

Stanislav Krapivnik: Iran & US Prepare MASSIVE Firing Power

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Hi, everybody. Today is Sunday, April 19th, 2026, and our dear friend, our brother Stanislav Krapivnik, is here with us. Welcome back, Stas.

#Stanislav

Always a pleasure, Nima. Always a pleasure.

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So let me start with the latest news. You know, four or five hours ago, we had a confrontation. The United States has seized or somehow taken control of one of the Iranian commercial vessels near the Arabian Sea. Here is the location of the incident. The vessel is called Tusca, and it was going in that direction, but right now it's under the control of the United States. They fired at it, at the engine room, and then they took it. It's now in the custody of the United States. This is new.

You know, as you know, Donald Trump, just a day earlier, said that they're going to send a delegation, which would be J.D. Vance together with Sir Whitcomb and Jared Kushner, going to Islamabad on behalf of the United States. The Iranians said they have not – they haven't – the Iranians so far haven't confirmed whether they're going to go or not. But this new escalation, this attack, what is your understanding? How is that going to change things? Because we know that the United States is there, they're located close to the Persian Gulf because of the ceasefire. How do you see that?

#Stanislav

Well, you know, there were two key issues that couldn't be resolved in these negotiations. I like the way the Americans also put it, you know, with the Ukrainian negotiations. Yeah, we're 90% there. But if 90% is a valley and the last 10% is Mount Everest, you can be 10%, you can be 9%, but you ain't going to get to the top. And this is the same thing. The first... everything up to those two points

that they were discussing. I'm not sure which points particularly they were discussing totally, because they started accepting the Iranian 10 points, and they said, no, no, we meant our 15 points, which are probably far from being the same thing. But the two points that obviously were just a sticking point — one, Trump was lying. I know when Trump's talking, he's lying.

That's a normal thing. We said, oh, the Iranians have said that they're going to give us the uranium. Well, no, they didn't. That was one of the sticking points. What do you do with uranium? Russia has proposed now a third time. And by the way, Russia had proposed this before this whole conflict started. Iran can ship its uranium for storage inside of Russia. If need be, parts of it will be given back anytime they need it to, just as a third party and a neutral party. And Iran wasn't particularly against this. They didn't say that they were for it, but they didn't say they were against it. They're like, well, that's an option. The Americans said, hell no, that belongs to us. Oh, sure, it belongs to you. But America needs a lot of uranium. And America has no uranium.

There is no uranium in America. There's some in Canada, but America doesn't have uranium processing capabilities. They closed those down. Russia has over 70% of the world's uranium enrichment capability. So for commercial use and so on, America wants to really upgrade its nuclear electric stations, partially because of these gigantic data centers that they're building. And a side note on that — Chinese quantum computers, at least in limited testing, have shown themselves to be much faster in these data centers, and they use very little space and electricity. So even as they're building these giant data centers and nuclear power plants to run them, they may already be obsolete, which is just something to consider. And that's the biggest economic bubble in America right now.

If that pops because of the Chinese that you're talking about, you're looking at a total economic collapse in the U.S. because it's the big bubble. But everything else is a bubble — a bubble of everything. So just food for thought. But the U.S. needs that uranium, especially at 60 percent. They can really use it for electric power plants, not having to buy it from Russia, which now they have to. So just food for thought on that. That was one point. Second point is the U.S. wants the Persians to control the Persian Gulf, and the U.S. wants Iran to give up sovereignty of its territorial waters — the Straits of Hormuz. By the way, in Iranian, is it Hormuz or Armuz? Hormuz. Hormuz. Because in Russian, it's Ormuz. We don't pronounce the H in the U.S.

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In English, they pronounce the H. In Persian, they say Hormoz. But in English, we pronounce it Hormuz. Yeah.

#Stanislav

And in Russian, it just drops the H sound, period, and just pronounces Ormuz.

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Because it's the same in Portuguese, by the way. Whenever you have an H at the beginning of a word, you don't pronounce it. It's the same. It's a different word.

#Stanislav

No, Russian pronounces the H when it's an H word. But for whatever reason, yeah, they don't for Hormuz, not Hormoz.

#Nima

Yeah, yeah. It's Hormuz. The Persian pronunciation is Hormoz.

#Stanislav

We pronounce Hrvatia for Croatia. You know, things like that. I don't know. I'm not linguistic. My wife is a linguist. She does the grammar in English and Russian. To me, it's just, you know, whatever some mad monks decided is going to be grammar, that's what it is. I don't know why they do it. But anyway, back to the subject. Sorry for that. Yeah, they want Iran to give up the Strait of Hormuz, which is ludicrous. First of all, it's sovereign territory. It's not neutral waters. It's not neutral waters.

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Or we can call it the Strait of Iran, because Donald Trump himself said the Strait of Iran. Oh, why not?

