

Nima R. Alkhorshid: Trump Dares Iran, But They Just DISMANTLED His Every Move

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Hi, everybody. Today is Sunday, May 31st, 2026, and I'm here to talk about the latest sort of progress—or I don't know if we can call it progress—but the latest situation between Iran and the United States. It seems that Donald Trump has sent a letter or a message to Iran, a written message to Iranians through the Pakistani government. And as the New York Times is talking about it, he's sending his latest, some sort of ultimatum to Iranians. What do we know about that? So far, we haven't heard from Iranians what is in that letter and what is in that message. But from the point of view of Iranians today, there are some important, crucial points that cannot be changed.

I would say the first thing is the case of Lebanon and the war between Lebanon and Israel. And Israel has just crossed the Litani River in the southern part of Lebanon. They're just going—you remember, they defined a yellow line in the southern part of Lebanon. Then they crossed that yellow line, the Litani River, right now crossing that. And it seems that they're thinking of creating a dead zone, a buffer zone in the southern part of Lebanon, the same as they did in the southern part of Syria, you remember, with the Golan Heights. And the problem is that if you recall what happened with the Golan Heights, it was all about a buffer zone between Syria and Israel.

Then after the fall of Bashar Assad, they went further and further, going more to the northern part of Syria. This is the plan on the part of the Israelis. They define a buffer zone, and then you expand the buffer zone, going up and destroying everything. And this buffer zone keeps getting bigger and bigger. And later on, they want to send settlers to those regions. But the Israeli problem is that Lebanon is not going to be Syria. There is no, you know, Bashar Assad is gone. He's not there anymore. We have a new so-called government in Syria under Al-Jolani, you know, the former head chopper of HTS and Daesh or ISIS, who's running Syria today. And they're under the full control of the United States.

There is nothing to do when it comes to Turkey and other countries. It was before the fall of Assad, you remember, it was all about Iran and Russia trying to manipulate Syria. They're doing everything there. They're making the problems in that region. They're supporting Assad. Assad is killing people. Just remember what has happened since the fall of Bashar Assad. How many people these... Al-

Jolani and his gang have killed so far. And how many of them were killed by Israelis? Israelis bombing every time they go to do something with Lebanon or Gaza, they hit some targets in Syria. This is the plan on the part of the Israelis. But when it comes to the southern part of Lebanon, I don't know if you saw the latest footage coming out of Lebanon.

They're just having a lot. Lebanon is not going to be Syria. I would say even under Assad, they were not that tough. It was all about the Iranian presence, Russian presence. They're helping the Assad government. But Lebanon, the story in Lebanon is totally different. Hezbollah is a very trained and prepared army. They can fight on the ground. They can use their— you know, they don't have many things to fight with, but they have drones. They have the most important thing: they have rockets. They don't have ballistic missiles, but they have rockets. And the rockets are quite capable. They hit targets in the northern part of Israel and in the city of Kiryat Shmona. I just forgot the name.

They hit the target, and the Iron Dome fails to intercept the rockets. These are rockets. These are not ballistic missiles or something of that sort. So it shows how weak Israel is today, these days. It's the outcome of the war between Israel and Iran, between the United States and Iran. That's why they're so weak right now as we talk. Hezbollah knows that. The plan in the southern part of Lebanon—I'm going to get back to what's going on between Iran and the United States—but I think the case of Lebanon is so important. There is no way of achieving any sort of agreement between Iran and the United States without considering Lebanon. That's why I'm trying to describe what's going on, what is happening in the southern part of Lebanon.

So by the use of FPV drones, just moments ago before coming to this, I saw new footage. They're hitting all these vehicles, Israeli vehicles, you know, the vehicles that are going there to help the soldiers or those vehicles that are carrying Israeli soldiers. They're getting hit by FPV drones. So they're destroying everything. The air defense system is not even able to defend itself. The air defense system batteries, Iron Dome batteries, got hit more than five, ten times so far in the last week. So we can understand the gravity of the problem that Israel is facing right now. It's strategic, as they call it in Israel.

They say that this is not a technical problem. This is a strategic problem. And they have no solution for that. There is no solution. You know what's going on between Ukraine and Russia. Even a country as powerful as Russia, when it comes to this—and we have to consider it's a huge territory—and these Ukrainians are sending drones to kill civilians in Russia. And this is the problem with drones. And Israel, they don't have an air defense system like Russia has. They don't have S-400, S-500, S-300. These are huge. These are the best air defense systems on this planet. No one has those air defense systems. Just imagine what Israel has. Iron Dome?

Patriot system and THAAD. The Patriot system and THAAD were somehow neutralized during the war between Iran and Israel because they used all those interceptors, most of them during the war. And they're so afraid because if something happens between Iran and the United States, they're gonna get hit again and again. So they have to keep those interceptors. They don't want to use

them. They have to be cautious because they don't have many of them to use. That's why they're using Iron Dome. And looking at the price of these drones—how expensive are these drones? They're not that expensive. And the price of these interceptors for the air defense system, it's not even comparable.

