

# Stanislav Krapivnik: Iran vs US: The MASSIVE Buildup That Could Lead to Fragility

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## #Nima

Hi, everybody. Today is Sunday, April 26, 2026, and our dear friend Stanislav Krapivnik is here with us. Welcome back, Stas.

## #Stanislav

And happy to say we're still here.

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Let's keep it going. It's been crazy, Stas, since last night. I'm sure you know what's happening in Washington. Oh, I know. And the attack, and then Donald Trump coming out and talking about what happened. And they got this guy, 31 years old, who tried to do something. And I think nobody knows what's happening right now. It's so strange. You remember, this is the third attack on Donald Trump. And none of them, even the first one, the second one, we don't know what happened. And nobody's talking about that. And the Trump administration didn't put anything out to inform public opinion in the United States and outside the United States. Yeah. Before getting to the conflict between Iran and the United States and other issues, what is your understanding of that?

## #Stanislav

You know, I'm leaning toward this being a staged event. And I'll tell you why. Either that, or the NSA, the FBI, and the Capitol Police are the biggest bunch of moronic Keystone Cop imbeciles I've ever seen in my life. Because, true, he didn't get into the actual dinner. He was in the first rooms. But, you know, you start listening—first of all, you start listening to what these people are saying. They were guests. Security is crap. There are no metal detector frames. Nobody was checking handbags. Nobody was checking—you know, that's two, three. Nobody's checking IDs. Four, they were just waving their tickets.

So nobody's checking the actual tickets, taking them physically, you know, QR code. Most tickets will be QR coded. So you put them in, QR code, go, uh-huh, maybe have a picture of the person that's coming in on that ticket. You know, you have technologies like that these days. I mean, it's only the president of the United States, the vice president, the ministers, and all the others sitting there, parts of Congress and all that. You know, nothing major, not a major target. So nothing's being checked. And this is straight from the people that were at this gala. If you look at the video, he streaks past the first security point.

He's got a shotgun, supposedly, they said, a pistol and a couple of knives. He could have had a suicide vest if he really was going on it. How much explosive could he pack on that? Quite a bit. There's a table, there's a bunch of bored-looking security guys, and he just runs past them. Then they all start running after him to shoot at him. It's like, Jesus! It's amazing to watch. No, it was even worse, I'll tell you. There's another video, and I guess this was the red carpet room because they had the camera set up on the red carpet. I guess, you know, all the celebrities walk out.

## **#Stanislav**

Well.

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So the journalists that are there are down on the ground. The security guys, I'm assuming they're probably NSA. They got their Heckler & Kochs up, and they got the microphones up, and they're all screaming, you know, "Where's the shooting? Where's the shooting? Where's it coming from?" And they're just going in different directions, which tells you what? There is no central control. In a situation like that, you would normally, if you're running it properly, have a central control—guys sitting there looking at the cameras. Okay, so they're shooting here, and what you're doing is you're telling everybody either flex over to this room because you need backup, or stay in place, cover the doors, or everything's secured, something.

You have somebody on top who's communicating with all the other aspects walking around. All these guys are screaming to each other, "Where's the fire? Where's the shooting? Where's the shooting?" Nobody knows what's going on. So he's telling you it's either absolutely inadequate central control—there is no central control. And considering they've been doing this every single year for, I don't know, man, 60 years, 70 years, 50 years—you know, definitely not yesterday, not last year is the first one. This is a pretty standard thing. You'd think they would have security nailed down. They do it in the same damn building every single time. And additionally, this guy was staying at the hotel.

You know, under normal circumstances, two weeks out, you already have people coming in to secure the perimeters for something like that when you've got presidents coming, you know, to see the guest list, check the guest list, either ban, either close the hotel down during the event or right

after the event, right before the event, or at least not allow anybody down for security purposes. Apparently, they didn't do any of that either. So it's amazing. It's amazing. So either this is a total imbecilic, 100% screw-up on the part of the security forces in the U.S., the presidential guard, and so on. And by the way, they got Vance out before they got Trump out. Yeah.

## **#Stanislav**

What is that?

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Yeah.