#Stanislav

Well, that's an offense to him. It needs to become the Strait of Trump Jr., because he can't have too many Trumps. You've got the Trump way, where they took a chunk of Armenia with that puppet traitor they have sitting up there giving it away. By the way, right between where Armenia and Iran border, they've got the Gulf of America. I'm surprised it's not the Gulf of Trump-America or something like that, Trump-America and all of this. So I'm sure that the Gulf of Iran or the Strait of Iran is going to become the Strait of Trump. I mean, come on, why not at this point? But yeah, so Trump wants them, and I guarantee you he wants to collect money off of them.

He'd be charging a toll just the same. But Iran, of course, is not going to give up sovereign territory. So, you know, go bounce. So that becomes a big— that caused the blockade. And we know that Iran declared the straits open. At least the Ministry of International Affairs declared the straits open. And

within, like, 12 hours or 14 hours, they were closed again. And by the way, this time the military declared they were closed. Because, by the way, in that time frame, Trump said, well, you know, if we don't get the uranium, we're not lifting our embargo or blockade of Iranian ports.

But you're right. Look where they're at right now. The only reason those ships exist in that location—well, okay, let me rephrase that. The only reason those ships exist above the waterline in that location and aren't reefs or future reefs is because there is a ceasefire. And I would say they have now sent that ceasefire to the bottom. And if I was Iran at this point, I would be sending a few American ships to the bottom. Because, you know, that's piracy. The U.S. is conducting piracy against the Iranian ships in Iranian territorial waters. That's a double slap.

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It seems that it's going to happen, I think.

#Stanislav

Yeah.

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Because they're going in that direction. And it's going to be hugely costly for the United States if they decide to continue the course, you know, to stay the course. After all, the United States has to, because they're not going to stay there. As soon as the ceasefire is over, they're not going to be able to stay there. They have to go, you know, further away from the Iranian coast. So that's going to bring a huge chunk of, you know, water under their control. And just patrolling that huge area is going to be impossible. And he started a game that he's not going to be able to put an end to, in my opinion.

#Stanislav

You know, I did an interview, if anybody wants to look it up on my channel, with Cameron McGregor, who's former U.S. Navy. And he was telling me, you know, he's a former U.S. Navy officer. I'm not going into who's related to whom. You can decide for yourselves. But so, Cameron McGregor was telling me that, you know, the U.S. Navy has the same mission it had during the Cold War, but it has less than half the ships that it had during the Cold War. A lot of people are exhausted. A lot of people have left. A lot of these ships do not have full garrisons or full complements. And a lot of people are not fully trained. And morale was crap before.

He keeps in touch with all the officers he went through the war academy with and served with. And he told me about, you know, passing through the Strait of Hormuz, which was, I think, it took him 12 hours to pass, or 14 hours to pass through. And you just feel absolutely exposed because, you

know, there are mountains with missile launchers somewhere in them, on them, in them also, because, you know, there are bases underground and speedboats and drones—underwater drones, water drones, air drones. Or as Trump says, you know, artificial intelligence, all of this isn't real. He did say that. Yeah, they don't have any drones. That's all artificial intelligence.

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Okay, Mr. Trump.

#Stanislav

You're one, I know, one big league. So he's saying, you know, the U.S. Navy can't handle it. They don't have the resources. They're broken. They're exhausted, they're broken, and Trump's going to use them to the end in this. And they will take casualties. And it's obviously becoming obvious that the Lincoln was attacked. Maybe it didn't get damaged, but it was attacked. But the Ford more than likely did take damage. Thirty-hour fire from land. Seriously? You know, in a compartmentalized ship with thousands of compartments, they could just lock them off and close off the airstream and let the fire die that way because you deny oxygen. Like, did they battle that fire for 30 hours? You know, so obviously they've already taken damage. There's a reason they stayed that far away once combat begins again. But to understand Trump, understand who his mentor was.

Roy Cohn was a New York mogul, real estate mogul. Some things about Cohn, outside of the fact that he was a possible pedophile of male children and a pervert in many other ways. Got to go figure on that one. He was also a shyster, and he also taught Trump never to admit you were wrong, which apparently went very well with Trump's personality. He taught him to double down, triple down on whatever mistake you made, just so you never have to admit you're wrong. And apparently Trump wants to triple down because he's already doubled down. He lost special forces people. I guarantee there were people killed. That so-called rescue mission, which was really trying to grab the uranium, you don't bring in—well, there were two C-130s that were destroyed. And no, I don't think the U.S. military burned them themselves.

I think they were destroyed by artillery fire. That whole airstrip is packed with craters. I think those are Iranian artillery fire on them. So there's at least three or four. Well, there have to be at least four to get that many people out. I'm talking about, you know, two fully packed C-130s to get a hundred and something people out. A C-130 can't carry a hundred people. So there were at least four C-130s there. That's not a rescue mission, obviously. So they've already tried a large enough ground operation. It was a failure. Are they going to go for something bigger? Yeah, at this point, I think they probably will. I feel sorry for the kids that are going to get sent off to a mission. It's not even Mission Impossible. It's Mission Suicide. It's a suicide squad. You've seen the movie The Suicide Squad? Yeah.

