

# Andrei Martyanov: Hezbollah Annihilates Air Defense – It's All Blowing Up

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## #Nima

Hi everybody, today is Thursday, May 21st, 2026, and our dear friend, our brother Andrei Martyanov is here with us. Welcome back, Andrei.

## #Andrei

My pleasure. Hello.

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Please hit the like button, helping us reach more people. And follow Andrei on his website, [smoothiex12.blogspot.com](http://smoothiex12.blogspot.com). You can find his YouTube channel under the same name, SmoothieX12. And Andrei, let me start with the huge explosion that we've seen in Israel. Basically, the mainstream media just forgot about it — what has happened? Israelis were talking about, yeah, it was some sort of test that went wrong in Israel. What is your understanding of what has happened?

## #Andrei

Well, I mean, make no mistake, I'm not in place there to also, you know. But anybody who says that it was a controlled explosion, I have a bridge to sell them. This is sheer Israeli propaganda, which they try to cover up, which evidently, from what is being circulated, they lost a huge storage of the Arrow 3 missiles. This is their allegedly best air defense complex. And, yeah, that's how it looked. And some people say it was during an unloading or loading protocol or something like that. But we cannot completely exclude the hand of the Iranian special services and intelligence because, obviously, when you have Iranian agents making videos from inside the nuclear facility in Dimona, that tells you that if they can do that, then certainly they can do this. And it's a total embarrassment, and that also diminishes dramatically the already bad, really not effective and not good air defense of Israel. And so that is a serious impact on whatever remaining capabilities they have.

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Andrei, we know that the war, despite having the ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon, is happening between the two parties, namely Israel and Hezbollah, not the government in Lebanon. And we've seen recently many videos, footage coming out showing these FPV drones going and hitting Iron Dome batteries. Is that going to be a serious problem as time goes by with these sorts of attacks on the air defense system? And how important is that for the air defense of Israel?

## **#Andrei**

Well, it's huge. I mean, well, it depends, obviously, on how many have been taken out. I don't know, and nobody really knows the actual number of those Iron Dome batteries. But Iron Dome is the system that was designed to intercept, essentially, their so-called cottage industry rockets — you know, they call them Katyusha, whatever the name in Arabic is — which were basically made out of, you know, plumbing, essentially, you know, the pipes, water pipes, put some kind of explosive, like an RPG maybe, in there and launch it. You know, very easy, very slow ballistic trajectory, easily calculable if you have good enough computational capability, which Israel does have. And, yeah, that was the thing.

They will intercept whatever number was flying. This is what many people do not understand: Iron Dome is not designed to intercept serious missiles, be they tactical or operational-tactical, let alone operational, essentially, because they fly—and especially the Iranian ones—which evidently do maneuver. The Iranians do have the technology with maneuvering terminal warheads, and you cannot intercept that with this. It's just kind of, you know, a feel-good thing, like sticking a band-aid on stage-four cancer, you know, elsewhere. And for that, they have those Hetz, Arrow, and all that—essentially American systems that have been developed, designed, and built, actually, much of them by Raytheon and Boeing.

And, of course, Israel, Rafael — that's their company. They stick their label there, "Made in Israel." They get some, whatever, updates for their specific needs in software and in some other purely hardware elements, and that's it. That's what they have. But, I mean, come on, since last year and now since February, we saw what they are, and evidently this explosion, to put it mildly... So yeah, this is a purely American view on air defense. It is absolutely backward, it's obsolete, it is designed against an enemy which doesn't exist in terms of a serious state. Iran already proved it in terms of whatever was deployed, including THAAD, for example, and let alone Patriots in special military operations.

They have been, by different estimates, the number, the monetary expression—130 billion have been blown out on Patriots and all other types of air defense systems by the United States in the Special Military Operation. And now you have another dozens of billions, especially when Iranians blew to smithereens three out of seven thirds—yeah, it's just backward air defense. That's what it is.

What can I say? And Israel is up there with the United States because essentially the United States is the main supplier, so to speak, of their hardware for Israel, apart from the monetary aid, financial aid. And it's totally bankrupt. And that means they might as well not have it.

## **#Nima**

When you hear General Keane come to Fox News and talk about how we have to continue this war, we have to hit them hard, what comes to your mind? Because he's basically talking about a military operation. He doesn't have any other solution for what's going on in the Middle East. And he believes that the United States can do something, because we know that Benjamin Netanyahu wants to—at least from the report on Axios—Axios reported that Benjamin Netanyahu wants to continue the war. Which it doesn't seem that Donald Trump is that much into, because he knows the reality. At least, I don't know if he knows, but at least some of this information is getting to him.