## **#Stanislav**

Was it by choice? Or is this a staged event? I mean, I'm sure the guy that was doing the shooting didn't know he was being propped up as a staged event. And there's a reason, I'll tell you, I think, for that too in a second. Look, the Israelis have Trump's psych profile down pat. Trump's afraid of being assassinated. They convinced him that Iran was sending an assassin team to kill him, so he had to go strike now. Right. We know that he stopped talking about it, but he was talking about it a lot at first. It didn't really do well for selling; it just made him look paranoid. So I guess somebody told him to stop talking about it. But the fact is that he's already said, well, you know, it's more likely not linked to Iran, but you never know. And, oh, and we're going to defeat Iran no matter what, which is funny because I thought they've been winning for, what, like 58 days now?

Every day they've been winning against Iran, so you have to still defeat Iran because you've been winning bigly every day for two months? Okay, so maybe I don't understand anything. So this could be something that was staged, because we know that CIA, MI6, Mossad, they're basically one family at this point. So they need Trump to get Trump pushed back into a full-scale war. You know, what do you do? You feed his paranoia. And there you go. That's his paranoia—being assassinated. Which, at his age, I don't know if that would be a paranoia issue. At that point, oh yeah, you may shave off a few years maybe. But his health isn't exactly the best. But that just seems like that. And I'll tell you why I think also this could be an issue. There's a guy here that I know by the name of Michalizzi.

So Kevin Michalizzi, he used to work for DOD and CIA as a contractor. And their job was forming social opinions, right? They worked with McCain. There was a team of them that worked with McCain in Ukraine, in Kyiv, during the revolts. His last project, even though he was already in Russia—and his wife, his second wife, is Russian—so he moved to Crimea. And I'm not telling any secrets. I interviewed him before, and he told me all of this. So I'm not giving away any secrets that

haven't been out before. So he was already working, you know, but as you were saying, you know, what they do is they have a set of servers. They would scan the local social media, make copies of people's IDs, change the names, maybe change a picture, and shove it up on there as a new person.

And these are all just drones. These are bots. The reason they scan it is because, especially at that time, when the system tried to make artificial ones, people would pick them out. There were always enough mistakes—people would pick them out as being fishy or being artificial. So they just take real people's profiles and copy their profiles. And then they work together to form opinion. For example, they put an article out and everybody's liking it, but this is all bots. If somebody comes in there and says something against it, they just bot-swarm them and attack them, and so on. But when I was doing an interview with him, what he said, though, was he knew that there were also other teams that were working on individual people, preparing shooters, working them over, fixing them in the head.

And when they needed to, they'd push them toward doing some kind of incident. So when the U.S. government needed to pass some kind of bill or needed to do something and the people weren't paying attention, they'd push one of these shooters out to do a mass shooting. And while everybody's looking this way, they're pushing through what they need over here. Cynical as hell, yeah. I mean, if your own government's preparing mass murders against its own population, you've got big issues. But this is what he told me. So is it God's honest truth? I don't know. But if it is, if you've got agencies in the security services in the U.S. preparing shooters for when you need them, that tells you a lot. That tells you a lot about what you're dealing with at this point.

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Yeah. I don't see Donald Trump or his administration being able or capable of informing people. They don't have a good record in that direction. In the case of Charlie Kirk and the assassination attempt against Donald Trump himself, they don't care about the people.

## **#Stanislav**

Nobody knows. Nobody knows what is happening.

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And the other thing is the case of negotiations in Islamabad. It seems that the latest one is that the government in Islamabad has removed all the restrictions in Islamabad, just showing us that there are no negotiations happening and they're not going to be. For now, we don't have any sort of negotiations between the two parties. And we had the Iranian foreign minister going to Islamabad, then going to Moscow, getting back to Islamabad, remodifying or somehow modifying some of the basic points in that plan, in that plan that they have prepared. It seems that they mostly are talking about the red lines.

They're not going to negotiate with the United States on the nuclear program and the Strait of Hormuz for the time being, because the other issues are more important. And the other thing is what Donald Trump said. He said, later on, after canceling the trip of Steve Whitcomb and Jared Kushner, he said that we're winning big today. He said, we're winning. And then he came out with some sort of strange statement. He said that Iran's oil infrastructure will spontaneously explode in three days because of something to do with nature. Here is what he said. This is that.

