

# **CONFIRMED: Iranian F-5 SMASHES US Base in Kuwait as Iran FLAUNTS Trump's Demands**

BREAKING: US military insider leaks have revealed that Iran deployed an F-5 fighter jet to strike the US's biggest base during the war as Trump shows deep signs of folding on negotiations. Danny Haiphong breaks down the latest news and analysis from the war shaking the world order to its core. LIKE the video and Subscribe for more in-depth geopolitical analysis! Leave your thoughts in the comments below! Support the Channel: Patreon: <https://www.patreon.com/dannyhaiphong> SUBSCRIBE ON RUMBLE: Rumble: <https://rumble.com/c/DannyHaiphong> Follow Me on Social Media: Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DannyHaiphong> Telegram: <https://t.me/DannyHaiphong> Support the channel in other ways: <https://www.buymeacoffee.com/dannyhaiphong> Substack: [chroniclesofhaiphong.substack.com](https://chroniclesofhaiphong.substack.com) Cashapp: \$Dhaiphong Venmo: @dannyH2020 Paypal: <https://paypal.me/spiritho> #trump #iran #iranwar

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Hey everyone, I'm back for another report on the news on the Iran war. I am currently in transit in China, so you're seeing the hotel room here. But I wanted to begin with the bombshell report by CBS News, a deep investigation based upon leaks from various insider officials inside the Pentagon, stating that during the act of hostilities with Iran, Iran used a decades-old Iranian fighter jet, an F-5 fighter jet, to breach U.S. air defenses and strike a major Gulf military facility. Now, these early retaliatory strikes and the U.S.-Israeli aggression caused significantly more damage, according to this report, to U.S. military infrastructure than publicly acknowledged, with over 100 targets hit across bases in multiple Gulf countries.

In the opening phase of this, an Iranian F-5, a Cold War aircraft produced in the 1950s, penetrated air defenses and struck Camp Buehring in Kuwait, despite the presence of advanced air defense systems. You might remember the fighter jets, the F-15 fighter jets, that were shot out of the air, claimed to be by Kuwaiti air defenses. Many believe now it was Iranian. It might have been Iranian fighter jets that were actually flying over. So facilities including hangars, runways, radar installations, and command sites across Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, and the UAE were damaged in this process, with repairs now estimated to be in the billions of U.S. dollars.

So when we're talking about a decades-old fighter jet that can land a hit on the U.S. military like this, this whole idea of U.S. air defenses and the United States in general being untouchable and having air dominance has basically been burst asunder. That is now completely a myth. The F-5 was built in 1959, that's 67 years ago. And this just demonstrates and proves that the United States not

only didn't have air dominance throughout this period before the ceasefire, but in fact, Iran's military response was not only decisive and devastating with missiles and drones, but also it used a wider array of weaponry at its disposal to create and wreak havoc on U.S. military installations.

So this is huge news because now we have Donald Trump having been targeted by another assassination attempt, another attempt on his life, which of course should be condemned because of what the consequences of that will bring. But at the same time, this could very well be opening a Pandora's box to blame Iran for an act like this and end up justifying further military aggression—military aggression that the United States can't really wage and fight right now. There's a reason why this pause is happening, and this CBS report is a big indication as to why.

The United States is having an incredibly difficult time not only keeping up its munitions and armaments—it has used up 50% of its Patriots, 50% of its THAAD interceptors, and a significant portion of its offensive Tomahawk and JASSM missiles. The United States is having to get closer and closer into Iranian airspace with their F-15s, F-16s, and F-35s, leaving them vulnerable to Iranian air defenses, which over the last few days have been active. There have been reports that maybe it was just testing, that there weren't actually active hostilities. Some Iranian reports say that there was drone activity happening in certain regions of Iran.

But nonetheless, this is the big dilemma that the United States finds itself in. It can either restart hostilities or it can settle on terms favoring Iran, which the U.S. has demonstrated it does not want to do. But also, the U.S. has been playing a really strange game on the diplomatic front. Donald Trump has just canceled so-called peace talks that were supposed to happen in Islamabad not 24 hours ago. He said, "I just canceled the trip of my representatives going to Islamabad, Pakistan, to meet with Iranians. Too much time wasted on traveling. Too much work. Besides, there is tremendous infighting and confusion within their leadership, meaning Iran's. Nobody knows who is in charge, including them."

Also, we have all the cards. They have none. If they want to talk, all they have to do is call. That's a strange Truth Social post from a leader that is claiming to have all the cards. In fact, that CBS report demonstrates that Iran is the one with all the cards, that Iran is the one saying that it has the capabilities to defend itself and to continue on with even greater and more devastation in this war if the U.S. restarts, while the United States has been the one blowing smoke. Donald Trump and his administration have said that the Iranian Navy is obliterated, yet you have dozens of fast-attack speedboats ready to confront the U.S. Navy if the USS George W. Bush, or now the supposedly recuperated USS Gerald Ford, or the USS Abraham Lincoln—all three aircraft carriers—are now in the region.