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No, I haven't seen it.

#Stanislav

The superhero movie, Suicide Squad? Well, the second Suicide Squad movie, they're invading some island, right? And it turns out the main Suicide Squad are actually a second team. And the first team that's meant to draw attention away, they all land and they get wiped out. They get butchered on the beaches. This is basically the same thing. This is a suicide squad. I mean, these guys are going to go into one of these islands and they're going to die. They may die landing. They may die in combat there.

They may die being hounded by drones day and night. But either way, I think Trump at this point may just go for it. What can he do, bomb more civilians? Sure, he could do that. That's not going to win him the war. He can't wipe out, short of a massive nuclear strike, he can't wipe out Iran. I mean, you can't do it. The U.S. doesn't have enough missiles. Simply put, if the U.S. fired every single damn missile it has, when the smoke cleared, Iran would still be standing there, and most of Iran's missiles, which are protected, would still be there. And then what?

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We had him today sharing one of the videos of those protests, riots in Iran, and he was trying to, he's trying to do everything psychologically to put protests out, because the people who protested before because of the problems, the economic problems in those days in December 2017, they are the same people who are forcing the government, who are forcing everybody in Iran not to back down. You have to fight up until the last moment. You have to defeat the United States. These are the same people. They know what the outcome of that is. They know how the country is fighting, is in the war. So you can imagine how the people are feeling in Iran. And Donald Trump doesn't understand. He thinks that they're going to buy—nobody's going to buy this sort of argument on the part of the United States. And this is the reality. I think we're headed toward a massive war between the two parties. I don't know how that is going to be possible for the United States together with the Israelis to continue this war, but it's happening, at least from what we've seen so far.

#Stanislav

I wouldn't call it massive, because the simple point is the U.S. has a very limited escalation capability short of nuclear weapons. Simply put, the U.S. can't invade Iran. I mean, sure, those senators have never worn a uniform, or those congress critters in general have never worn a uniform. Those commentators in the U.S. have never worn a uniform. Sure, they're like, yeah, let's invade Iran. Yeah, that's it. We've got the Marines, let's go do it. And then there's reality. Iran is a natural fortress. Seventy percent of the country is mountains—high mountains. We're not talking Appalachian Mountains or Ural Mountains.

We're talking something closer to the Alps. If they're redoubted out, any path through those mountains is covered by fortifications. Iran's been prepared for a long time. Iran has a million men under arms, can easily, if it's a full national invasion, they'll just mobilize everyone they can. You'll get 10 million men under arms in defensive positions in mountains? Yes. With internal lines of communication? I mean, come on, what are you going to invade with? 20, 30, 50? I mean, look, the American ground forces, Army and Marines, is about 550,000 men. That's not 550,000 combat soldiers. That's 550,000 men. In a modern army, you know, when 120 years ago you said you had an army of 100,000 men, it meant you had an army of 100,000 men. That's infantry, cavalry, artillery back 120 years ago. When you say you have an army of 100,000 men today, but behind that army were all these wagon trains of civilians driving the wagons, of women who washed your clothes, and half of them were wives of soldiers, and so on. You had this huge following that came behind it, cooked the meals, did a lot of the stuff that's needed to keep an army in the field. These days, they're all part of the army. You have the soldiers that do the mechanics, you have the medics, you have the cooks, you have the finance guys, and on and on and on.

So when you say you have an army of 100,000 or 550,000 Army plus Marines, the majority of that's not combat soldiers. That's what we used to call ash and trash. Those are your medics, your mechanics, your finance guys, your cooks, your whatever else, you know, everything that needs to keep an army going. So if you have 550,000, at most, you probably have about 120,000 combat-ready soldiers. And if the U.S. grabs them from all edges of the empire and the reserves and National Guard and puts them over there, never mind the logistics needed to get there. Plus, you're still going to need that ash and trash in the rear to keep them going.

To get even 120,000, you're going to need to move at least 300,000, 400,000, plus all the equipment that's needed to keep the life going there. Yeah, and camp them and prepare them. And the moment you do that, they become a very big target for missiles that can reach out and touch them. So there's another problem. You can't put them all in big bases, in big areas. You have to keep them in relatively small bases to minimize the chance of them getting hit. But then again, okay, so 120,000 men invading a country of 94 million, where two, three million people are under arms in defensive positions in the mountains. Yeah, seriously? The U.S. would need about three to four million men for that.

And again, you've got to be able to feed them, arm them, keep them in the field, keep the logistics there, and be able to command the air to keep the logistics from being destroyed by missiles coming in. I mean, this is huge, and this isn't going to happen in half a year. The U.S. doesn't have that capability. The U.S. doesn't have that industry. I mean, let's be realistic about this. You'd have to prepare this for three, four years. And the U.S. ain't got the money for it either, if we're going to talk reality. So I don't know what the hell Trump's planning. I mean, he can escalate to a degree, but that ceiling's not that high from where he can go short of nuclear weapons.

