

Seyed M. Marandi: We Do Not Seek War, We Prepare For It.

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What's going on? Donald Trump, moments ago, mentioned that Iran has no option but to go to Islamabad. And what is the mindset right now on the part of Iranians? Because yesterday, J.D. Vance told us he's on his way to Islamabad, then said he hadn't departed yet. What is going on? Are they waiting for Iran to decide if they want to go there or not? What is the position of Iran?

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Well, no one should waste their time listening to Western news agencies quote unnamed Iranian sources or Mossad outlets like Iran International or whatever else they have out there that speaks on behalf of the Israeli regime or the Epstein class. The Iranians are not going, and no delegation is being prepared. There's no talk of any move. And unless the United States changes its policy, that's how it's going to be. Iran is not afraid. Iran's military has prepared itself for war. And if the Americans attempt to carry out crimes against humanity—U.S. pilots, if they target critical Iranian infrastructure—of course, they are all war criminals. They already are war criminals, but their crimes will increase.

Zionist pilots, of course, are by nature criminals, so there's no use speaking about them. They take pleasure in killing children. But if the Americans and the Israeli regime strike critical targets, Iran will do the same. And Iran has capabilities that it has not revealed yet. Critical infrastructure of the Israeli regime will be destroyed, and critical infrastructure of the regimes in the Persian Gulf will be destroyed. These regimes—without them, there would be no war. The Americans would not be able to engage in war with Iran without the Emirates, without Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, and Bahrain. So they will pay the consequences. And my advice is for everyone to leave right now.

Because as you know, if Trump carries out his threats with regard to critical infrastructure in order to kill kids—because when you lose electricity, when you lose critical infrastructure, you know, people die, people die in hospitals, all sorts of horrible things happen—so Iran will have to retaliate, especially since the United States uses these regimes in the Persian Gulf. So, I mean, because they use the regimes in the Persian Gulf, and since the weather is going to get very hot in the Persian

Gulf and humid in the coming weeks, I think it's best for people to leave now and to cross the desert and go to, I suppose, Iraq or maybe even Yemen.

Or maybe, I don't know, I can't think of any other place for people to go to. But I think that maybe Oman. But I don't know how much infrastructure, how many people Oman can take in. So in any case, people should leave. And also sailors on the ships in the Persian Gulf, they should be ready to evacuate their ships because if push comes to shove, those ships will not survive ultimately if the war is expanded, especially ships that are closer to the Strait of Hormuz. They'll be targeted and destroyed.

So it's best if all sailors prepare themselves right now for evacuation. Remember, Nima, Iran does not want this war. Iran did not start this war. Iran never escalated during the war. And if you look at the casualty numbers in the Persian Gulf region, these Arab family dictatorships—only a handful of people have died. But in Iran, well over 3,000. Why? Because the Americans and Israelis target civilians. They target people in their shops, on the highways, in their homes, at work. If they target a person, a particular individual, they target him with his family, with his children, with his grandchildren. Of course, the United States targeted schoolchildren at an elementary school and never apologized, never expressed remorse. It is a barbaric regime. So Iran takes care not to hurt civilians.

Despite the massive destruction that was brought about in the Persian Gulf, we saw that very few people on the other side died. And so the reason why I think that people should immediately evacuate is because we don't want people to die. But the oil and gas infrastructure, I think they're all finished. And the electricity is finished. Everything will be finished if Trump carries out his threat. And so we're going to head for a global economic depression. There won't be any more oil or gas or helium or fertilizer or anything from the Persian Gulf region for the years to come, and especially U. S. proxies. And so this is Trump's doing. No one should forget that the Zionists, Netanyahu, the Israeli regime, they push the United States. And of course, Trump is obedient to them for whatever reason. And they are to blame. They are to blame for what is happening now. And they are to blame for what is to happen from here on.

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Why is Iran not seeing it as a good choice for them to go to Islamabad? What are the main obstacles on the part of the Iranians as Iran sees the situation?

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Well, it's obvious we have a ceasefire. We had an agreement with the United States, and the United States is violating that ceasefire, and that is by imposing a siege on Iranian ports in the Persian Gulf. That's unacceptable. That's a violation. And therefore, we cannot negotiate under those circumstances. And if the Americans are going to start seizing Iranian ships too, which they're doing,

that makes it even more impossible. So they should also remember that we have huge numbers of ships in the Persian Gulf, and all of them, those that are not destroyed ultimately, the Iranians will take as compensation. The Americans have no good options. Zero good options. They have no cards. It's not that they have few cards. They have no cards.