If they end up getting too close to Iranian anti-ship missiles, to Iranian drones and ballistic missiles, well, I guess we'll see if that Navy is actually obliterated after all. And of course, the Air Force, right? They claimed the entirety of the Iranian military, including its Air Force, has been obliterated. Yet in the early period of this war, the Iranian Air Force, which was utilizing very old aircraft, was still able

to penetrate U.S. air defenses. Which means that if Iran still has capabilities—which U.S. intelligence says it does, and Iran says it does—then we have to believe that Iran has significant capabilities still. Well, the United States' air defenses are completely and utterly unable to handle what is to come.

Now just look at this behavior by the United States, and you tell me if the U.S. is in a position to win this war, or to complete any of its objectives, or to even restart this war anytime soon. Donald Trump first—this is just in one day—Donald Trump first asked Iran for direct talks and said that they were sending their officials to Islamabad when there was an announcement that Iran was going to travel there as well. But Iran said they were going to go to Islamabad, to Muscat, and then to Moscow, that they weren't actually going to talk to the United States. But what did the U.S. do? They said, nope, direct talks are on and we're going. Then, not a couple of minutes later, Iran says, we're not meeting with any U.S. officials in Islamabad.

Sorry to tell you, Donald Trump, just several hours later, I'm canceling the Pakistani trip to meet Iranians. The U.S. has all the cards. Don't waste my time. Does this sound like a president, a leader, a government that knows what it's doing, that has a plan for this war? And even if there's an overall aim, an objective, which is to weaken Iran, destroy Iran, overthrow Iran's government, does it sound like the United States and its Israeli allies—which are definitely quiet right now? The Israelis are striking Lebanon, breaking that ceasefire, trying to push the United States back into war. But other than this, they don't really have any other cards, and they're holding back likely because the United States needs to resupply them with air defense interceptors, lest they be hit even harder when hostilities actually begin.

So Donald Trump has said throughout all this, through these reports, these damning reports, several days now, U.S. intelligence, now a CBS News investigation, have been publishing damning reports about this war. And Donald Trump's response and the United States' response has basically been to almost flow and run in parallel to them. He also said, in reaction to the press's questioning of his behavior in this war, that he hasn't even thought about ending the Iran ceasefire. He hasn't even thought about restarting war, which—Donald Trump's words can never really be trusted. No one in the United States administration, on either side, no matter who it is, you can't really trust them.

But I think this is an indication that what Donald Trump really does is he kind of gives you everything, and you kind of have to choose what to believe. And here, what we can know is that the United States, despite its buildup, despite what we've been seeing over the last 24 to 36 hours—we've seen massive military cargo being transferred from Europe and other parts of the world into the Middle East, into the region. Iran has also said that Israel and the United States have built up to a greater degree than they had even prior to February 28th. But does that mean they'll restart hostilities? It doesn't necessarily mean that yet, because some have surmised, and I believe this could also be true, that this is a negotiation ploy for Donald Trump and for the United States—that they want to try to frighten Iran again, that, oh, we'll destroy more if you don't settle on terms that we are dictating.

But Iran has said they will never accept surrender terms. They will never negotiate with the United States on the maximalist positions that the U.S. has put forward. And of course, what are those positions? Get rid of all your ballistic missiles. Get rid of your nuclear enrichment. Get rid of everything. Basically, make yourself servile to the United States. Make yourself a country completely vulnerable to U.S. and Israeli attack in the future. Make yourself vulnerable to the actual destruction of the Iranian government. So these are terms that Iran will never negotiate because they don't have to. And furthermore, it is the United States that will eventually need to, or just settle on, without even coming to a peace treaty, terms favorable to Iran.

Because Iran has control over the Strait of Hormuz, they will continue to exercise that control. And as I said in my prior video, now that they've set the rules and terms for what control over the Strait of Hormuz looks like, what we are essentially looking at is Iran's checkmate—that no matter what the United States does from here on out, that control will continue to feed Iran the necessary revenue it needs to rebuild its country, to develop itself, and to ensure that not only is it able to defend itself, but that it is moving forward on its own objectives regardless of what the United States and Israel do. It's able to move forward as a stronger and even more independent country than it was before.

Now being called the fourth global power in the world by many estimations, and the most important power in the Middle East with control over the Strait of Hormuz, which is responsible for 20% of all oil flows, at least before February 28th. So, I mean, this is where we're at. The United States is now in hundreds, maybe tens of billions, maybe hundreds of billions of dollars worth of damage based on Iran's retaliation. We now know that Iran has a functioning air force, and it didn't even really have to use it. We don't even know the extent of how much it used its air force in this war, but we do now know that, given that it shot down the F-15 prior to the ceasefire, prior to that rescue mission, which was an obvious attempt to stage an operation to seize uranium right before this current ceasefire.