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You remember that march in front of Donald Trump, the one that they had prepared. Who were those guys? Were they the real army of the United States?

#Stanislav

Yes, yes, they are. The Old Guard wasn't there. The Old Guard is your parade guard. They're the ones that go by the monuments and everything else. Those are real army, but the fact that—no, I mean, they—look, you know, the Russian military parades, that's real military units or academies. They just practice, practice, practice for the yearly parade. The Chinese do too. I mean, if you ever watch Indian parades, they get very interesting because they get some really funky-looking troops coming in there. But they still don't look—I mean, they look pretty professional, plus you get some of these really odd-looking units in there. But they practice, right? These guys look like—this is how we march troops to the chow hall after training.

#Nima

Yeah, yeah. All formation marching.

#Stanislav

OK, well, we're going to go eat. But this is in front of the whole country. The fact, by the way, that not a single general lost their career over this already tells you how much control the military has over the military. Realistically speaking, I mean, the president tells you, look, no matter what, you look at it, agree with it, you don't agree with it, the president tells you to put together a parade—a professional parade in front of the whole country—you put together a freaking professional parade. If need be, you start looking at how the Russians and Chinese do it. I mean, you do a professional parade. That was not professional. That was a joke. The North Koreans—I'll send you, when we're done, on Telegram, I'll send you this little clip on North Korea, the way they did this.

It was hilarious, the commentating. Old fat man sitting behind a high-priced hooker with a drunk TV host. That would be Hexa. That's how they're describing the parade in Trump. Like, oh, geez. The North Koreans are funny with that. But realistically speaking, that was... that was shameful. I mean, that was shameful to watch. My God, man. I mean, that was bad. I don't know. I wonder if they even practiced it or they just put them—because, I mean, Christ sakes, basic training, you march better than these guys were marching. In lockstep. These guys are just like the shuffle step. We're going to lunch. We're going to chow hall. Form up. We're going to chow hall. That's how they march off of training to chow hall. That's the same thing. Man, that was horrible. That was just horrible. And no general got fired.

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And this is the quality, because whenever you're talking about the invasion of Iran, you have to have ground forces there. You have to send them. It's not going to be air power. You go and bomb. I think they have learned a lesson from the raid they had recently before the ceasefire—the raid they had in the southern part of Isfahan. They learned a lesson because they sent Delta Force, the most formidable forces they had, they sent it to the southern part of Iran, and they got crushed by the Iranian response.

But I think, as Donald Trump today reiterated, he said that we're going to reach an agreement or I'm going to attack—attack the power grids, attack bridges and everything. I will destroy everything. I think that's the final goal on his part. But, you know, a combination of what he's trying to do—destroying the power grids, power plants, and all of this—how is that going to help him if he wants to reach an agreement, or he doesn't want to reach an agreement? He doesn't see that that's why he's doing this. I think, in my opinion, the best-case scenario for Donald Trump is just leaving the region and just going away.

#Stanislav

The best-case scenario is not going to happen because of Donald Trump.

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As it was in Iraq, as it was in Afghanistan, this is the final solution for what he's doing.

#Stanislav

The best-case scenario is not going to happen. It's Donald Trump. So unfortunately, that would be a best-case scenario for everybody. First of all, don't make the mistake of thinking that if a unit doesn't look good on parade, it can't fight. The best units usually don't look that great on parade—the best combat-capable units. The fact, though, is this doesn't tell you so much about the quality of the fighting capability of the men involved. It tells you about the capability of the generals and the colonels who planned this parade, who were supposed to organize this and train the men for a parade, that they shirked it and just half-assed it.

So that tells you about the planning capabilities of the general staff, or their lack thereof, first of all. Second of all... yeah, there's the reason, Trump. So I'm not going to say he's bluffing, because at this point you can't say that. But the reason Trump is saying, you know, "I'll blow up this and I'll blow up that," is to try to put moral or psychological pressure on the Iranians to do what Trump wants—not to come to an agreement, but to surrender. Because that's the end of what he wants. It's basically a surrender, some amount of surrender, which he's not going to get, obviously. But that's what he definitely wants. The other problem is, if he destroys Iran's electric power grids, he goes after desalination plants.

Iran's going to respond to that by taking out everything that is in the southern Persian Gulf. And if Iran even takes out the electric power plants in countries like the United Arab Emirates, which is not really a country, it's a loose confederacy—if it does that to Qatar, if it does that to the Saudis—even taking out the electric power plants, the desalination plants stop. And you're looking possibly at tens of millions of dead people within two, three days. And at this point, if I was—well, obviously the United Arab Emirates is run by imbeciles or insane individuals—but the others, I think, are all screaming to Trump, "Hell no, don't do that. We die. We die en masse."