## **#Andrei**

The Pentagon is incompetent. It's incompetent across the board. They don't understand their technological capabilities realistically. They cannot assess them properly. Those people who can assess them are not allowed anywhere. And Keane, he's a pilot. He graduated, whatever, he graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Then he graduated from all kinds of those things for general, you know, command and general staff college in, you know, Leavenworth, Kansas, which is not a very high academic level, to put it mildly. It's nowhere near real serious military education you have to have for the 2026 military. And so he can say—what else can he say? He got his position at the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff by, well, kissing ass.

That's what they do. And Larry Wilkerson told you, I believe it was you he told that when he was the chief of staff for Colin Powell during the Gulf War, he said, we go into this staff meeting with all those four-stars, three-stars, you know. And he said, never allow a U.S. Air Force general to command anything, which I agree with. These guys grew up on the, you know what, Top Gun Maverick fairy tales. Keane has no clue about it, we already saw. We saw it. We have the horrendous, mounting-in-scale empirical evidence that those people don't understand what real war is. They know the only thing they know — the bomb, that's it.

You know, just let's take off, stick whatever, just some ER or some JDAMs, you know, get into the line and launch and wow, we won. It's complete garbage, I mean. And so when you have your officer corps, generals, admirals, who grew up on this, you know, technological fairy tale, and who do not understand that, well, some people actually shoot back, and they shoot back really well at you, well, then it hurts. And then suddenly the plan unravels. And you know, as Mike Tyson stated, everybody has a plan until you smack into the face in the ring, and then everything goes completely awry. And so that's exactly the situation. And listen, and especially, again, look at the line of basically the chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

All kinds of people were there — admirals, specialists in special operations, you know, all kinds of people who actually wouldn't have a first clue what combined arms operations are. And that's it. The only thing the United States military is capable of is bombing from the air, because this is where the American military culture is based — it's the foundation of American military mythology. And so now suddenly it doesn't work. What can he say? If he says that, okay, we have to go back, we need to rethink the whole damn thing because we're actually bankrupt financially and technologically, oh, he will immediately be, as you know, thrown out of his position. But they worked really hard. They kissed so much ass to get there that obviously he's not gonna go out and say it.

They are managers. They are not generals. They are not officers. That's the whole thing. They teach them how to get into whatever, F-16 or F-15, and take off. Well, that's fine. It's good. America still has good pilots. The problem is, did they grow into being basically operational, strategic-level officers? I don't see anyone in the U.S. military who really has a grasp of what is happening. I saw the deposition of Mr. Brad Cooper, who is the commander of CENTCOM. It is, I mean, cringeworthy. It's like, I don't know, this is ridiculous. And he was actually taken to the cleaners by one of the U.S. senators or representatives on a linguistic matter — what does it mean, annihilated, degraded, and all that. These guys do not operate in even professional military terms.

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Are there people still believing that an invasion of Iran would be the solution? Here is Keith Kellogg talking about it.

## **#Andrei**

Oh, good Lord, why?

## **#Speaker 03**

Getting ready to do a very major attack tomorrow. I was asked by Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE, and some others if we could put it off for two or three days, a short period of time, because they think that they are getting very close to making a deal. And if we can do that, where there's no nuclear weapon going into the hands of Iran, I think, and if they're satisfied, we will be probably satisfied also. I cannot believe how reasonable he's been in this whole process and how measured he's been.

## **#Speaker 04**

There's been immutable principles of war, nine of them, since 500 B.C. One of them is simplicity. And I'll make this simple. What I'm saying is I think we should break negotiations off. We should seize Kharg Island for a couple of reasons. One, it controls 90% of their economy. You put the whole country at risk of their, especially... You could put a provisional government in charge, an opposition government if you want to do it. The second thing I'd do is you go 300 miles to the east.

You take the Ra's al Kuh, which is a command and control hub for the Strait. You put your Marines in there. The third thing you do is you line up your Avenger-class minesweepers and you escort everybody out of the Gulf on the Omani side if you want to do it and just clear the Straits out going forward. Look, I don't trust the arrangement.

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Even a Hollywood scenario would be more complicated than this.

## **#Andrei**

The Avenger-class minesweepers. The guy doesn't even understand what bottom, sea-bottom mines are, which, by the way, Iran has. He doesn't understand that Iran has the equivalent of the Russian Shkval missile, which, well, it's a rocket, essentially, with a speed in excess of 120 knots. You cannot outrun it. You cannot shoot in the water. And these are the other things. And of course, Keith Kellogg wouldn't have the brains to wrap his—what, after 80? The guy is stuck in World War Two. And that's why the United States loses all its wars and sustains humiliating defeat after defeat. So you have these people who never won anything in their life. They lose all their wars. Kellogg was in Vietnam.