## **#Stanislav**

When you have, you know, lines of vast amounts of oil pouring through your system, if for any reason that line is closed because you can't continue to put it into containers or ships, which has happened to them—they have no ships because of the blockade—what happens is that line explodes from within, both mechanically and in the earth. Something happens where it just explodes. They say they only have about three days left before that happens. And when it explodes, you can never, regardless, you can never rebuild it the way it was. In other words, it will always be—if you rebuild it, it's hard to rebuild it at all—but it would only be about 50% of what it is right now. So it's a very powerful thing that takes place, sort of having to do with nature.

## **#Stanislav**

Sort of having to do with a moron that doesn't understand what he's talking about. That's painful. Look, when you switch off, when you close the valves, you can have some damage to the well, the actual well that's inside, depending on how much pressure is down there. Sometimes it depressurizes. Sometimes it can damage the well. That can happen. That's not necessarily guaranteed it's going to happen. It's not going to explode on its own. It's not self-combusting. I can't imagine, because I've talked to people who knew Trump personally, and they all say he's an imbecile. He doesn't read books. He doesn't know anything.

He even asked a friend, a buddy of mine who was in Special Forces, if the Russians had special instruments to make bullets out of snow and ice. It was serious. Yeah, let that sink in. So, moving forward, Iran may have some well damage. It can. But this is not something that cannot be fixed. If the pressure falls fully or enough that it's not coming up on its own, there are plenty of instruments now in use that can be used to repressurize a well. It used to be, in the old days, if a well's pressure fell enough, you just clogged the well with a cement plug and went and drilled another well. And that takes time, obviously, but it can be done.

Nowadays, I mean, for the last 40 years, 35 years, you have a whole set of different things you can use for shallow wells. You have pumps, you know, the same big head pump going up and down, or a pump that can do water—it can do oil too just as well. But that's for shallow wells. You've got motors that you can push down, and it's a rotor that starts spinning and pushes the oil up. You have what's called gas mandrels, which is when you put a mandrel down, which is a set of tubes, and they pump natural gas into it, and you get a carbonation of the oil. It's the same thing if you have a

highly carbonated drink, or like a Pilsner beer, and you stick a straw in it, and it'll start walking its way up the straw because the gas is pushing the liquid up. Same concept. You gasify that oil by pumping natural gas into it.

And it pushes the oil up there. I mean, there's a lot of different technologies that have developed. And they were developed because, you know, a lot of wells were leaving 20%, 30%, 40% of the product in the ground because natural pressure just drops. And some wells never had—they may be full, but they don't have any natural pressure to begin with. So if there was natural pressure, it wasn't pushing its way up. So there's that. And even if it's damage to the well, the damage can be fixed. And worst-case scenario, it has to be redrilled, which again, yes, it would take time, it would take more money, but this isn't the end. And no, it's not going to explode on its own. You know, Trump doesn't know much about anything. He probably—whatever he's being told, he's probably grasping at like 10% keywords, you know.

And then I've seen people like that. They grasp at a key phrase and repeat it constantly. And other people that are just as dumb as they are think that they're smart. While everybody else is going, you know, just shut up, man. Just shut up. And I've seen people like that in corporations that I worked in actually go up in rank because they just kept repeating the phrase of the day. And everybody above them was stupid enough to not understand that they're stupid. Because when you have lots of stupid people, they don't understand or they don't want to admit anybody else is stupid. And this is what we're getting right now. I mean, this is Trump. By the way, if this was the case, all his Saudi and all his Bahraini and all these other buddies of his would be suffering the exact same thing at this point and worse. So... it's Trump.

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When it comes to the military buildup in the Middle East, we know that since the ceasefire started, the United States has been transferring, sending a lot of weapons to the region. What is the situation with that? They have three aircraft carriers right now, more than 10,000 soldiers in the region. It's going to be 60,000, something like that. And in terms of ammunition, I don't know—missiles, interceptors—what have they sent so far? What is your understanding of the current situation if they start fighting, if they somehow go after some sort of fight and open a new front, or somehow the old front?