So Israel is fighting in a war that they don't have the ability to fight back. Their air defense system is failing, and it's showing that they cannot hit the FPV drone. They tried to make some sort of nets to avoid these FPV drones hitting the target, but that hasn't worked so far. That's why they say, they themselves said, that this is a strategic problem for Israel. In my opinion, they can go into the southern part of Lebanon. They can hit the targets. They can destroy the cities and villages. But does it mean that they can keep the land? No, they cannot do it. This is the reality, as they cannot use the northern part of Israel.

Just remember what is happening in the northern part of Israel. They don't have it. And since the war in Gaza—the Israeli war on Gaza and on Palestine—started, the attacks in the northern part of Israel just removed the people, the settlers, from the northern part. Since then, they didn't get back. And some of them got back, and then Hezbollah escalated, you know, hit the targets in the northern part. They returned to the central or to the southern part of Israel. And this is the reality. If they want to stay in the southern part of Lebanon, nobody is going to get back to the northern part of Israel. It's that simple. It doesn't matter what Israel is talking about.

I'm going to create a buffer zone or dead zone, whatever they have in their mind. This is not going to be a new Golan Heights for Israel. And Hezbollah is not Bashar al-Assad. It's totally different. They're prepared to fight to the last one. And they're getting stronger. Believe me, they're getting stronger. They're stronger than they were before the assassination of Sayyed Nasrallah. Today, they are stronger. Israel is just destroying safely because Hezbollah doesn't have an air defense system. They have an air defense system, but the air defense system they have is just somehow to hit drones or some vehicles, but they're not capable of hitting fighter jets.

This is the problem on the part of Hezbollah. But when it comes to the underground, the forces, the real fight, Israel is not even comparable with Hezbollah. Hezbollah was fighting ISIS, Daesh, for such a long time in Syria, in Iraq. They're prepared. They're so trained. And those people who are running Hezbollah today are the same people who were fighting on the battlefield directly with Daesh or with ISIS. This is the leverage they have. And putting that aside, there is no way for Iranians to just ignore what's going on between Israel and Lebanon and make some sort of agreement with the United States. That's the main point. That's the first point.

And you remember in all these negotiations—direct negotiations, indirect negotiations, messages, written messages, sending back and forth—it was all about the first point. The first step was about putting an end to war on all fronts. It's not only Lebanon. It's about Palestine as well. It's about Gaza and the West Bank as well. So you can get it if you want some sort of ceasefire. You have to do everything. The United States—that's why I don't see, I'm not, I don't see anything happening

between Iran and the United States. There is no capability in the Trump administration to achieve any sort of agreement or deal. He loves to call it a deal because he's a dealmaker in his mind.

But he didn't show any sort of sign to us that he's able to do that. Did he do it in Ukraine? Did he do it? Does he have any sort of good relationship with any country on this planet? Europeans were his allies. What is the relationship between the United States and Europe today? What is the relationship between Russia and the United States today? You remember the summit in Anchorage, Alaska. So I'm going to go there, you know, talk for one week, and everything's going to be changed. This is going to be the game-changer summit, and we're going to bring the two countries together, putting an end to the war in Ukraine.

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Nothing happened.

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It's just that the guy is just making noises. He's a showman. He wants to be in the news, nothing more than that. Because when he gets back, here comes the establishment: you have to do this, you have to do that. And everyone knows who the establishment is by now. The establishment doesn't want to put an end to the war in Ukraine. The establishment is somehow different. I would say I don't know how much the establishment was involved in the decisions to start this war against Iran. But the establishment is all Zionist. They all support Israel. And the reason even they had some sort of differences with Donald Trump about not starting the war against Iran, it wasn't about not attacking or not starting a new war in the Middle East.

This is the same establishment or deep state that started those wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, you name it. They destroyed many countries for years. This is the same. But the argument, the difference that they have right now in the United States among themselves, it's about, no, we were not ready to start this war. Why is that? Because Iran is not Iraq. Iran is not Afghanistan. They're going to fight back. This is the problem with the establishment. But after all, there is no difference. When Donald Trump gets back, he's going to have the same sort of idea. The Israeli lobby, the Zionists.

Lindsey Graham, Mark Levin, all these people. If you want to understand what's going on in Washington, look at what Lindsey Graham is talking about. Look at what we are making. You're making jokes about these guys, but believe me, these people are running the show in Washington. This is not Donald Trump. Donald Trump is nobody in Washington. He has no idea. He's in the business of making money for himself and his family, and he's doing great, believe me, in achieving that. He's doing great, and he's satisfied. He doesn't need... And when he was asked about the financial system of the American people, he said, I don't care about that.