And by the way, those American bases are gone too. Nobody is going to be coming back to them after that. And Kuwait, by the way, is in the same position—no electricity, no desalination, no water. Kuwait at least has a river, you know, as the Euphrates and the Tigris join and go through. So at least Kuwait has some waterways. You know, what does the United Arab Emirates have? It's formerly seven small villages with seven small ports, now huge cities with no capability for fresh water outside of those desalination plants, which are heavily electricity-dependent. So yeah, these countries will be gone. I mean, there won't be anybody living there, except for a few Bedouins here and there.

That's what we're looking at. And more likely, these countries are screaming to Trump right now, "Hell no, don't do it." But again, the United Arab Emirates seems to be so intent on getting some islands in the Straits of Hormuz that they're willing to risk genocide of themselves by lack of water. So it's hard to tell. But yeah, it'll be a ferocious victory. Yeah, we blew up their electric power plants. We don't have any allies left because those countries are all half dead. But hey, you know, and nothing's coming out of the Persian Gulf because, oh, whoops. Did we do that? But Trump may do it. You know, you can't put anything past the man at this point.

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The problem, I think, that Donald Trump is facing right now is that if he leaves the region before reaching an agreement, it's going to be difficult for Israel because Israel is naked right now. They don't have anything to defend themselves. Radars are not there. The air defense system is not working properly. They have a shortage in terms of the interceptors. And the other important issue, Stas, is that both issues—one of them is the Strait of Hormuz and the second one is the enrichment of uranium—these two cases are zero-sum in nature. Iran cannot back down on them. The Strait of Hormuz is going to be under the control of Iran forever, in my opinion. That's not going to change.

And the second part, the enrichment of uranium, Iran is not going to back down on that. This is the situation Donald Trump himself created for the region. And today, you mentioned the UAE. The UAE is one of the most problematic countries in the region because they're getting closer to Israel. But today, one of the officials in the UAE said that they don't want an American base in their country. And you see how the region is changing. The bases are not going to come back. Israel is naked. They're not going to be able to fight back if something happens. And the United States is not going to be able to make any sort of agreement if they insist on the current policies they have.

#Stanislav

Absolutely. Absolutely. Absolutely. But what are they going to do? That's the problem. Everything you've said is true. Everything you've said is absolutely true. But what does Trump do? I don't know. At this point, I don't know.

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I think he needs to capitulate, finally, as he did against Yemen. I think the whole blockade that is happening, I think it's part of this propaganda that he's making, in my opinion, because he has to show some sort of, you know, force, some sort of power on his part, because the mainstream media is crushing him on the part of Democrats, in my opinion, because they're attacking him, saying you're achieving nothing. And they're talking about the reality of what's going on. But Donald Trump, that's why Donald Trump has to do something, you know, to put out at least for those people who are watching him, who are supporting him in the United States.

#Stanislav

The problem, too, with Trump is, look, the donor-owner class is mostly tied with Israel. And they own a large part of the communication network. And they're the ones that cleared the way for him to become president. And in America, it's not just because they're Israelis or it's Jewish interest groups. Before, you know, part of the big donor-owner class in the U.S. has always been Arabs, particularly Saudis. There are others. The problem is the American system itself. You know, I don't blame the Israelis for buying American politicians. If you can put money down and get an investment for you and your interests, why not?

The problem that you should, at least Americans should be blaming, is the American system. It's so friggin' open for corruption. It's made for corruption. That Donald Trump's been bought more than others were bought, well, okay. You know, yeah, that's true. But they've all been bought. There's very few American presidents, you know, over the last 30 years. I don't think there's a single American president that wasn't bought lock, stock, and barrel. And the majority of the congressmen are bought, fully bought. There's few that don't get bought, but the majority do.

Cynthia McKinney was one of them that got forced out because she wasn't bought. If you ever talk to her, she's a great lady. Ron Paul, Marjorie Taylor. But again, you're counting individuals, right? There's an old Russian saying, *исключение подтверждает закон* — the exception only confirms the rule. And these are the exceptions. So the whole American system is meant to be bought. Well, I don't think it was ever meant to be that, but that's how it works, right? So unless there's a major overhaul, who's going to overhaul it? The people that are bought? You know, so obviously a system can't be fixed internally. By whom?

The corrupt people are going to cut themselves off from all their money and funding? So no. So because of that, America doesn't act for America's interest. American people die not for American interest but for foreign interest. It's a matter of just who can buy the most internal control and who can buy the most senators and the Congress and, you know, the presidency and the judiciary. I mean, it's all bought and paid for. It's total corruption. That's why a state with about 7.5 million people left in it, the ones that didn't run, can order a country of 330 million around like it's their dog. Sit here, run there, lick my feet here. And America does that.