## **#Stanislav**

Well, first of all, two aircraft carriers couldn't do anything, so we have three aircraft carriers now that can't do anything, except maybe starve their sailors. Have you seen what they're feeding them these days? Jesus, that can't be even 2,000 calories a day. I mean, this is probably getting towards starvation-level calorie count. You know, that looks like post-Soviet Union in the Soviet space—Russia, Ukraine, other areas like that—soldiers were often begging on the streets for food. And a lot of units, ships included, that would park the ship, or if it was a brigade unit or something of that

sort, airborne or armor, they'd send everybody home on extended leave because they had no food to give them. They were out of food. They'd go home and let your mother feed you.

Come back when we get some food. We'll let you know. Because, you know, logistics have broken down. You're looking at basically the same thing right now in the U.S. Navy. I mean, my God, when you're giving some guy—you know, somebody calculated it—it looks like they're getting fed about 1,400, 1,500, maybe 1,600 calories a day. That's below starvation-level rations for a man who's not constantly active and running up and down stairs and back and forth on a large ship that's over 300 meters long. So that's amazing right there. So I don't know what they're going to do—cruise around in circles and try not to get hit by Iranian ballistic and hypersonic missiles. But on the ground, you know, the U.S. has very limited capability left—standoff missiles.

So those will get used up. After that comes JSOWs, which are pretty limited, especially the extended-range ones. After that comes JDAMs. And JDAMs are 50 kilometers or 50 miles, so I guess 80 kilometers. But anything you're really having to hit deep in, you're going to have to go into Iranian airspace, which means casualties automatically, which just means casualties. So what can Trump do? Well, they can go—if we had the softer scenario—I don't remember who was saying this, but they were right. The softest scenario that Trump could do now, because he's not going to back out and leave, he has to do something and then scream, "We won," would be to start bombing again, grab an island, say, and then turn around to people and say, "You see, the Iranians asked us for peace."

Now we're leaving because we're going to have them peace. That's probably the safest thing he can now do short of—well, the safest thing for all human beings, except for Trump, would be to say, okay, that's enough, we're leaving. But he's not going to do that. He's got to have a win, some kind of win. Grab an island—never mind how many troops you're going to lose trying to hold it—but grab an island and say, oh, I see, we've shown the Iranians we can do whatever we want. We grabbed one-tenth of one percent of their territory. See, they're afraid of us now. You know, just stuff like that, as ludicrous as that sounds. And then sell it to what's left of his MAGA base, which will believe anything he says. Everybody that doesn't has left a long time ago.

Worst case scenario is, of course, two worst case scenarios. One, they try to actually invade Iran with 50,000, 60,000 men, which means they're going to have a whole hell of a lot of dead people and a whole hell of a lot of wounded people, probably at least 50%, 60% casualty rates. What are you going to do with 60,000 men against a fortress country with alpine mountains running in rows, built-up fortifications on passes, and a million men under arms in a defensive position with internal supply lines? What are you going to do to that? There's not much you can do to that, especially with 60,000 men. There's not much at all you can do to that except get killed. They can bomb Iran's reactors, you know, the nuclear reactor.

They've done it three times already. The electric generator tried to shut Iran down. Iran's already said they'll respond to everybody in the region. And Iran has already, by the way, issued a warning:

get the hell out of Dubai, get the hell out of the United Arab Emirates in general, get the hell out of Qatar, get the hell out of all these areas. Get out, you know, they gave a weak warning—get out any which way you can. And the reason is they don't have to go after desalination plants. If it becomes a tit-for-tat going after energy infrastructure, those desalination plants switch off. And then what happens? As we've discussed before—45-degree heat, no water, mass die-offs. So Iran's doing a humanitarian thing in this case, telling people, get out.

Get out while you can. You've got a week. Get out. A lot of people won't leave because normalcy bias is what gets a lot of people killed. Well, yesterday was normal, today is normal, so tomorrow will be normal too. Well, no, not necessarily. But that's the situation. So that would be the worst case. I'm sure the Arab allies there are screaming at Trump not to do it. Will Trump listen? I don't know. Will the Israelis? The Israelis are having a great time if this happens. I mean, they claim half that territory for themselves anyway. If there are a lot fewer people living there, that's good. And if the Straits of Hormuz remain closed, the Israelis are also beating the drum: let's build pipelines through us so we can make money off all of you.