We have to remove the Iranian, you know, threat, which is the Iranian nuclear program. They want to produce more bombs, more missiles. They want to destroy Israel. And after Israel, they're going to go after us. This is what he's selling to the American people. And nobody's pushing back and saying, when did Iran say that they're going to attack the United States? When did that happen? What's in it for Iran to attack the United States? No one wants to attack the United States. Russia doesn't want it. China doesn't want it. Iran doesn't want it. Why? It's on the other side of the planet.

What do they have? It's the United States coming to West Asia. Look at Iran today. Look at the Iranian map today. Look at all those big and beautiful Trump bases in the Middle East that were surrounding Iran before this war started. Who's coming to the neighborhood? Who's putting pressure on other countries? Who pushed NATO to the borders, to the doorstep of Russia? Who forced Russia to start a war? Who said, you are nothing, we're going to crush you, we're going to crush your economy, we're going to crush your army in Ukraine, we're going to trap you in Ukraine. After all, we're going to divide you, we're going to destroy Russia, we're going to break it down into federations. Who was trying to do this? It wasn't the Trump administration.

It was the Biden administration. But it was a process started and finished by the Biden administration. No, Donald Trump was part of that plan. You remember when Donald Trump was the president in his first term, as he brags every time he's talking about the war in Ukraine, "I sent Javelins to the Ukrainian army. No one gave those beautiful missiles or weapons to Ukraine. I did that." He's part of the plan. He's not part of the solution. And many people in the United States are not happy with that. I'm talking about the ordinary people. I'm talking about those people who are against these endless wars. They don't want it. They don't want a war against Russia. They don't want a war in the Middle East. For 20 years, Iraq, Afghanistan, look at what has happened.

It was all about when they started the war. It was all about defeating, destroying the Taliban. And then later, we've seen what has happened with the Biden administration just giving everything to the Taliban and getting out. How humiliating are those pictures of American soldiers getting out of Afghanistan? Why do you need to do that? Why do you need to? And you know that Iran is not Iraq, is not Afghanistan. We mentioned on this podcast alone, I have more than 20, 30 podcasts talking about what would be the Iranian reaction if the United States attacks Iran. It was all out. The Iranians were so honest in the way that they would respond to the United States. They said that. They did everything they said.

They said, if the United States attacks us, we're going to close the Strait of Hormuz. The global economy would be under tremendous pressure, which is happening as we speak. They said we're going to hit all American bases in GCC countries. They said they're going to punish these countries because of the American bases. They did that. So... what forced the United States, what did force the United States or the Trump administration? You remember in June 2020, when they started the war with those assassinations and they thought that the government was going to collapse and everything was going to collapse. So they started with assassinations, and then Donald Trump came out. He said, just evacuate Tehran, the capital of Iran. You have no way, you have to surrender.

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Nothing of that sort happened.

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After 10, 12 days of war, he came out and said that this is going to be a ceasefire between the two sides, a temporary ceasefire. And then they started with some sort of turmoil and some sort of protests in Iran. They have everything. They did everything. Right now, when you put the puzzle all together, all these pieces together, the U.S. Treasury Secretary said what the United States did since day one, when the Trump administration came into power in the United States, what they did to bring down or to destroy the Iranian economy. He said that. We know what has happened to the Iranian economy because I was—you remember—I was in Iran in December 2017, in January, when those protests happened in Iran.

I saw those protests. I was watching what was happening inside Iran. In the first two days, it was protests. It was all about, you know, the inflation, the economy, the problems people were facing. And then the government tried to negotiate with protesters, with economists, with the elites of the bazaar, the elites of the Iranian market. So when they perceived that the government was doing something, they started to turn the protests into riots, and they destroyed banks, ambulances. I think 20% of ambulances in Tehran were destroyed during those days. And many innocent people were killed. Donald Trump sent a lot of weapons.

He said, I sent them to Turkey, to these terrorists, to the Kurdish people in Iraq, to send them to the Iranian people, the so-called Iranian people. But he said those weapons didn't get into the hands of the Iranian people. But they did, because these Kurdish people in Iraq said, we don't have those weapons. Where are those weapons? And Iran is finding those weapons little by little. You look at the pictures coming out of Iran, how the intelligence, how the Iranian security forces are capturing or getting these weapons that are in the hands of those rioters who were paid, who were armed by the United States, putting pressure on their economy, destroying the lives of the people of Iran, and sending the weapons to kill themselves.

To kill the people of Iran. The same scenario, the same CIA scenario, the same scenario they did in Maidan in Ukraine. They had snipers at the same time hitting the people and the forces and the security forces and the police. They did the same in Iran. This is the same scenario. By the way, they had these Iranians in the diaspora, the son of the former Shah of Iran coming out and saying, whoever supports me, go into the streets and do the protests, you know, bring down the captured institutions in Iran. And these are the hands. And just three days ago, we learned from a new article in the Financial Times, they paid an Iranian channel. It's a Persian channel, which is based in the United Kingdom. This channel received, before those protests happened in Iran, \$820 million.