And who's going to be rebuilding Israel? America. America doesn't have proper working schools. America has got collapsing infrastructure. America, who's got an illiteracy rate of 21% and 32% that are partially illiterate, is going to be paying for rebuilding Israel. Why? Because that's who owns the government. Well, that's not the only people who own it, but that's who owns the majority of the government. The Saudis own a good chunk of the American government, other special interests. The Ukrainians are buying it up because they're throwing America's money back into the pockets of the American politicians. So Trump, Trump, I don't know how Trump gets out of this.

Honestly speaking, Trump still, you know, I think the only way we get out of this is Trump leaves the White House in whichever way possible. And somebody comes in and says, OK, OK, we're redoing this policy. I think that's the only way out. And I don't think that's going to happen, whether it's health, whether it's arrest, or whether it's his own free will. Yeah, but the only way now is for him to leave, and he won't leave. I don't know. I don't see a way out. I see worse choices being made by stupid people until somebody finally has enough cojones to stand up and go, enough. Enough of this shit. Enough. And so far, there isn't anybody in the U.S. government or military willing to take that risk.

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I think since the war started, the agenda or the plan on the part of the Iranians was to continue this conflict up until December because of the midterm election, and they know what would happen to Donald Trump if these changes happen to the House. That's going to bring huge changes to the political arena of the United States. Nobody likes Donald Trump. I think the Republican Party is getting too divided right now, and Democrats usually don't like him and they want to remove him. And they're going to remove him as soon as they get power. Oh, of course.

#Stanislav

Of course. And on top of that, not only are they going to remove him, but Donald Trump's eating through his base. I mean, no, don't get me wrong. That base that's left, those are groupies. Those are fanatics. They all think he's playing 5-D chess when he's really playing 1-D checkers. Try to imagine 1-D checkers. So, you know. I mean, really, those people, these are the people who bought Trump coins, for God's sake. Those are the people that send Paula White \$1,000 so she can unleash

the seven miracles to your household. You listen to her videos. It's like, oh, my God. She quite literally says, send me your money now. You're going to send me your money if you don't want to be damned.

#Nima

And people send her money.

#Stanislav

Frick, man. This is... it's insane. I mean, it's insane to watch it. But these are those people. Everybody else, most of what used to be MAGA, they left. They don't support Trump. They hate him because they were betrayed by him. He put a knife in their back. They voted for a man that said, I'm going to get rid of—I'm going to stop all these wars. We're out of them. We're done. We're going to take care of our massive internal problems. America is collapsing, and parts of America have already collapsed. A lot of the bigger cities, it's a third-world shithole. In fact, if you look—here's for all the audience—type in "most dangerous 40 cities, 20 cities, 40 cities." Forty is better. And America has gotten better—well, okay, no. On the rating, America hasn't gotten better. Mexico has gotten worse.

But if you look at those cities, 39 out of the 40 most dangerous cities in the world are all in the Western Hemisphere. Cape Horn—or is it Johannesburg? Johannesburg is actually one of the 40. That's the only one not in the Western Hemisphere. And two or three of those cities are American. It used to be four, but Mexico has gotten worse, more dangerous. Some more Mexican cities wound up making that exclusive list. I mean, America's collapsed. Parts of it have ground to a halt, and other parts are getting to ground to a halt. Look at California. I'm not talking about the tent cities in Los Angeles. Go look at the videos up and down the rest of California. It looks the same—just people on a bike riding, and it's just tent cities after tent cities. And whole families living there.

It's not just, you know, some bums or something like that. It's whole families. It's like the whole state's frigging in collapse. Everything's in collapse. So these are people that voted for Trump that promised him, hey, you know, that's it. We're getting out of these wars. We're going to do something about the deficit. We're going to invest money back into families and all this and to make America great again. Not make Israel great again or Argentina great again. By the way, Trump gave \$20 billion to Argentina for their cattle industry to compete with the American cattle industry to China. It's like, frick, man, you can't make this up. So I'm going to pay the guy. I'm going to give \$20 billion for them to be able to get their cattle industry back on its feet so it can compete with my people.

#Nima

Yeah.

#Stanislav

You know, there's lots of countries that start with the letter A. Apparently, they got mistaken slightly. America, Argentina, you know. It's close enough, somewhere in the Western Hemisphere. But, I mean, all these things have been done, done, done, done, done, done. And Iran was just the final straw for most people. They just, you know, it's obvious this is pointless. And they've quit. They're done with Trump. So they're not going to be there to back him up.

#Nima

It's not just Trump. Israel is not doing great in the United States either. Israel is just collapsing everything.

#Stanislav

Israel is a whole different reality. I mean, to go within—Israel went from the youth vote, like, they had a plus 47 points for popularity to minus one point popularity in like two years. Because, yeah, the youth have just... Well, first of all, you know, two years of videos of them killing people, shooting kids, shooting kids down, shooting their mothers down. I mean, most of the younger Jews hate Israel. They don't want to be associated with this state, let alone with Christians. I just posted a video of an Israeli soldier taking a sledgehammer and destroying... Actually, it was a picture. I couldn't find the video.