Because, you know, grabbing, trying to take Lebanon's gas fields is never enough while you're exterminating the population. So it's hard to say. I mean, as a peace-loving person—and believe it or not, I am—it may not sound like that all the time. I prefer that Trump just go away. Just go away, go home, end the stupidity now. But as a realist, I know he's going to do something. I'm just hoping he doesn't do anything too stupid. And whatever he does is going to be stupid. It's just a matter of how stupid are we going to get? How desperate are we going to get? How much are we going to double down to try to save face? Honestly, I, of course, hope he doesn't do any of it, but I fear he's going to do something really bad and stupid.

## **#Nima**

When Israel says that they're ready to get back to the fight, what are the capabilities of Israel? What are the sort of, you know—because we know that they're getting too much involved in the southern part of Lebanon. Right now they're fighting before coming up. I've seen a new video of how Hezbollah is using these FPV drones and targeting Israeli soldiers. And they want to get into the fight with Iran. What is that? What is happening with Israel, in your opinion?

## **#Stanislav**

You know, Israel was never good for a long stand-up fight. All the wars that Israel won were mostly very short wars. A, B, they were on the defensive, except for the Air Force, which would do a first strike or something like that. Um, with the tank forces, everything was always on the defensive. They were fighting disorganized Arab armies. And just so people understand, you know, this is just to understand the Arab mentality in that area—that they often, uh, they have the saying, you know, “Me against my brother, my brother and I against our family, our family against all the other families in our clan, our clan against all the other clans, and somewhere it's our nation.” And for a lot of

these, whether they be presidents or sheikhs or whomever else, whatever you want to call them, for the leadership of most Arab countries, they were more afraid of their own generals than they were of the Israelis.

So they never really practiced combined arms—multiple divisions working together. So whenever they fought the Israelis, they often enough fought without being able to coordinate with each other. So the Israelis took them piecemeal. But again, mostly on the defensive. Israel is not built to fight a long ground war, especially with an enemy that, A, isn't going anywhere because they're defending their homeland; B, Shia have this really nasty personality trait, kind of like us Orthodox—you know, martyrdom—which is a lot more ingrained than it is among the Sunnis in this case. And it's, you know, fighting for God and the homeland, the motherland. And your wife and kids are behind you. You know, that gives you a little more motivation right there to fight to the end because, you know, that's what it is.

And the Israelis are finding that this is a hell of a lot more difficult than shooting up civilians and bombing buildings. I mean, look, they haven't been able to finish Hamas off. You know, one man's terrorist, another man's freedom fighter, as the saying goes—unless they're working for the U.S. government, and then they're usually just terrorists. They're the ones fighting in Mali at the moment, you know, and other head choppers and other human trash that they gather together. So I don't know what—you know, the problem here isn't Israel. The problem here is the government that doesn't, particularly Netanyahu, who really doesn't want to go to jail. He'd rather burn in hell than go to jail.

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We had huge protests in Israel last night.

## **#Stanislav**

But the protests—but here's the problem with Israel. There are—and the protests against the war are growing beyond a doubt—but there's still 20%, 30% of the population. The majority, I mean, the other 80% of the population, supports these murderous policies. They may not like Netanyahu. A lot of them don't. He is a criminal at the end of the day. But they support these policies of genocide. So there's the problem. Yeah, you've got 20–30% somewhere among the young Jews whose parents are Zionists. Most of it is among the non-Zionist traditional Jews that say, you know, we don't care if Israel even exists, because to them it's an abomination until the coming of the Lord—well, their version of the Messiah.

So that's the problem. It's still a minority. But for all that, though, Israel's got problems with people running out of the country en masse. We've seen giant lines at the Egyptian checkpoints. Last time they did a 300,000 call-up, a third didn't show up. You know, they've got a lot of issues. And the worst issue for them, by and far, is they're losing, if they haven't lost, the youth in the U.S. And

without the U.S., Israel's done. It's done. Its goose is cooked. And they've lost not just the youth among Christians in the U.S., but among the Jews, whose parents are ardent Zionists, and the college-age and young adult kids are not. They're actually quite against it. So Israel's got problems.