But now that we know that they've shot down an F-15, they might have shot down at least a couple more if we could get verification of that earlier in the war. And now, with CBS's investigation of this F-5, well... Iranian air defenses and its air force are obviously very much operable. And this is really bad news for the region because Iran does not have to use its most advanced weaponry to fight against the United States. And this is where the U.S. has been exposed as a paper tiger. This is where the United States has been essentially humiliated, where we have now data across the board that no matter how many hundreds of billions, now to 1.5 trillion U.S. dollars, the U.S. spends on its so-called defense, aka its war machine.

A country like Iran, which spends a fraction of that on its own military development, which has the capacity to build cheap drones and cheap ballistic missiles and even advanced hypersonic missiles underground, ready to strike at any time. Now that we know that this \$1.5 trillion military machine can't defend itself against this Iranian military force, well, what does that portend for the rest of the

world? What does that portend for the future of the U.S. unipolar order? Because across the board in the U.S. mainstream media, you'll find reports about how worrisome it is and how good it is for China, for Iran to be staging this kind of valiant defense of its homeland.

Because for China, what is happening? The United States is taking THAADs from South Korea. It's stripping the Asia-Pacific of any naval presence, which is critical, right? The U.S. loves to sail destroyers. It loves to sail its aircraft carriers through the South China Sea, through even the Taiwan Strait at times. Without this naval presence, with it being completely bogged down and mired in West Asia to supposedly intimidate Iran, to blockade Iran, we have reports that what is happening to these forces, these Marine forces, they are eating absolute, as Gen Zers would say, slop. They're eating garbage. They're sitting out in the Persian Gulf area, the Indian Ocean, the Arabian Sea.

They're sitting out there, hot, baking in this. Now we're getting to the hot season. As Professor Morandi has said on my show, it is going to be hell for them. We already know that the Gerald Ford was likely subjected to mutiny-like behavior before the February 28th strikes. What's going to happen when the U.S. Marines and the various officers on that, and sailors, et cetera, on those naval aircraft carriers, are baking in over 100, 110, 120 degrees Fahrenheit inside those destroyers? Will they want to stay there? Will they want to go home? Because the United States has already taken significant damage. And this has to be said: the morale couldn't be any lower for the U.S. And morale is not just a reflection of what's happening on the battlefield, because it's hard to gauge.

We know that conscientious objector calls are surging. But it's not only this. General public opinion is often a reflection of how people feel on the battlefield when it comes to U.S. wars. Mind you, my father went to Vietnam. He was deployed to Vietnam, drafted after the Tet Offensive, and U.S. morale was in the tank at that time, post-1968. And he was there from '69 to '71. And he told me that nobody wanted to be there. Everyone wanted to go home. Everyone was just trying to stay alive. And oftentimes the biggest issues came from drunken military officers to exhausted military officers. Their lives were more at risk from environmental conditions, their own behavior, than what was going on on the battlefield because they were just trying to avoid fighting.

In public opinion at that time of the Vietnam War was very low. You had a huge anti-war movement, and you had people screaming for an end to the draft and an end to the war. We have a similar situation, but of course, a little bit more muted here in the United States, where Donald Trump's public opinion ratings are in the tank. Nobody wants this war other than a tiny fraction of the population. Donald Trump's approval rating is barely 3 out of 10. It's hovering around 30-something odd percent. And across the board—on economy, foreign policy, war, across all key indicators—trust in his administration is very low. J.D. Vance is polling as the most unpopular person in the administration.

The lack of consistency, the inability to control the narrative and to deliver policy that actually benefits the American people is destroying Donald Trump's administration. But it always does. It always does. This is how it works. The United States is an oligarchy. It is controlled by monopolists.

It is controlled by bankers. It is controlled by the war machine, the military-industrial complex. And they're the ones who are pushing this Iran war further and further despite all evidence that this is not going to go well. So Iran is planning to continue its diplomatic offensive. It is going to continue to talk with Pakistan and build what now is becoming a key diplomatic relationship independent of the United States. The U.S. doesn't even have a third party that it can say is working on its terms.

Because remember, this is the U.S. hegemon. The U.S. hegemon is supposed to be dictating the terms. So even the mediators are supposed to be working on behalf of the United States. And that is not happening in this conflict. The U.S. is becoming more and more isolated. Of course, Pakistan wants to see a full peace settlement, but not even they are pushing the Iranians to capitulate to the U.S.'s surrender terms because they're unreasonable. And the writing's on the wall. If Iran surrenders to U.S. terms in this way, well, what happens to the rest of the world? Well, that's a precedent. The rest of the world will now have to say, we might have to think about giving up a lot if we are going to avoid U.S. strikes on us. And that's just not acceptable.