He was in some special forces. Then he commanded a division. But again, in what? In what campaigns? In what war did he serve? He saw the humiliation of the United States in Vietnam. He now observed humiliation in Afghanistan. The Iraq war was lost. And so you go on and on, and now you have this catastrophic, humiliating defeat in the special military operation, and now Iran. So this guy doesn't understand the fundamentals of modern war, which start from air defense, serious naval force. He doesn't understand the role of anti-ship missiles. He has no clue. And that's the whole thing. I don't know why this person—well, again, the Trump administration, it's a bunch of nincompoops, you know, controlled by Israel. And so what can I say?

It's complete decomposition of the military-political power in the United States when you look at people who go and parade themselves like morons, you know, and the only thing they can do is PR. They talk tough, you know, but in reality, as I already stated, the average American general, including the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, would be laughed out of a brigade-level staff meeting in the morning during briefing as a few people who have no clue what they're dealing with. This is how bad it is. And again, listen, I wrote four books about it. I've warned about it since 2014, that the United States doesn't understand what it's getting itself into. And Keith Kellogg—let him gather the proper force and control and command it for the invasion of Iran.

He knows only, let's put Marines on some island. He doesn't even understand that Iran has long-range fires—some of them are very long range. And I'm not talking about ballistic missiles, obviously. He's never heard about Fajr MLRS, which can deliver from 130 kilometers away. And what's going to happen with the fixed position? The guy doesn't even have a clue what he's doing.

He thinks he can put the Marine force there, which will be in a fixed position and nowhere to run. And guess what's going to happen? This is an assembly area. The United States cannot conduct modern combined arms operations because we saw it.

Where are those 13 U.S. bases, which were like, you know, the force projection power? Iran simply wiped them out. That's it. But you cannot explain this to American generals because their education is basically—well, what can I say?—they're at an extremely low academic level in the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, if they even get there. Most of them are ROTC material who grow up watching the movie \*Patton\* and all kinds of things. And yeah, they believe this. So yeah, Keith Kellogg definitely doesn't understand what a fixed position is. He doesn't understand it because he thinks that the United States can outrange everybody.

It can't for a long time now. And when you tell them that, yeah, Iran has a lot of long-range fires, and it can bring them to bear, and the U.S. Air Force will do nothing about it. So... he cannot wrap his brain around it. Neither can most of the U.S. Armed Forces generals. They don't understand it. Well, now they kind of feel the heat, you know, and what can I say? That's what they have to say. They go out there in the media and say the same old baloney over and over again. You have to go there. We have to, you know, kick some ass. Okay, go. See what's going to happen.

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Before the war started, Iran said if the United States started attacking Iran, it's not going to be a war between Iran and the United States. The whole region—it's going to be a regional war, which literally, what has happened so far, was the translation of what Iran said before the war started. And right now they're talking about if the United States decides to attack Iran again, it's going to be beyond the region. It means that Romania, Germany, Greece—all these American bases in these countries—are going to get hit by Iranian missiles. And what is your understanding of that? Do they really understand it? Because I don't see Iran bluffing or saying something just for the sake of saying it, because they proved that before, as I've mentioned.

## **#Andrei**

Well, I mean, some understand, some. But the majority, again, you have to understand what Washington, D.C. is. It's a collection of political scientists, journalists, and lawyers. These people have no freaking clue about anything. And even, as already stated, you saw the degrading of the cultural, intellectual, and professional level of the U.S. military. And it was steady for the last 30 years. As already stated, the last competent people are gone from the U.S. military. And so... they really don't understand because they don't have the toolkit. They don't have the brain for that. They're not trained. They are mostly run through those degrees in the Ivy League, where they prepare—well, not really prepare—it's basically professional and political fraud they produce there for future leaders.

They go into the Ivy Leagues to basically mingle with the same, like the good old boys and girls, you know, from these families—you know, political families and business families—which are producing these imbeciles, essentially. You know, so if you take a look at their qualifications, they cannot even wrap their brains around the fact that Iran does have range on Romania, for example, or Greece, or, you know, a British Air Force base, for example. The British are now trying to kind of distance themselves from that. But yeah, Iran has the range, and they can launch, and they have pretty much most of the missile force intact.