You know, two years of videos coming out of them shooting civilians, murdering kids, you know, taking out—one video just recently came out, a 13-year-old girl running with water for her family, and they take her out with what looks like a 120-millimeter mortar round. You know, another guy, they just stand up and shoot him. He's blindfolded with his hands tied behind his back, so on and so on. And these videos are coming out every single day in a flood. So it does have an effect. I mean, this is why TikTok in the U.S. is now owned by Zionists, because they're trying to shut down these platforms, but there's always new platforms. And a lot of it's coming out on X. Whatever you want to say about Musk, he's been somewhat suppressing it recently, but still, a lot of it's coming out on X, among other things.

So Israel's got huge problems. You know, the problem with these Chabad maniacs—this one Chabad rabbi, who's one of their chief Chabad rabbis—he came out when Netanyahu was just starting and told Netanyahu that Netanyahu would be prime minister and he would be the one to hand the flag of Israel to the Messiah, who's going to come and wipe out all their enemies and let them rule from the river to the river. And for that, Israel has to be at such a point where it's almost destroyed, and then the Lord will come. Well, if that's true, if all of that is true, then, I mean, you're dealing with absolute religious fanatics—messianic religious fanatics—who aren't going to stop.

## **#Nima**

Yeah. We know tomorrow the Iranian foreign minister is going to be in Moscow. He's going to meet with Vladimir Putin. These two countries, Iran and Russia, in my opinion, when it comes to the basics, to the foundation of this war, they're fighting the same war. They're fighting against the same enemy. How do you see the way that Russia sees the conflict in the Middle East, in West Asia?

## **#Stanislav**

You know, I'm hoping that the mistake that was made by Iran when the liberals were predominant—they didn't sign a full defensive treaty with Russia. They watered down the wording, and it didn't get signed until the second day Israel was bombing Iran. I mean, partially that's already been remedied. But I think down the road, especially with the new generation that's come in that isn't pro-Western, unlike the older generation, which was pro-Western.

## **#Stanislav**

I mean, like it or not, they were.

## **#Stanislav**

I think the relationship between Russia and Iran is going to get much stronger economically and militarily. And I could quite easily see Iran signing a defense alliance with Russia, the same one that North Korea has, the same one that Belarus has. Could quite easily see that happening. So I think this has taught even the more—well, the liberals that are left after last summer's boondoggle—I think they've gotten a wake-up call to that. You know, the people you're dealing with, they're not going to negotiate. But, you know, Trump wants the uranium. End of story. And he needs it, by the way. He needs it. That's \$20 billion worth of uranium. You can look up the cost of uranium. The U.S. is building all of these data centers. They need nuclear power.

The U.S. does not have any. To begin with, there is no uranium in America—zero in the ground. The uranium the U.S. used, for example, for the atom bombs, it was getting from Canada, which has uranium deposits. The biggest uranium deposits are in Kazakhstan, and Russia also has uranium deposits. Modern-day Russia, not the old Soviet Union. But Russia has over 70% of the world's capability for enriching uranium. So more likely, and the U.S. does now, if you want fuel rods, you come to Russia. Russia also has the capability of taking old, used uranium and plutonium fuel rods and recycling them, and then using that as enrichment for new fuel rods. Full cycle. So the U.S. wants to build up all these new nuclear power plants for the AI centers, but it doesn't have any uranium.

It has to buy it from Russia. What if it can steal it from Iran? There's \$20 billion you don't need to spend. You just steal it from them. So that's a no-go to begin with. And then, of course, the second demand from the U.S. has been, what, give up the Gulf of—I mean, the Strait of Hormuz. Just give it up. Your sovereign waters and territory. Just walk away. It's ours. And, of course, we're going to charge toll booths, too. Don't think for a second the U.S. is going to be magnanimous. Oh, yeah, come on, pass through. They don't mind taking money off you—but it's money for freedom, not tyranny. It's money for freedom or whatever other crap they like to say. But that's a no-show. So there is no negotiated peace here. And Russia understands that.

By the way, you know, the position—you can tell Russia's position has gotten much harder when Lavrov, Minister of International Affairs, directly from the Russian Ministry of International Affairs, stated, be careful, the ceasefire is just the Americans preparing for another attack. So if everybody's like, oh, you know, Russia will sell out Iran—well, if Russia was planning on selling out Iran, it wouldn't be saying things like that. No, no, sign, sign, sign with the Americans—not get ready, here they come again, we're going to have to, you know, smack them another time. So just on that alone, you already know the parameters have shifted seriously. And the Americans just haven't realized it yet, I don't think—if they ever realize it.