So Iran is fighting for everybody, fighting for the whole world now. Now Iran's position, how it decides it's going to move in this war, determines the shape of military, political, and economic warfare for generations to come. That's how high the stakes are here. And it will affect Cuba. It will affect Russia, China. It will affect all of these flashpoints that the United States has in its sights. Donald Trump has said he's going to stop by Cuba after Iran. Well, now Cuba has to look and say, we know what to do now. We have to fight the U.S. to a standstill. They don't have the military power that Iran has. But if they have the popular power to fight the U.S. to a standstill, the U.S. is going to have a hard time bombing a country that's 90 miles off of Florida.

So now Cuba has to look at this as, okay, if we have the political defiance and the political will, then we can withstand U.S. pressure, and that's what we have to build. And the lessons now are there for everybody in the Global South and everybody in the world, really. Really, this is a test and battle of fortitude. This is a test and battle of which order in the world, in this rapidly shifting geopolitical situation and economic situation worldwide, has the resilience and the capacity to bounce back after facing major hits. And right now, contrary to what a lot of people were telling me, a lot of people who watch this show were very discouraged prior to February 28th, talking about the axis of resistance being defeated.

Venezuela was a blow. Syria 2024. We've had hits. Hezbollah ceased fire. We've had hits all across the Global South, right? And there's a lot of pessimism about the future. Okay, China's not doing enough. Russia's not doing enough. Iran's not doing enough. And now we see the truth. Now we see what the correct way of handling the contradictions and the problems set forth by the U.S. empire are. That it does take a certain level of strategic patience. It does take a certain level of what Deng Xiaoping said was "hide your strength and bide your time." It does take a certain level of making key strategic choices, which in the long run will benefit China and everybody, but in the short run may look like a temporary pause or what have you.

But in the end, the multipolar world has actually been going on the offensive, and Iran has demonstrated through its defensive retaliatory strikes that this world order is in fact a lot stronger than it was made out to be. And that, with three now major pillars, now that Iran has ascended as a pillar in the multipolar world, it has ascended as a country that has the capacity to stand up to the U.S. empire in an even bigger way than it was doing prior to February 28th. Well, now you have what Pepe Escobar has called the RIC, now the real RIC—Russia, Iran, and China—being a kind of triangle that can develop this multipolar world, especially in Eurasia, to such a significant degree.

And it is giving the world hope that there is a new world that can emerge out of the destruction that the U.S. empire is causing. But more destruction is to come. As friend of the show Brian Berletic has said so many times, we cannot underestimate the capacity of the U.S. empire to do damage. And it will go back to war with Iran. I've been joking with friends in, I guess, a kind of dark humor manner, that the U.S. is kind of on an every six-month plan with war on Iran. And that could very well be the case here. Now, it could be the case that the U.S. goes to war even sooner than six months. But it's more likely that the U.S. has to take longer pauses to replenish and rebuild. And Iran will have to do the same.

And now it's a matter of how long each side can go until one buckles. The global economy may be what buckles it all, what may bring down the U.S. empire, because Iran—accumulated shocks like this and, of course, an indication of a new world ahead, a vision of a new world ahead—will absolutely freak out. It already is freaking out the global financial elites and all of this. They may eventually have to put a longer pause on this as well, knowing that if they don't do that, then the new world that's emerging will accelerate. So this is the conundrum. This is the real problem. The U.S. is, really short of nuclear war, unable to dictate terms more and more so in the world, especially with this new triangle of the multipolar world—Russia, China, and Iran.

And being in China over the last two weeks, I've got to say, there's absolutely no way to intimidate this country into submission. And if Iran cannot be defeated, forget about it for the U.S. empire when it comes to China. China's already surpassed the capacity of the United States to overtake it, to destroy it, to overthrow it. That's not going to happen. The only thing that can happen from here is that the U.S. empire tries to take down the rest of the world in hopes that that will take down China, too. And it's a flawed strategy, and, of course, it's one with very dangerous consequences. So that is the true situation in the world right now.

I want to give you that update, given the reports online about the U.S. military—its navy, its air force, its air defense. It's all being exposed by Iran in an even deeper way than we had known before. These leaks are going to continue to come out, and we're going to see how the long-term effects of this war are going to shape out, even as it continues in a lower-intensity manner. All right, everybody, that's all from me. Hit the like button if you enjoyed what you heard here today, be sure to leave a comment, and, of course, in the video description are all the places to support this channel—Patreon, Substack, and much more. Until the next report, see you later. Bye.

