen. It's Venezuela, it's Cuba, it's many things. Of course, the barbaric war against Iran. But the genocide in Gaza is even worse than what they did to Lebanon.

And this should be everyone's focus because we have a responsibility to all those little children in Gaza and in the West Bank, and to all of the Palestinians who are resisting. On Piers Morgan's show, there was a young man, Benjamin, an author—I told you about him—who spoke very well. And he's Jewish. It just shows how Jews are opposing Zionism. And he was a very eloquent speaker, really excellent. He was the star of the show. I was just there doing very little. So he was very, very impressive. And that just shows how the United States is changing, how the world is changing. So I'm not pessimistic, even though the days are dark and they're probably going to get much darker than they are now. But we have to do what we have to do.

#Danny

Professor Marandi, it was a great show today. I want to remind everybody to hit the like button before they leave because that will help boost the show. I want to thank our new member, Sandy. I want to thank Jolly for the super chat and Wise for the super sticker. I appreciate all your support for this channel. Tomorrow, November 2nd, we have an early show at 10 a.m. Eastern time with our mutual friend Alastair Crooke. So do check that out, November 2nd. Any final words before I end the stream here?

#Seyed M. Marandi

No, we'll see what happens in the coming days. It may be that next week, if we have a program together, it will be under very different circumstances. Whether we have a program together depends on how things are on my side.

#Danny

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

#Seyed M. Marandi

Things may change very fast.

#Danny

I know I speak for the entire audience in wishing you the utmost safety during that time. And hopefully we can connect very soon, whether it happens or not. All right, everybody, hit the like button before you go. And I will see you tomorrow, November 2nd, at 10 a.m. Eastern time. Bye-bye.