An Israeli soldier in southern Lebanon destroying a statue of Jesus on the cross, just destroying it with a sledgehammer. You know, if you're a Christian, you see that, and this is IDF soldiers. There was a video I had posted of IDF soldiers in a ruined church making fun of Palm Sunday, because, you know, with the palm leaves. It's the Sunday before the week of the Passion of Christ, when Christ entered Jerusalem, people were throwing palm leaves down and clothes down on his way that the donkey he was riding on rode across. He doesn't ride on the road. Or they're taking palms to get them blessed. It just happened to be at the same time.

So they're using those palms. So they're making fun of that. I mean, you see that and you say, you know, for the Christians, particularly the Protestants, like, you know, you're supporting pro-Christian Israel? Really? This is pro-Christian? I mean, those videos are coming, and they take them themselves. That's the funny part about it. They take them, and they post them with pride that they're killing people, they're destroying Christian monuments on top of that, and, you know, it's not like somebody's sneaking in there or asking them to stage these videos. They're happy to do it themselves. You know, the Nazis during World War II, they loved taking photos of their victims.

I'd send them to their families. Be proud of what daddy does. It's a mentality, I guess. It doesn't really matter which race it is. Anybody can be a Nazi. Jews are not immune from being Nazis. Israel is a prime example of that. And they have the same mental disorder. They like taking photos of

themselves killing people just to show how big and bad they are. But they didn't have the internet back in 1939, 1940, 42, 43. They didn't have the internet. Now we do have the internet. When these morons post their own stuff out there, it gets out. It gets out everywhere. And everybody sees who you're really dealing with. You're dealing with a psychopathic regime.

#Nima

Hmm. Stas, one of the—I think if the war restarts again, we're going to have—the United States has to use the air defense system they have. And we know that they brought that system from South Korea, and even they asked Poland to give them the Patriot system they have in Poland, but it was rejected by the government, at least from what we've heard. I don't know if they sent them. And here is the new satellite imagery showing that the United States has relocated its staff and Patriot launchers in Jordan to be less exposed. And let me just bring—this is the picture from—you know—why would they place them that close together? You know, the location of these air defense systems. And this is a zoom-in of the picture.

#Stanislav

Look, okay, so you've got two launch systems, one with a big radar dish on top of that. Look how close they are. I mean, you can actually put them a pretty good distance apart with cabling. It's just amazing how close that is. I mean, quite literally, you could take that—there were two ballistic missiles—and you take out everything that's there. Yeah, depending on the size of the ballistic missiles. I mean, you could pop one ballistic missile in the middle of the left block and still damage the rest over there, depending on how big of a warhead it has, just by shrapnel damage. But my God, man, it reminds me, you know, one of the first strikes—it was a hypersonic rush that launched on a Patriot battery in Kyiv—and you saw that Patriot battery fire off like all 32 missiles it had. And they're like, choo, choo, choo, choo, choo.

And, by the way, six of them went, eh, this way, that way, whatever. I mean, they slanted, found some building, and decided to take out and switch sides. The missiles just switched sides. And a hypersonic just comes right in, and it took everything out because they're all placed like that, except they had even more launchers. There's only two launchers there. That's amazing. They can have up to, uh, eight, uh, ten launchers, uh, so they can have a lot more blocks. But yeah, that one, yeah, right, satellites, that just proved the point. And I wonder where the satellite photos came from, because they're not American. So, you know, amazingly, there's more than just American satellites. I mean, Iran has a couple satellites, but yeah, there are all those Russian and, uh, Chinese and Indian satellites and all these other satellites.

I don't know where they came from. But yeah, they all seem to be flying over the same areas every day. So, right, modern warfare—as long as there are satellites, good luck trying to hide something. One, two, I mean, what's that going to do? That's four, that's eight. Even if they launch all that, that's eight interceptors before they have to reload. I mean, that's not much. This is one of the

things that, you know, the proof of America's winning has been that, oh, look, the number of missiles Iran is firing is much less than when it started. That's because it doesn't have to. Each one of those missiles is going where it's meant to be going. You know, there's nothing left to intercept them with. You don't have to send a barrage of missiles.

You don't have to send five, six missiles to a target to hope that one or two will make it through. They all make it through. So you only have to take—you've got conservation of firepower because there's nothing to stop it. That's not a good sign, actually, in this case. That's a very bad sign. But that's what the U.S. media was playing on constantly: much fewer missiles. But they're all getting through. They're destroying all the targets. And there you go. They've relocated that. That THAAD radar is very bright. It's a big attractor of "shoot here, I'm right here, shoot me right now." That's the little problem with their radar. You have to have a lot of air defenses just to defend that one radar. You know, the other THAAD, three THAAD, or four THAAD radars.

#Nima

I think overall they had eight THAAD systems, and they've lost four of them so far.

#Stanislav

Seven.

#Nima

Seven? And they've lost four of them so far. And it's going to be...