And so... and again, they go out in the media and lie, because this is the only thing they are trained to do. Maybe they have their private conversations that, my boy, we are screwed. Evidently, Trump begins to feel it. But again, Trump has no morality, has no humanity in him. He's into making money for the family, and he is controlled by Israel. Simple as that. And so this is what Washington is. So you cannot really communicate with them on a rational basis, because many of them are hysterical, because some of them, you know, this rumor goes around, and they begin to sense or understand that, boy, we've got our ass handed to us.

That is why there is procrastination and talk happening over and over again. Trump, you know, Trump always chickens out because they know if they go at it again, they might—I'm not saying that they will not out of desperation—but they don't have any good options, you know, they don't, they simply don't. And you know what? The only thing the United States in the last 30 years was good at was spin. You know, they learned nothing about war because they don't. I mean, you ask any U.S. American officer, most of them, nine out of ten, will have no clue about, for example, the Eastern Front in World War II. They never studied it, they don't even have an understanding of the scale or what was happening there. So, when you look at that, they might go out of desperation, because by doing this, they will exacerbate an already humiliating military defeat. And the United States simply doesn't have resources.

I mean, how many CLAMs, you know, Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles and JASSM-ER, it has? No, not many. Even Kane, even other people, including Brad Cooper, were mentioning, yeah, we are down on our storages. In terms of the long-range weapons, we might need to go inside or near—near, I like that, how they use this term—Iranian airspace. What's going to happen? Well, they will lose. They lost 42 aircraft this time. They will lose probably way more than that because, what can I say, the passive air defense, you know, air defense ambushes and things like that—they never experienced anything like this. They beat the crap out of this pathetic Iraqi Saddam's army, which didn't even have real air defense, which was from the, you know, what, before the American Civil War of 1861–1865. So that's, oh yeah, we're good. No, you're not.

And so you saw yourself what happens, and especially if it is passive, its optronic channels can detect you actually pretty far, up to 40 kilometers, depending on the elevation and things of this nature—obviously line of sight. But again, you have the integrated system, which is basically networked. And you saw yourself what happens. They fly, they're shot down—F-35s, A-10 Warthogs, F-15s, and things like that. So they will be coming up with all those fairy tales, like this rogue Kuwaiti

pilot who shot down three... I mean, it's kindergarten, okay? It's not a mature superpower which can handle itself properly and say, okay, we, you know, so... I don't know, it's... And again, Trump—the guy is, you can take a look at him. He's a defeated man. The only thing he's doing is making money. He is no statesman. He doesn't have a single statesmanship quality. And so that's what we have. And he's controlled by Israel.

## **#Nima**

I don't know what they're doing in Iran, but from what I've heard, they have improved the air defense system a lot. They're ready for a new round of war.

## **#Andrei**

Well, yeah, they report that. Obviously, Iran is not bulletproof in terms of leakages of information. It still has sleeper cells operating there, and they report. And then again, don't forget also American media, which will do anything. They will sell their families for some kind of story. But the truth is, Iran had now, what, a very significant amount of time to restore whatever was lost, because some was, of course, damaged or destroyed. And whatever it gets there, we don't know, if you know what I mean. And so we know that they have Tor-M1s, and one of the Tors, or internal M1s, were supplied by Russia in the 2010s, actually. So they probably might have now Tor-M2s, or who knows what, you know? Also, China supplied something—we don't know, okay? But yes, they are improving, obviously, and they are ready. They are not... They are very smart people.

## **#Nima**

And CNN reported that Iran is exceeding all timelines to rebuild its military-industrial base. I don't know why, what that means. What are those timelines for CNN? Yeah, I don't know.

## **#Andrei**

Those people pull their news and headlines out of their asses. They lie nonstop. They always did. It's basically a machine lying for the brainwashing of the public. And so they continue to do that. And there is, yeah, until the generation of baby boomers—actually first wave, second wave, I'm the third wave, although I wasn't born in the United States—is dying out. They are morons who believe their mainstream media, they are brainwashed. They cannot think for themselves properly. So, and yeah, that's what they produce for. And what can I say? Yeah. They succeed specifically with these demographics. The young generation—and obviously there's a lot to be said about the young generation—they're absolutely not interested in any wars of the United States.

And one of the panics which is setting in on the American oligarchy, which to a large degree is controlled by Israel too, and AIPAC, you know, Israeli influence, is that, yeah, the tide is turning, as our good friend Roger Waters says. And what can I say? It's dangerous for Israel, because after

what Israel committed, and especially continues to commit in Lebanon and obviously Gaza, I mean, you have to be a complete immoral thug to support that. But there are still many of those. There are 57 million Christian Zionists, who are, say, fanatics and heretics who are not Christians at all. And that's what you have. The country has been completely compromised. It is not properly run from Washington.