And more fighting against Iran will make it worse for the United States. And everyone across the world should recognize that this is the doing of Netanyahu and Zionism and Trump. If people in Argentina are suffering the consequences, they know who to blame. Across the world, people should know and will know and do know who is to blame for this growing catastrophe. And we're at the tip—this is just the tip of the iceberg. The real misery is unfortunately yet to come. We're only seeing higher prices and the beginning of shortages. But in the days ahead, it will get substantially worse. And within three or four weeks, people will begin to recognize that this is truly a catastrophe.

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Professor Marandi, this act of, you know, taking control of Iranian commercial—basically commercial—vessels, as you've mentioned, is violating the ceasefire between the two. And do you think that one of the main reasons that Donald Trump is capable, the Trump administration is capable of doing this so close to the Iranian coast, is because of the ceasefire? And how does Iran see this? When this ceasefire ends, which is going to be soon, what would be the Iranian reaction to what has happened so far?

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Well, Nima, first of all, the Iranians—you're right. The Iranians, because of the ceasefire, have allowed the United States, the U.S. Navy, and the U.S. Air Force more freedom of movement. But Iran has weapons that have not been used yet. Some of the weapons have not been used because the Iranians don't want to escalate. They didn't want to escalate. But after the threats that Trump has made about the extermination of the Iranian nation, effectively, then I think that means Iran will use weapon systems that they haven't used before. And I think that U.S. naval ships, all U.S. assets, Israeli assets—they will be more vulnerable than before.

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You think that—I think one of the main issues, you know, one of the main arguments on the part of the Iranians, which we heard from the head of the Iranian parliament, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, who happens to be the head of the delegation in the first round of negotiations—he said that Iran, during the war, has improved significantly the air defense system in Iran, which we saw in the last days before the ceasefire coming. What was that? What can you say about this? In what sense could Iran achieve that? Was it something domestic? Was it some sort of cooperation? What do we know about that?

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Iran's capabilities are all preserved because its factories and research and development centers are deep underground, and many of Iran's missile bases haven't even been opened up for business yet.

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The majority of Iran's missile bases have not even been used. Iran has been—I think we discussed this once—Iran has been using a series of missile bases from the very beginning because they don't want the American regime and the Netanyahu regime to know much about the other bases. So its naval bases, its underground naval bases, untouched. Most of its missile bases, untouched. Its research and development centers, untouched. Its factories to develop missiles and other high-tech weapons, untouched. So Iran is more prepared today than it was before. And the Americans can keep saying they're running out of missiles and drones. That's what they were saying for 40 days. And as we all remember, during the last two weeks of the 40-day war, the Iranians kept hitting harder and harder. This is not a war that the Americans can win.

And if there is a ground offensive, I have no doubt that the Iranians will let them come in, and they will begin to hit them and hit them and keep on hitting them for weeks upon weeks to ultimately force them into a humiliating withdrawal. Iran is not going to put up a strong defense to keep every inch of territory. Iran wants them in the country, and it wants them to get engaged inside Iran and then to tear them apart. Remember, we discussed this before. Iran doesn't like war. Iran doesn't want war. But when the war started, I told you that the Iranians want this to be a long war. Why? Because they don't want it to happen again. They want it to be finished once and for all. By the end of this war, the Iranians want to make sure that no country ever again thinks about attacking Iran.

And this is what they planned for. They planned for this war for decades. And with everything that we've said since years ago, it's all turned out to be true. But again, in their arrogance, the West, the Americans, their media is pretending as if this is going to be easy. It's going to be impossible. And when they launch their attacks, again, we're going to see footage coming out from the U.S. government showing all sorts of missiles destroyed and air defenses destroyed and tunnels destroyed. And they'll show how they've perhaps taken this island or that island, and they'll make it sound victorious, just like the 12-Day War. That's what they did. Just like the Ramadan War, the war that, you know, we just experienced, and we're finishing the ceasefire that's post-war.

During both of these wars, Western media pretended, even those opposed to Trump, that their troops were doing very well. But after time passed, it became clear that this was propaganda, that they were not doing well, and that their assets in the Persian Gulf were being destroyed, and that

the Israeli regime, for 40 days and 40 nights, was constantly being hammered. And the U.S. proxies in the Persian Gulf, who are, as you know, part of this Epstein coalition—some more sinister than others, but all of them sinister—these regimes took a great deal of punishment. But the punishment that's to come will be at a very different level across the board, whether it's in occupied Palestine or future wars in the Persian Gulf region.

