

# Larry Johnson & Col. Wilkerson: Is War Between US/Israel and Iran Inevitable?

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## #Nima

What has happened in the last two days — one of them was the American oil tanker that tried to pass through the Strait of Hormuz, and Iran, at least, fired some sort of missiles, cruise missiles, toward the tanker — just a warning sort of missiles. But last night we learned that the United States tried to — four U.S. warships tried to enter the Strait of Hormuz — which got the same sort of reaction from the Iranians. And we had the American attack on the city of Bandar Abbas, which is close to the Persian Gulf, and then the Iranian response on the American base in Kuwait. Putting that aside, on the other hand, Donald Trump is trying to sell us that everything is going well.

We're going to reach some sort of agreement. And even J.D. Vance yesterday said the same thing. Moments ago, before coming to this live, here is what the head of the Iranian parliament tweeted. He says three things, three points in his tweet. One, we seize concession not through dialogue, but with missiles. In negotiations, we merely make them understand. We have no trust in guarantees or words. Only actions are the measure. No actions will be taken before the other side acts. The winner of any agreement is the one who is better prepared for war the day after. Do you feel any sort of negotiations or talk or peace happening? Do you understand it?

## #Larry

Yeah, no. The United States is strangely silent right now. And let me—let's put it into a time frame. I judge it like 12 hours ago. So it's 10 p.m. at night. That is early morning Iran time, and there was no action. Twenty-four hours before that is what you just described, where the four ships tried to go through the strait, and Iran stopped them. Again, we don't know if they fired missiles directly at the ships, but it stopped it. And in response to that, the United States attacked. They launched some bombs, but apparently they didn't hit anything important. However, Iran fired a missile as a warning shot at the air base in Kuwait from where those flights, these combat air patrols, had originated.

Then 24 hours before that, there had been a similar ship trying to sneak through. Iran stopped it. That one, the United States killed four sailors in small boats. So actually, they hit Iranian targets. So as we look at this progression, day one, it was very aggressive. They hit and killed Iranians. Day

two, they fired shots, but they didn't kill Iranians. And now, in the last 12 hours, they haven't responded at all—the United States. So that tells me that there's something going on, that Iran has delivered a message to the United States. And I think the combination of that missile that was fired at Kuwait, because they put the U.S. on notice: "We're going to destroy this air base if you keep this up."

We're not going to break the ceasefire, but if you continue to attack and provoke, we're going to take out that air base. And as a consequence of that, right now we've seen at least—I don't know if it's permanent, or at least a temporary—standing down of U.S. aggressive missions against Iran. Iran's positions have been very, very clear, and they were contradicted yesterday by what Donald Trump said. Iran wants immediate sanction relief, and they want their assets unfrozen. Trump yesterday said, no, no, there's not going to be any immediate sanctions relief, and we're not unfreezing a single thing.

Iran's going to maintain control of the Strait of Hormuz. Trump says, no, no, no, no, they're not. So this fight claiming, oh yeah, we're really near an agreement—if what Trump is saying reflects the U. S. position—they're nowhere near at all. But the United States keeps coming back to the nuclear issue. Iran has said that's for discussion later. That's not for discussion now. The now issue is get the sanctions relief, return the frozen assets, we'll maintain control of the Strait of Hormuz, and this war against the Palestinians and Lebanese has got to stop now.

## **#Lawrence**

Go on. Well, I think Larry has described it pretty well. I would add that his last point, which I think is adamant with the Iranians, ain't going to happen. Bibi is going full hog and looks like he might go for the entire country of Lebanon before it's over with. And he's even got people in Beirut now screaming and hollering because he's attacking with Air Force assets that clearly aren't Hezbollah. Or if they're Hezbollah, it's a real stretch to prove that they are. So that's the fly in the ointment as far as I see it tactically on the ground. Bibi Netanyahu is paying no attention to this at all.

But a bigger problem, I think, Larry just referred to indirectly perhaps, but nonetheless he referred to it, and that is that if we do have any diplomacy going on, even through third parties—through Oman, Pakistan, whomever—if we do have anything going on, how do you conduct it coherently when Donald Trump makes these pronouncements all the time, which are probably as divorced from anything they're doing on the ground with third parties in terms of diplomatic maneuvers completely? So you get one person saying, people exchange whatever on the ground that forms some view of one particular issue, like, for example, the Strait of Hormuz, and then all of a sudden Donald Trump comes out and condemns Oman or makes some other egregious move. How the hell do you do any coherent diplomacy with your prime diplomat—and that's what the president is supposed to be, really—making these pronouncements all the time?