It has the president who is a marionette of AIPAC and Israel, you know, and so it's a state of affairs, and it reflects upon this rot, and the rot reflects upon, including the Pentagon and CIA. Those people won't find their own ass with both hands and are unlikely to rule because they completely lost any kind of qualifications and abilities to do anything other than, yeah, just basically seed all this instability and false flags all over there, whatever they can do anywhere. But again, if you look since the start of the withdrawal, which is essentially running from Afghanistan, these are very bad six years for the United States, to put it mildly. And they still believe that, yeah, it's a long story, but militarily it's a paper tiger, and it has been exposed.

## **#Nima**

Andrei, when it comes to the summit between Putin and Xi, how do you compare the two summits — Donald Trump going to China, Vladimir Putin going to China? The first one didn't have any sort of joint statement, the second one had a joint statement at the end, and there were a lot of talks economically and geopolitically between the two presidents. I'm talking about Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin. How do you compare the two, and what was the importance of this visit to China for Russia?

## **#Andrei**

Well, first, you can, I have the photo, and I put it in the video. You can see the suitcase — more than 40 agreements signed and contracts — and they just literally piled inside the suitcase with those fancy, you know, leather-clad covers and things like that. So that's already a thing. The communique and the statement on the fait accompli of the multipolar world — the multipolar world is not emerging, it's already here, period. It happened, it's fait accompli, we live within it. And so, uh, what can I say, it's historic in a sense, and a fundamental thing has been decided — that Power of Siberia proceeds now. The only difference, which is a technical issue, as Mr. Novak said, they will settle on the price. And that's the end of Europe.

Because, as Russians said, we are transferring all our means of gas and oil to the East. And so this is basically the formalization of it now. And there are all kinds of things happening there in the economic, technological, social, and cultural spheres. And yes, that is a dramatic improvement of the, how to say it, already good relations between Russia and China. And essentially, this is a restatement of the strategic alliance about this. And yeah, that's BRICS, the future of BRICS. This is the spine of BRICS. And even the fact that many people don't understand — essentially, Vladimir Putin brought with him, well, almost a lot of the cabinet ministers, including Mr. Manturov.

And of course, I don't remember his name again — the head of the agency on cooperation in the military-technological sphere. And he gave an interview to Russian TV that, well, obviously we're not talking about hypersonic weapons, but other things, yeah, there will be a lot of what is called cooperation. And so there's a lot going on there. And China is beginning to finally get out of its shell, you know, and trying to juggle all kinds of things. It's been unequivocal now that China stated and Russia stated the future is here — it's in Eurasia. And the core element of it is these two superpowers, you know, Russia and China. That's it.

And then, of course, their visuals are dramatically different. Trump, first, he's 80. He is obviously not in his normal mental state, and he looks like a defeated man. He probably understands, at least senses that. And again, when you look at his behavior and his advisors, it's a complete circus, honestly. It's humiliation on the international arena for the United States. Some people say, oh yeah, investors will—yeah, sure, let them go into the United States. But whatever was stated, and a lot has been stated and discussed already by China and Russia with the final communique about the multipolar world, essentially they laid down the foundation for the new, whatever it's going to be, United Nations—new version of the United Nations or something else altogether.

But it's up to the United States now, which is probably going to fail, to understand it either joins in some way those core principles, or it will cease to exist as a great power. It will be a regional power, very large, with some impressive technological edge, but that's about it, you know. And many people, again, when I begin to talk about the military part of it, many people sometimes don't even have the toolkit to understand when I say, for example, that the American nuclear deterrent is old but still there. You know, you can launch Minuteman III, which happened recently, but they still cannot get anywhere in terms of the development of both nuclear weapons themselves and delivery systems. In terms of delivery systems, I can repeat, you can quote me: the United States lost the arms race, period. And it lags sometimes not by one generation but by two in some critical warfighting systems, such as air defense, ABM defense.

You know, it's not really ABM. It should be anti-missile defense, because most, as you saw yourself recently, and especially with Sarmat successfully passing final tests and being put on duty right now, it's hypersonic maneuverable vehicles with unlimited range. It's some things, and there is something coming with new physical principles. We don't even know what the Russians will come up with again. But that's the reality. The United States is nowhere near that.

