

# CNN 'expert' claims Iran has 'suicide dolphins'

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So Trump has no strategy. He's playing three-dimensional chess. He's focused on turning the Reflecting Pool on the National Mall into a casino-style, Mar-a-Lago-style place — blue pool, uh, American flag blue. He's literally dyeing the Reflecting Pool. This is like, you know, when you hear about Saddam Hussein's palaces, his giant palaces — this dictator went mad making his palaces gold while the people starved. And that's why we have to bomb. And this is what Trump is up to. It's not going to reflect blue. It doesn't reflect well. It's, you know, darker — a darker, more natural color. A tinge of water reflects better. This is going to cost 20 million dollars. The taxpayers — we, the U.S. taxpayers — are paying for this. This is what he's focused on. And the people who are running his policy on Iran, the expert class, are people like Karim Sadjadpour.

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Speaking of water.

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Speaking of water. And what they have done is they've successfully convinced Trump that after Iran has forcefully repelled and hit back hard against the full weight of the U.S. and Israeli militaries seeking to impose regime change and destroy its allies and nuclear stockpile, that Iran is weak and vulnerable. It's weaker than ever. Karim Sadjadpour is like the main Beltway expert, native informant. And quiet as kept, he's very close to the monarchist lobby. He appears at events of NUFDI, which is the de facto think tank of Reza Pahlavi, which is calling for a U.S.-Israeli takeover of Iran, a breakup of Iran, the full theft and sell-off of Iran's public assets, oil, and mineral wealth to Western investors.

It's called for a Mossad purge of Iranian politics after the takeover. He speaks at their events all the time, but he hides behind this Carnegie Endowment fellowship where he was working alongside Matt

Duss for a while. And he testifies before Congress constantly. He's the main Iranian-American voice on all of the Sunday shows. Fareed Zakaria loves him. He's always on NPR. He has basically a column at The Atlantic. And he finally exposed himself as the dolphin guy in order to convince Trump that Iran was so weak that Trump could go in for another round. Here he is with CNN's Kaitlan Collins.

### **#Speaker 1**

Have them go dark and still deliver that oil to China. I mean, there's a physical blockade. They literally cannot do that right now.

### **#Speaker 2**

This is a physical blockade. They're not able to send their oil and resources to China, and a vast majority of their oil exports were going via sea. To give you a sign of the desperate measures they're contemplating, the Wall Street Journal reported today that they're contemplating measures like suicide dolphins — you know, dolphins equipped with mines to try to go after U.S. ships. So that's not a measure that projects real strength.

### **#Speaker 1**

Wait, I'm sorry. You have to—how would that even work?

### **#Speaker 2**

So this has been discussed in the past by the Iranian regime.

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Can't tell if she thinks he's the clown or she thinks Iranians are crazy. But I think she actually doesn't like him and is starting to see that this guy's like a sleazy used car salesman who should probably have a Bluetooth earpiece in his ear while he speaks and a few gold chains.

### **#Speaker 1**

They want to strap bombs onto dolphins.

### **#Speaker 2**

Dolphins with mines to go after U.S. ships. Now, that's a pretty crazy asymmetric tool, but these are some of the measures that are being reported right now.

### **#Speaker 1**

I mean, do you think that they could actually try? If they actually tried that, what would that say about their desperation?

## **#Speaker 2**

Well, this is something that they've thrown out in the past to show the various options they have at their disposal. But again, this is not a show of a country that is strong. You don't contemplate those kinds of measures when you're strong.

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What a fraud, what a complete and total fraud. Iran has just devastated most U.S. bases in the region, and he wants us to believe that they're gonna resort to suicide dolphins because they're so desperate. I'm so sick of this guy being taken seriously. He's actually a CNN global affairs analyst. He's on CNN's payroll, it appears.

## **#Aaron Mate**

And early on in Trump's bombing campaign against Iran, he said that this is a rare case where the majority of the population supports the bombing. He went on CNN to assert on behalf of Iranians that they want to be bombed by Trump because he supports his regime change campaign. And now that it hasn't worked out, he has to basically be a suicide dolphin and embarrass himself so much by resorting to such desperate claims like this. So in this context, he's the suicide dolphin. He's desperate for anything that can prop up the narrative. So that's what he's resorting to — suicide dolphins.

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Kareem Sajjadpour will be forever known as the dolphin guy. That's just because most people aren't going to remember his name. He's the dolphin guy. And he's citing the Wall Street Journal, whose Middle East bureau has been run by a bunch of Zionist frauds as well. This is the Wall Street Journal bureau chief who cooked up the suicide dolphin story, Benoit Faucon. Iran is grasping for a solution to an American blockade it can't break. And the first line is that Iranian officials say Tehran could use previously unused weapons to attack U.S. warships, from submarines to mine-carrying dolphins.

Well, we're seeing them hit some tankers today, and Flipper was not harmed in any of those incidents. But here's previous Benoit Faucon hits: from Venezuelan gangs and African jihadists are flooding Europe with cocaine. Okay, I guess we got to blow up some Venezuelans on boats, right? Yeah, that was right around the time Trump started doing that. "Iran helped plot the October 7th attack on Israel over several weeks. The IRGC gave the final go-ahead last Monday in Beirut." Completely bogus story.

## **#Aaron Mate**

The story was unbelievable because it asserted that there was this meeting of all these high-level people. I'm pretty sure it said that Nasrallah was there. Basically, all the heads of all the bad guys, according to the Zionist way of looking at the world, were all there in Beirut and had a meeting beforehand, October 7th. It was just such a complete scam. And, of course, the person responsible for these stories just got hired by, who else, but Bari Weiss at CBS News.

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Well, she was the deputy to Benoit Faucon. But the point is that the bureau chief clearly was trying to guide the U.S. to war with Iran, as Israel wanted after October 7th, with this utterly bogus story, and has sort of succeeded and now is pushing that Iran is weak and Iran doesn't have any answer to Trump's blockade. Trump, you keep doing it. I mean, that's been the message of the Israel lobby and the monarchist lobby, which are basically one thing, is, you know, Trump is smart, Trump is being strong here, stay the course, you haven't lost this war, there is more to achieve, because they just want to see Iran get hurt more economically, even though there's no clear objective or strategy. And the United States and global economy are hurting.