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Professor Marandi, since there is a lot of misinformation and disinformation happening right now in the mainstream media, basically on X, which is turning out to be totally under Zionist occupation. And here is what Donald Trump posted on X, just reposting a guy who's talking about the Islamic Republic preparing to hang eight women. And Donald Trump says that, I'm asking, I'm negotiating, I will soon negotiate with Iranians, I'm going to ask them to release these women. What is happening? Every time they're trying to make some sort of, you know, waves against you, put psychological pressure on the people who are following—basically, Donald Trump is trying to mention—what is that? Is there any sort of reality to this kind of reporting that's happening right now? No, of course, it's nonsense. But those who killed people during the riots, those who murdered people...

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They face capital punishment. But this story of eight women is fake news. It's basically to create support for murdering thousands of Iranians. And Western journalists will help because that's who they are. It's like Piers Morgan. I was on with him yesterday, and I think your viewers should watch the full exchange. I think it was very interesting. He refused to say that he finds ethno-supremacism to be illegitimate. He refused to say it three times. But also, there I exposed what, you know, he was again making the claim of thousands of peaceful protesters being gunned down by the police, which is all a narrative that was repeated by sinister people and useful idiots.

The useful idiots, some of them I criticize online, like these leftists, these people who pretend to be sort of oppositional, but they repeat much of the Western narrative when it comes to Iran. I told him, how was it that Trump himself admitted that he was sending weapons to them? And if these were just spontaneous protests and they were peaceful protesters, who would he send the weapons to? How does he know that they know how to use guns? How does he know who they are? It's clear that these are all networks of terrorists. And this was an armed uprising that the U.S. intelligence and Israeli intelligence started. They're responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of people. That's fake.

That was just a number to create an emotional environment to justify the slaughter of the schoolgirls that they carried out. The same journalists who are pretending that Iran is killing innocent women, like eight people or whatever, or thousands of Iranians were gunned down — these are the ones who won't say anything about the 168 little girls who were massacred in Minam.

So anything that they say is fake. It's propaganda. But too many people now see through this, and it's not going to work anymore. I told Piers Morgan that if these were spontaneous protests, then who is he sending the weapons to? How does he know they even know how to use guns? It's clear as day what that was.

Useful idiots helped justify—I mean, there was no justification—but create this aura of legitimacy for aggression against Iran. And this is what they're trying to do today. Every time they want to put pressure on Iran, they'll make something up. It could be tomorrow there will be a false flag operation. Perhaps in the United States you'll see some attack on a synagogue, and I don't know, a few people will be killed. And then you'll see pictures of Ayatollah Khamenei or someone else, just like the passport that was found in New York on 9/11 and that sort of thing. So I wouldn't take any of this sort of thing seriously. It's clear as day that they're just preparing the grounds for aggression, just like we saw Trump a few days ago, who was saying the Iranians agreed to this and this and this and this.

Why was he saying it? In my opinion, he was saying it so that later on he could say they promised to do all these things, but they didn't do it. They didn't carry it out, so we're going to have to bomb them. This is how the United States works. And remember, the Epstein class, when it comes to Zionism and the empire, they're all on board. They hate Trump, but they'd love to see the Iranian people destroyed. That's why ever since Trump has been saying—he's been saying it for weeks—that he'll obliterate Iran, that he'll take Iran back to the Stone Age. And more recently, he said that he's going to wipe out a civilization. Did you hear any of those major Western journalists with millions of followers, or hundreds of thousands of followers, or tens of thousands of followers, show any outrage?

Did you see any, uh, headlines, uh, screaming headlines in The Guardian or The New York Times about “these are crimes against humanity and he must be overthrown,” or “he must be put aside,” or “he must be removed from power”? No, because they're all the same. There's no real difference. By the way, they're removing many Iranian Twitter accounts. My Facebook account and my Instagram account were removed a long time ago, so I only have a Twitter account and a small Telegram channel, which you can find on my Twitter account. I expect that, as things are going, my Twitter account will soon be deleted as well. And so if anyone wants to join my Telegram channel, it's there for the moment. You can find it on my Twitter account.