They're disconnected from reality and disconnected probably most of the time from any diplomacy being conducted, third party or otherwise. I don't know how you do this. I simply don't. And is it just to keep everything so confused so essentially Bibi can do what he wants to whenever he wants to? Now he's expanded in Gaza, and he's going full bore again in Gaza. And he is talking about—this was in Haaretz's headline this morning—he's talking about 70%. How do you get 70% of Lebanon and stay anywhere near the Litani River? This is crazy. It's just crazy. You can't figure out what's happening, and I think it reflects Trump's desperation. I think he does not know how to get out of the mess he's got himself into, but he does have some visceral view that he needs to.

## **#Larry**

This just came across the wire from Donald Trump: Iran must agree that they will never have a nuclear weapon or bomb. The Hormuz Strait must be immediately opened—no tolls for unrestricted shipping traffic in both directions. All water mines, bombs, if any, will be terminated, and we have removed through detonation numerous such mines with our great underwater minesweepers. Iran will complete the immediate removal and/or detonation of any mines that are left, which will not be many. Ships caught in the strait due to our amazing and unprecedented naval blockade, which will now be lifted, may start the process of heading home. Say hello to your wives, husbands, parents, and families from me, your favorite president.

The enriched material, sometimes referred to as nuclear dust, which is buried deep underground with virtually collapsed mountains caused by our powerful B-2 bomber attack 11 months ago, sitting on top of it, will be unearthed by the United States, which, it is agreed, is the only country, along with China, with the mechanical capability of doing so, in close coordination and conjunction with the Islamic Republic of Iran, plus the International Atomic Energy Agency, and destroyed. Doesn't make sense, but that's what it says. No money will be exchanged until further notice. Other items of far less importance have been agreed to. I'll be meeting now in the Situation Room to make a final determination. Thanks for your attention to this matter. President Donald J. Trump. There's so much wrong with that.

## **#Lawrence**

And who wrote it for him? I mean, a hodgepodge of Defense Department, State Department, Trump's lackeys. I mean, who wrote that crap for him?

## **#Nima**

Stephen Miller.

## **#Larry**

I don't know if that's Miller. There's this one woman, young woman, she's in her 20s. I wouldn't be surprised if she's writing. She's being told what to write. She writes it. With the mines as an example, the United States hasn't exploded a bunch of them, number one, but by the Department of Defense's own estimate, it's going to take six months to clean the mines up. Six months, okay? And that's assuming there's no threat from Iran. Iran is not going to allow the United States to come in and, quote, dig up the nuclear dust. That ain't happening. There would be—if any Iranian agreed to that—there'd be a coup. So you've got that. And Iran has, you know, we'll see what is actually going to be agreed upon in the Situation Room. The things that Trump says, oh, all these other items of less importance, those are actually the key items.

## **#Nima**

Yeah. Colonel, I really feel that Stephen Miller had a very substantial role in the Trump administration.

## **#Lawrence**

Oh, I do too. Yeah.

## **#Nima**

Yeah, together with Jared Kushner. These are two important characters. One of them is part of the administration. The other one, Jared Kushner, is not even part of the administration. But he's so important. Here's what Stephen Miller said about the situation in the Middle East.

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President Trump is the one who's going to make that decision, and President Trump alone. He's directly, personally involved in the negotiations, making sure that the results are up to his standards. As you've outlined, Iran has made significant, material, and dramatic concessions to the United States that would have been impossible only a short time ago because of the military battlefield defeat that they have suffered and the embargo continuing to choke the life out of their economy. But let's understand something else. It's very important to baseline this all on where we are today versus where we started.

When Obama signed the Iran nuclear deal, the so-called JCPOA, Iran was on a guaranteed path to a nuclear weapon, to being the dominant power in the region, to being the richest and most militarily threatening nation in the entire Middle East, with the ability to launch ballistic and ultimately nuclear weapons to Europe and eventually the United States. Now, because of President Trump, their economy has been dismantled. Their nuclear program under Operation Midnight Hammer has been obliterated. Their entire defense industrial base has been eradicated. Their navy is at the bottom of the sea. Their air force is at the bottom of the sea.