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Andrei, today I talked with Pepe Escobar, who's in Shanghai, in China. He said that Eurasia is looking for some sort of new security architecture, because we know Xi is going to go to North Korea. We know the relationship between Russia and North Korea, you know, the new situation with the Middle East. And he's talking basically about Russia, China, North Korea, Iran, and maybe Pakistan being part of the new, you know, to control the new security architecture of Eurasia. What is your understanding of that?

## #Andrei

Well, for Pakistan, India will have its opinion, and Russia does value India's opinion, despite the fact that Modi obviously screwed it up really majorly, in a royal way, with his kissing and hugging this war criminal Netanyahu. In terms of—it's obvious that, first, people still do not understand. For example, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization is not a military alliance. It's a sort of security alliance, and it might still use some kind of force. But the architecture, starting from the legislatures in their respective countries like China, Russia, Iran, will still have a long way to go until this thing happens in such a way that it becomes a meaningful, not just geopolitical, but military alliance. Is it coming? Yes, it is coming.

And Russians and Chinese were doing this for a long time now, since 2010. I mean, nonstop. I have my friends, senior officers now retired, who have been part of those maneuvers and all kinds of things, training exercises in China, for example. And it was in 2010, 2009, things of this nature. Now it has to grow into something which is much more complex. It's coming, obviously it's coming. It has to be some kind of unified operational strategic system in place, which has the control and contribution from all countries in terms of the military equipment formations, which become a unified force. This is kind of a NATO-type thing, but obviously NATO, you know, the way it's designed and the way it operates, is not applicable here. But in a sense, it will be something like, well, the Warsaw Pact, if you wish.

Obviously, Russia is not going to place its troops or bases in there. But again, today we're looking at 21st-century warfare, so it will be built around Russia's capabilities. I've written already for a number of years that one of the things happening—you can see it yourself—is building an air defense shield in there. Many people do not understand: China has S-400s, India has S-400s, so will Iran have S-400s? They already have, but that one is essentially semi-Iranian because it actually serves their defense of the Bushehr nuclear power station. But will Iran get its air defense upgraded with the latest new systems? Yes. So that's why Araghchi goes back and forth all over the place. So that's what it's going to be.

And that, I would say, China, North Korea, Russia, and Iran will be the core of this military system, which will evolve into some full-fledged, whatever, Eurasian military alliance. How fast is it going to happen? I don't know. There's a lot of institutional work that needs to be done. And then again, it's not easy, but it's probably going to be based on the views of Russia's General Staff, and I'm pretty sure that already some shape or form is kind of emerging there. There are people who work on this, and I know the Chinese also are—again, rumor has it, okay, we don't know, yeah, wink wink—that Chinese officers are present on the critical operational, or not posts, but embedded with Russians in the special military operation to train and obtain the proper experience.

So there's a lot going on. And some of it, most of it actually, we don't see, but it's happening. And the work towards this continues. And I think that after what had happened—and we still have to

wait and see, because Iran has to withstand a possible second wave—but I don't doubt for a second that Iran will emerge yet again, the victor that it already is. You know, Iran absolutely shook the United States to the core. So that's going to be the military alliance in some foreseeable future.

## **#Nima**

Andrei, what is the situation with Latvia and these states when it comes to the war? Who's behind these sort of new escalations, if we can call them new escalations? Who's doing this? Do you think it's Latvia behind the scenes, or are there other countries?

## **#Andrei**

Oh no, yeah, it's Germany and France and all those NATO cowards who are hiding behind the backs of their cannon fodder in Ukraine. But yeah, those three statelets, they're not real viable states, to put it mildly. They are dying out demographically. They will cease to exist probably by 2040 or something like that. They will just, you know, this population of their middle-sized city, that's where they're going. Yeah, the only product they have—prostitutes and their Russophobia—so they sell it, and they get all those, you know, morsels of attention from NATO. And they want those NATO forces there; they deploy those, whatever, funny, you know, the two, four aircraft from Spain or whatever, from Germany. So yeah, that's more their modus operandi. And of course, they cooperate with Ukraine, as we already stated. Russian Foreign Intelligence Service already stated what they're doing.

They allow the airspace. And actually, Latvia allows their drones to be launched from its territory. So Vladimir Putin is back in the Kremlin, and we'll see where it goes. But Russia can start, as has already been stated by many people, including Russian diplomats of a very high level, you know, they could be punished, and they probably will, together with others. So, yeah, that's the only thing they do. They are nothing more than chihuahuas, and they can only bite you by your heel or whatever tendon on your leg. That's about it.