## **#Nima**

You know, before coming to this live, you mentioned the situation in Mali, which I didn't know was happening. And you mentioned that the United States, together with France and Ukrainians, are there. What is happening in Mali?

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The Ukrainians, as American pawns—their special forces, you guys—have been instructors for every war. Islamic jihadist groups in northern Africa and the Middle East, they trained the Salafists before they attacked again and swept into Syria. They're in all of the Sahel, getting these jihadist psychopaths together, and that's what they did. And it's funded partially—in the case of Mali—it's funded partially by the Americans, partially by the French. You know, why the French? Well, France has no gold mines. Mali has pure gold mines. It has one of the biggest gold reserves in the world. Mali has eight major gold mines.

It has no gold in its reserve, except for the gold that's not been building up ever since they had the nice liberation revolution to get rid of the French. So the French have a vested interest. They want gold, and they want that territory back in their empire. Their empire never dissolved. They just took out the white hands and put in the black hands. That's it. Other than that, the people with the black hands are still basically French. They work for the French. Their money's kept in France. They're allowed to steal as much as they want as long as the French get what they want. So they just changed colonial leadership, but the colonies never really went away.

So they want Mali back for obvious reasons. Russia has—it used to be Wagner, it's now the Russian African Corps after Wagner was disbanded. And they're working directly with the Mali government and the other Sahel governments to train their militaries and prepare their militaries. So these guys that are trained by the U.S., trained, sponsored by the U.S. and France, and with Ukrainian instructors—about 3,000, 4,000 jihadists on motorcycles and light vehicles—they charge into a lot of the cities in Mali. They're still holding a few neighborhoods in the capital, where they're being driven out and destroyed. The city of... what was the name of that city? Kidal, I think is the name of the city, Kidal.

They've established—they've taken that small city—and the Russian and Mali forces have fallen back onto a very large base just south of the city. They're holding their ground, waiting for reinforcements. In all the other directions, they've been destroyed. A lot of Russian helicopter aviation came in there, just bombing the crap out of them. And the Mali forces showed themselves to be very competent now that they've been properly trained—something they never had before. Because the French sure as hell weren't going to properly train them, for obvious reasons. They needed to be just a little more competent than anybody that might rise up to get rid of French rule. So now that Russia's training these guys, they've shown themselves well in battle.

And the situation, it's not stable, but it's moving very quickly towards stabilization. And this is the biggest attack by these jihadists for a very long time, actually. And the French use these guys, you know, normally if the French somehow wind up losing power in one of their colonial units there, they use these guys all over Africa and toss them in there to overthrow the post-colonial rule and return colonial rule. It's worked so far. Now it no longer works, for various obvious reasons—the Russian

army. So that's the obvious, various obvious reasons: the training and the Russian troops that are there are participating in the combat alongside the Mali forces.

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Looking at what Zelensky is doing in West Asia, he went to Saudi Arabia for the second time. And what does Ukraine have to offer to these countries, the GCC countries basically? And what do they want from Zelensky?

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Well, you know, they can teach him how to money launder at a more professional level, how to beg more. And by the way, those countries are now begging the U.S. for currency swaps. And what that means is they need to sell off American assets ASAP to pay for the damages, to pay for their population's social benefits because they're losing money. Saudis are still making some amount of money, but the rest of these guys aren't making any money. The Kuwaitis, for example, and et cetera, they can't pay their debts and they can't pay for their civilians because they're unpopular enough governments, so they keep people sedated with goodies.

So currency swaps are going to the U.S. government saying, look, we're going to sell Treasury bonds en masse. That's going to be a hit on the U.S. It'll drive up rates. Uh, if they're trying to sell new currency, new Treasury bonds, there's a big problem for the U.S. right there. You know, that's the situation we're dealing with right now. The U.S. has taken a hammering in every direction. Yeah, yeah, I think so. When it comes to Europe, there...

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When Zelensky came out and said somehow, I don't know what he's doing, but he tried to say, he's trying to say that the United States is not producing that much of, you know, missiles and munitions. That's why we have to have a military-industrial complex of Europe. And he's part of Europe as well. Ukraine being part of Europe and producing weapons and munitions is—what is that without energy? I think the core of the production, or if they have everything prepared, which I doubt they do, they still need energy. Where do they get that from?