Their entire leadership class has been decapitated. It is the most complete, thorough, total military thrashing in the history of armed conflict. Four weeks and a country decimated to that degree? To that extent? And now here we are at the end of that, with Iran putting on the table a complete reopening of the Strait, as has been discussed, and many other concessions that are going to be unveiled in the time to come. But again, there's no deal until there's a deal. Nothing's final until it's final. And President Trump has been clear that he reserves the option now or at any time in the future to do whatever is necessary to defend and protect America's national security.

## **#Lawrence**

Let me make a couple of administrative comments before we go into the real meat of it. Look under his name. It says Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy. I've been very close to four presidential administrations, intimately so with two. Never in the history of presidential administrations has a deputy—deputy, mind you—chief of staff had such power as he just intimated, and had such a position to articulate the lies written for him by Israel that he just articulated. And how do I know that Israel wrote most of that? Because it's been coming out in Haaretz and little pieces from Bibi and others for about a week or two already. Stephen Miller is an agent working in the White House for Bibi Netanyahu. Of course, we've all known that all along.

But to have this prominence when he gets it in his mind to come out and speak like he did there is a bastardization of everything the system stands for, particularly in the White House. The deputy chiefs of staff are supposed to manage the cabinet level and other equivalent agencies within the government. One of them manages half—maybe it includes State, Treasury, and a couple of others. The other one manages the other half. That's not what they're doing. They're letting him be a spokesperson for Bibi Netanyahu from the podium of the President of the United States. And most of what he said there was propaganda and very difficult to determine if any of it is true, but pretty well determined that a lot of it was false.

So why is he occupying this position that the president himself, or the chief of staff if he empowers her to be so, ought to be articulating? I would say it shouldn't be any of the administration or the chiefs of staff, deputies, or primaries. It should be the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War—if he could speak intelligibly—or someone else empowered in the mainstream of the cabinet to speak. Why is he speaking? That's the big administrative question. Why is he speaking as if he were the president of the United States, and in real terms, more articulately but lying, much the way the president does? This is a mystery to me. Administratively, this is a mystery. What are they doing? Yeah.

## **#Nima**

Larry, the last sentence he said, I think, is so important for Iranians. He said it doesn't matter what they get by these talks and negotiations, if we could so-call them negotiations. All options are on the table. It means that the United States can decide to attack Iran again, over and over. It depends on

the decision of the President of the United States. This is the whole concept, this is the whole problem with the Iranians right now. They're talking about what is the main point of talking with the United States if we finally get to the battlefield. So let's do it on the battlefield. What is the point of talking with Americans? When it comes to the nuclear program, they're basically saying there is no point in that. If you're part of the NPT, then we can enrich uranium. If that's the problem, we can get out of the NPT. There are people, many people, arguing that right now in Europe.

## **#Larry**

Yeah, the narrative construction that Miller was engaged in to paint Iran as so desperate, so damaged, so defeated, that they'll accept any agreement now—that we, the United States, have beat them down and they're begging, begging for an agreement. Well, that's just simply not true. In fact, the opposite is true. It's the United States that's begging for an agreement. I'd recommend, you know, not to do cross-public, you know, cross-advertising, but Danny Davis had a geologist, an oil expert named Art Berman, did an hour-long interview with him the other day, and I'd really encourage people to go watch that.

Because he provides a lesson on what's really going on in the oil market. And despite, you know, like, here was Donald Trump yesterday claiming, oh man, the United States, we're the biggest on oil and everything else. And Berman had a great metaphor. He said, you know, let's assume that oil is like alcohol. So what do you want to drink? Are you looking to just throw back a few beers or some wine, or do you want to get drunk? If you want to get drunk, break out the Jack Daniels 100 proof. He says the U.S. oil is really the equivalent of light beer and wine. It's not really the kind of oil that is needed anymore to produce diesel. And the diesel oil comes from—it's imported.

So the United States is actually importing 10% of its oil. Now, these are things I didn't know, but he had the facts out. So what he's suggesting is that the economic consequences from this shutdown of oil out of the Persian Gulf, as the real experts know, it's building and building and building, and when it explodes on us, when the final impact comes, it's going to be devastating. So that's what's driving, in the back of the mind of the Trump folks, "We've got to get a deal with Iran." But what Stephen Miller said there, suggesting such total U.S. dominance, it's just—it's dangerous. What I don't know is, does he really believe his own bullshit?

## **#Lawrence**

Yeah.

## **#Larry**

Or is he just saying that in order to, you know, for the public relations line, you know, the public diplomacy part, but secretly he knows how screwed they are? That I don't know.

## **#Lawrence**

And it's far more dangerous, Nima, if he believes it. Far more dangerous, in my view. I agree.