That's the only thing they can do. And so, yeah, warnings have been issued. Estonia changed the tune immediately. They're even shooting down the Ukrainian drones. So does Finland. Suddenly they changed their posture. But Latvia, yeah, they are nut jobs. They are fanatics. And Russians already stated, we know that you allow the use of your territory for launching. So that comes with consequences. In what shape they will come, we'll have to wait and see. But Russia has no compunction about, you know, just striking whatever they find necessary to strike in those countries.

## **#Nima**

Andrei, what's going on with the negotiations Kirill Dmitriev has with the Americans? Is there anything?

## **#Andrei**

No, nothing. I mean, Dmitriev himself. Again, many people, because they are not very well-versed in the situation. Dmitriev is nothing but an envoy. He does what Vladimir Putin tells him. Once he's out of these negotiations, which are gone, it's, you know... There are no negotiations. Even Lavrov himself said that, I mean, there's no point. Vekselberg and Kushner, they are basically there to make money, and they are utterly unqualified people. These are New York real estate shysters. And the only reason Lavrov was put in that is because he knew who Vekselberg was. Vekselberg was primarily, you know, shuttling as their messenger. And he doesn't understand. He doesn't have the, you know, toolkit or brain to understand what is being told to him.

And yeah, Russians were doing this, as I already stated, from the get-go. They will be doing this and were doing this for the sake of negotiations themselves, to show that, hey, you see, we are open to negotiations and we constantly negotiate. And that's it. Once Dmitriev is out of this, which is designated by Vladimir Putin by a special presidential order, which says, okay, appoint Mr. Dmitriev to be my envoy specifically on the, you know, Russian-American negotiations, he is given instructions and he cannot deviate left or right. First, because he's not alone, and there are people from the FSB or other organizations who are always present on board to say, oh yeah, he took initiative and said what wasn't supposed to be said, and he will be sacked immediately. But it's over.

Dmitriev himself, already being a private citizen, already expressed again that he just gained, you know, that kind of high profile because of that. He says it's useless. I mean, what are you going to do? You have, you know, two dumbasses, like Kushner and Witkoff, who have no clue about diplomacy. They don't have the background, they don't understand what is being told to them. And so what can I say? And Lavrov, you know, Mr. Ushakov, stated two days ago, or yesterday—was it two days ago?—already in Beijing. He said, who told you that there was ever any spirit of Anchorage? He said, I don't use it. Some moron from the media came up with it, the same as they constantly come up with those red lines, because you know what? Media, especially legacy media, primarily serves a human purpose.

That's who they are. They need to come up with all kinds of garbage they can sell to the brainwashed hoi polloi. That's how, because they need to eat too. They love their golf courses and golf clubs, because for that, they will sell you any kind of baloney, you know, as a story. That's because they have their salaries. That's where they are. And so Ushakov said, who said there was any spirit of Anchorage? And he said, but there is a spirit of Beijing, that's what it is. So, and again, negotiate with who? The United States is defeated all across. You don't negotiate if they don't understand the conditions. You know, the pain, the vice you can screw on, you know, just, and it's gonna, you can increase the pain, but the Trump administration isn't capable of understanding what is going...

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The problem, Andrei, is that what Ushakov said, I think, is of particular importance—comparing the spirit of Beijing to the spirit of Anchorage in Alaska. Because the problem is Donald Trump himself and his administration, because these are not serious people. You talk with them, and the moment they're out, they're saying something else.

## **#Andrei**

Trump is mentally unfit to run the country. He is not a statesman. He is a showman. He is a shyster. He manipulates markets, which are themselves basically infested with those imbeciles with MBAs from all kinds of Harvard and economic schools who are dumbasses. Simple as that. And so, uh, that's the only thing—he makes money, that's it. He doesn't care about Americans, he doesn't care about his country. Uh, if he needs to completely sell himself to Israel—oh, he already did, pretty much—and he's controlled somehow, we don't know, blackmailed or... And again, so, uh, that's who they are. They are, you know, what they are—the downfall of Western civilization. If you look at Mr. Lavrov, who is very straightforward, talking about Europe as Satanists.

He says it openly. He talks about Satanism, which is Europe, and the United States is not far behind. And so what we have now is complete demoralization of society, with the exception of the fanatics from MAGA, who just worship their idol, Trump. Obviously, Christian Zionists—again, they're not Christian. They're Zionists, okay? Simple as that. There are, you know, all kinds of those people. They're Zionists. Simple as that. Let's be very clear on that.

## **#Nima**

By the way, many of them aren't even religious.