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Well, you know, from what he said, if you put yourself in Zelensky's position, yeah, he said actually more or less logical things because the U.S. doesn't produce that many missiles. Of course, if Zelensky cared about his people and not just about his pocketbook and his buddies' pocketbooks, they would have a whole different approach. But if you're in a position where you don't give a damn

how many Ukrainians die, you just need to make money, so you need to make this war last, everything he says is absolutely logical. You know, Russia has posted the list of what it considers legal military targets, and that's all of the country's factories that are producing drones.

Because what we're seeing here right now is the Russian air defense systems, they're handling what's being thrown at them right now. True, you can't get everything. It's impossible to stop everything. Some amount will always get through. But the vast majority is being stopped. And even the Russian oil exports, Western oil exports from the Western ports, they went down to 3.11 million barrels per day from about 3.3, 3.4. Now they're up at 3.5. Because those burnt-out oil... Well, when they're hitting oil facilities, they're really just hitting the storage tanks, because they burn real pretty. Pipes don't burn, especially when they're all... and they have computerized control systems. They just switch off the pressure, and that's it. Nothing's burning. So it doesn't make for much of a picture.

But you hit one of these storage facilities where there actually is a storage tank for the oil, and they just let it burn out. There's no point in trying to put that out. Sure, you'll lose whatever oil is in there, but it can be replaced relatively quickly. So there's that. So Zelensky, I mean, Zelensky at this point is desperate. Russia has already put out a list for these joints. Because the problem is, though, if the Europeans continue to upgrade production of drones, their aim is to produce two to three times more drones than they have now, to overpower the Russian air defense systems and then have free range—and primarily, by the way, have free range on Russian radar systems, on Russian nuclear strike capability, at least the airplane portion of it.

So this is something the Europeans don't seem to get. Welcome to the logic of escalation for a nuclear superpower. If you're blind and you don't know who's going to attack you—like, say, America in a surprise attack, because America holds a policy of first strike—and you've been blinded and your strategic assets are going down because of attacks, logic dictates: strike first, strike everything, and destroy everything that you can, because you don't know if the enemy is about to attack you. So if you want to blind a superpower, a nuclear superpower, just prepare that you're going to get exterminated.

Not hit, exterminated. Nuclear carpet bombing. And that seems to be what Europe is hell-bent on. You know, just total European extermination west of Russia and Belarus. Or maybe Russia, Belarus, Slovakia, and Czech, and maybe Serbia. But the point is, these people are that stupid. When the Finns say they've removed the only barriers in parliament to staging nuclear weapons in Finland, well, congratulations. You're a second world in collapse and economy, heading straight back to being the armpit of Europe that nobody ever remembered until Russia lifted them up. Okay, whatever. Your entire economy was based on working with Russia, basically, in one way or another. So their economy is collapsing. They have massive unemployment.

And by taxation, there's like 62% income tax. What do they have left? They can sell themselves as a platform for a future war, and they can sell their own people as biomaterial for that war. And they seem to have gone down that road. And now they're talking about being a staging ground for

nuclear weapons. Well, guess what? That means Finland, if the balloon goes up, as they say, Finland gets to be exterminated. Okay. I mean, if you want to play that, just, you know, be a big boy and don't whine about it. Of course they will. But, you know, then again, look at Stubb. I mean, you look at the man's face and you want to tell me that's a rational player? The guy looks insane. I mean, out of his mind. And he acts that crazy, out of his mind.

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Just moments ago, we had this news that Mali's government confirmed the death of Defense Minister General Sadio Camara during a coordinated terrorist attack on April 25th. It was yesterday.

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Yeah, they hit his house. In the initial phases, they hit his house pretty hard. So it was a question of whether he was still alive or not.

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Yeah, he was killed, it seems. Thank you.

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They're going to fail. I mean, the Mali incursion is going to fail. There will be other incursions in Mali and other Sahel nations that decide to go for freedom. But Russia is there, and Russia is arming and preparing these armies that are actually the liberation armies, real national armies, to defend their homelands.

**#Nima**

Yeah, yeah. Thank you, Esas. Great pleasure as always.

**#Stanislav**

Always. Same, same.