#Stanislav

They're like \$5 billion for a battery. Yeah, I know, \$5 billion for a battery. They're gone. Look, we've had, what, two weeks of semi-ceasefire? Okay, let's say all two weeks. Well, that would mean even if the U.S. doubled Patriot production, that would be about 35 more Patriots, maybe 40. PAC-3 Patriot missiles. Yeah, that's good for another 20 targets, maybe. So again, we go back to this is pointless. I mean, the U.S. would need, at the rate the U.S. produces, even if it doubles and triples its production, the U.S. would need two, three years to resupply itself. I mean, quite simply. I mean, it's at that level.

And never mind, you know, you've taken it from a lot of your allies that need it, or vassals. You still have Ukraine in the game that needs them. What do you do now? Oh, and of course, Israel. So yeah, the best thing the U.S. can do is walk away from Israel. It won't. That's the thing. It won't. The best thing it could do for itself is walk away. We've had enough. Thank you very much. It's a

mistake. Mr. Trump is gone now. I'm Mr. Vance, and I say goodbye. That would be the best-case scenario at this point. Or if Trump himself doesn't come up and say that—but they won't. They'll go the opposite direction, unfortunately.

#Nima

I think something significant is happening in Iran about the air defense system. And the head of the parliament yesterday, he was talking to one of the main channels in Iran. He mentioned that something big is happening in terms of air defense, the capabilities they have. If the new round comes and they start attacking, we're going to see a lot of these fighter jets being shot down by the air defense system. But the other thing that has happened, Sas, here is, you know, the drone is MQ-4C Triton. Yeah, it's Triton.

#Stanislav

It's called Triton.

#Nima

It costs more than two F-35s. And you know, they said, they reported, the United States reported that it disappeared in the Persian Gulf. And they don't know if Iran shot it down or Iran somehow took control of the drone and it's in the hands of the Iranians right now. This is, I think, one of the biggest problems of the Trump administration, and it's going to grow. So far, the Iranians haven't commented on that, but I think there is something big of that sort happening.

#Stanislav

You know, all I can say is Russian and Chinese scientists are going, engineers are going, yeah, baby, let's see what's in there. Because that's got to have some—I mean, the drone itself doesn't cost that much, obviously. So it's got to be the communication and the camera and information-gathering gear that's on there. And I'm sure the engineers in Russia and China are just salivating at the mouth at this point, you know. Yay, new toys to take apart. Let's see what the Americans have in their top secret. Wow, \$240 million. That's a hell of an info-gathering package it was carrying.

#Nima

I don't know what's in it. How can you imagine a drone being more expensive than two F-35s?

#Stanislav

The most expensive planes ever made by the United States military, by the way.

#Nima

These guys are amazing. I think the military-industrial complex of the United States is just amazing. They're just making money.

#Stanislav

Oh, yeah, yeah. I mean, this has been payday nonstop for them. They don't care if they win; they're making money either way.

#Nima

You know, the very fact that—

#Stanislav

When Iran took control of that first plane—you know, the first drone, the Reaper drone.

#Nima

The Beast of Kandahar. They call it the Beast of Kandahar. What they did in Iran.

#Stanislav

Those things went to shit at that point.

#Nima

You know what happened? How Iran got that drone. You know this story? Uh-uh. Because when they used it in the Persian Gulf, when they... You know, when you send it up in the air, there is a crucial moment when the people in Nevada who are controlling these drones are gonna get control of the drone. There is some sort of gap. It's gonna be less than, I don't know, two minutes, one minute, less than one minute, 30 seconds. They have this crucial time to get it—it's all encrypted. They have to connect to the drone. They're sending, you know, they were sending it from Afghanistan.

#Stanislav

Right.

#Nima

And the headquarters in Nevada are going to get control of the drone in this interval. It's a short, limited time. And Iran got control before Nevada came in. Iran got control. They took it down, and I think something of that sort has happened in this room.

#Stanislav

Obviously something. Well, you know how Russia—I've got to run here in about two minutes because Christopher Lally, his show has been waiting for me for about half an hour. I'm going to be on there. But one of the things that Russia has been doing with American JDAMs and American-made drones and all that are flying through Russia is they break the code and then they feed the missiles and the drones false information. Either they keep them flying in circles so they just run out of fuel or battery life and drop, or with the JDAMs, what they were doing is, because they're so badly put together, the electronics were so cheaply made, they're expensive as hell.

They're giving them coordinates. They're a lot higher up than they really are, and the system tries to put itself down to the right altitude and just drives itself into some field. And that's it. So, yeah, there are a lot of things that can be done with this equipment. And, by the way, the Iranian-Russian drones—they can't break them so far. They haven't been able to break them as much as they've been trying. On the other flip side, yeah, Russia's been breaking them. So, obviously, there's Iran. So... yeah, there's that moment.

#Nima

Exactly. Let's see what would happen. Thank you. Thank you so much, Sas, for being with us today. Great pleasure, as always.

#Stanislav

Always a pleasure.