## **#Andrei**

Yeah, I mean, yeah, they're not Christian. I mean, this is the heresy of the evangelical, so-called Protestantism, if you wish—the non-denominational, whatever the hell that is. You know, they don't have a church. They don't have anything. The only thing they do is worship Israel, and that's a death cult, essentially. That's what it is. And so, when you look at this, this is the state of the United States today. And it turned into the late Soviet Union. But again, even the Soviet Union had enough of basically understanding that, well, it's more complex than that, because the United States doesn't have this complexity of those fringe republics, you know, those limitrophs which the Soviet Union had.

But yeah, this is what it is. And everybody was laughing at the geriatric Soviet Politburo. Leonid Brezhnev was actually a young freshman of 73 when he died, okay? And though he had issues with speech, he was just simply tired, and he was a real bona fide combat veteran, okay, with real

combat awards from World War II. Trump is the, you know, daddy's boy with daddy issues, who wants to prove himself to be the best of the best, while in reality he's not. And because of that, he has this issue—a highly insecure man.

And look at the people he put around himself. You have this boy, Marco Rubio, who is both Secretary of State and National Security Advisor. What does Marco Rubio know about anything—about diplomacy or what have you? So yeah, you have that issue, the so-called level. It's not even intellectual. It's pathetic, honestly. And yeah, you cannot talk to those people. They're like this pigeon who is called upon to play chess. The pigeon comes onto the chessboard and throws everything off it, you know, because he's a pigeon. He's stupid, you know, and that's what it is.

## **#Nima**

Today, Donald Trump, in a time span of two minutes, said, we have total control of the Strait of Hormuz. Then he said, we are doing everything to open up the Strait of Hormuz.

## **#Andrei**

It's a freak show, okay? The United States has become a freak show. And many people, especially this MAGA—listen, I am MAGA in the real sense, like make America great again. That means what? Stop all wars, bring boys back home, concentrate on the economy, concentrate on improving the lives of American people. You know, I have a vested interest in that—you know, my country, which has great potential still. You know, there are resources, intrinsically wealthy. You know, this is not Europe, which are paupers. You know, no, the United States is actually a rich country. But no, not happening. So these morons, they worship this golem, orange golem, who is, I don't know, he is a freak show. It's a circus, you know. And you have, again, as already stated, Washington, D.C. is not a normal place anymore. You don't have people there who have any clear understanding or grasp on the political level of what is going on. And it's a Titanic, and it's sinking.

And that's the saddest part of it, because the United States has so much potential. But politically, the United States' political system has ceased to operate. So until there is this, the United States has a third party, actually. It's called Independent Voters. But it doesn't have leaders, and it will not be allowed to formalize between the two extremes—one of the nut jobs, which are the GOP, and the other nut jobs, which is the Democratic Party. What is in between? The silent majority, and people who cannot, and especially American white Christian working class who have no prospects of getting better in their lives. They live in this insane crisis. Everybody in the world knows what is happening.

With the United States, they take a lot of drugs. They smoke marijuana. They dumb themselves down into their, basically, I don't know, a state of unconsciousness to somehow cope with that. So this is what these guys did. This is what, again and again, the United States doesn't have Congress. It has Knesset 2.0. Once Thomas Massie, the last one, you know, has been purged from it, that's it. It's an Israeli lobby all over the place. Israel runs the United States. And Americans don't care

anymore because they don't have time, they don't have resources. I mean, some do, but what can we do? So we can express our opinion and use the American Constitution, which still remains to a degree sacred. After that, I mean, what's going to happen?

## **#Nima**

I think the way they went against Thomas Massie shows how weak they are these days in the United States, because they have to spend a lot of money. They have to bring the president, everybody, all of these officials supporting Thomas Massie's rival to defeat him. But it's amazing, you know, I don't know, Andrei, because the support for Israel has reduced to something like 30% right now among American people.

## **#Andrei**

Well, I mean, it's still large. It's still large. And this tells you how mindless and brainwashed and how immoral those people are who support Israel. And as I already stated, do not forget the number 57 million. This is the number of those so-called Christian Zionists. They're just Zionists, you know. They just haven't been born in Israel. It's a brainwashed death cult. This is the population of a large European country. And even though the United States has a 330 million population, it's still significant. It's a significant minority, and that's what drives it. It's the base of the GOP. It's the base of Republicans and many actually Democrats too. They totally depend on the AIPAC money and all those CUFIs, whatever, Christians United for Israel. These are actually treasonous organizations. They essentially imposed foreign agent control of the United States on them and covered it in Congress.

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They have no honor or humanity or any integrity in them. Uh, they are fine with that. Thank you so much, Andrei, for being with us today. My pleasure, great pleasure as always. Bye-bye, see you soon. Bye.