They received that, you know, to help bring that chaos to Iranian society. They were part of the plan. They did everything. They did their maximum. So this is the problem that Iran was facing before this war started. Then when they saw that everything was not going the way Donald Trump thought, that he could bring down the government, Netanyahu and Mossad were telling the Trump administration, this is the moment. Everything, the chaos, there is huge chaos in Iran. This is the moment that we have to attack all together. You remember in June 2025, it was Israel attacking Iran. It wasn't the United States. But the Trump administration finalized that attack by B-52 bombers going to Iran and hitting some targets in nuclear facilities in Iran.

Then the second part, Netanyahu said, so everything is ready right now. We had the protests. We had the riots. The society is fractured. Everything is coming down. And we need to attack. And it's not going to take too much time to bring down the government. If we destroy the Iranian government, then there would be no Iran anymore. There would be no Iran. They were prepared. For the Kurdish, Turkish, Baluchi, they had their oppositions, not in Iran, outside of Iran. Those people in the diaspora said, we're going to manage. They had prepared documents to have separate states or separate provinces to be run domestically, not by the government. So they had planned everything to destroy Iran and divide it into provinces. This was the plan. So the Trump administration was convinced by the Israelis, let's start the attacks.

And you know, the guy is a total gambler. He loves to gamble. So he started, and it wasn't just about what Mossad said. Mossad helped them with the case of Venezuela. It wasn't just the United States and the CIA. Mossad helped them with the case of Venezuela. And they created this sort of delusion and illusion for Donald Trump that if we try to do the same thing, there is no support for the Iranian government. Nobody's supporting the Iranian leadership. They hate their government. They hate their leadership. And they had this so-called Iranian expert here in the West, and every time they're invited, they go, Iranian regime, Iranian regime, this regime is unpopular, this regime is just destroying everything. They're killing the people. The society is just, you know, it's just getting hit by, you know.

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It was unbelievable.

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It was unbelievable to see these experts say, Iran is weaker than it was 10 years ago, 20 years ago. Iran is nothing right now. Iran can do nothing. The military is nothing. They created—I don't know if they were part of Mossad—but they were playing into the hands of Mossad. They were playing into the hands of the CIA. They were providing some sort of false information. So they helped shape the mindset in the Trump administration to attack Iran. The case of Venezuela had a huge impact, a huge influence on what Donald Trump decided to do with the case of Iran. So the attack happened. They thought as time went by, it was going to be two days, three days, four days.

Nothing is happening. Let's continue, continue. They have depleted their stockpile in the United States. The THAAD systems were destroyed in the Middle East. They brought the THAAD system from outside of the region, from South Korea. They asked the government in Poland to send the air defense system to Israel or to Jordan to help Israel, to defend Israel. I don't know how many of those air defense systems in Europe they could remove from Europe to send to Israel. But from what we've seen from the news, what is provided in the news, on the scene and behind the scene, we haven't seen that.

The Polish government said, "No, we're not going to send our air defense system because we have a fight here. We have a war between Europe and Russia." How ridiculous is that? But that was their argument. So the United States did everything. And today, if they start the war, they can hit. They have sent many weapons and missiles to the Middle East. Even before they sent—you know, you remember on February 28th, they were preparing for that attack that happened on February 28th. And today they have more missiles, more weapons in the region if they want to start a new war against Iran. And Iran knows that. They have more missiles.

But the problem is that they don't have the air defense system for Israel. If they start the war, Israel is going to turn into Gaza. Iran is going to level Israel if they start the war. Not only Israel, the whole region is going to be influenced by the war. They have to use—there is no way of attacking Iran without using Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and all these countries around Iran. And Iran is going to hit back. If they start a new round of war, there would be no UAE to be the ally of Israel, to be the ally of Israel in West Asia. They can level the UAE. The UAE was the only country, you remember, after 30 or 40 days of war—it was 39 days of war—they said, "We are running out of cash. If the United States doesn't help us, we cannot survive. We have to get closer to China if the United States decides not to help us."

These are not countries. These are not real countries. It doesn't matter how strong their currency is. They don't have an economy. But Iran is a country, is an economy. They produce 90, 95% of the food they use. They have more than what they... That's why they're exporting food and many things from Iran to other countries. They're dependent when it comes to soybeans, when it comes to some sort of, you know, when it comes to wheat, because rice and bread are some of the most important foods on the Iranian table. So they're somehow dependent on rice and wheat, which is the basis for bread. But it basically comes from India, Pakistan. Pakistan is the neighboring country. They don't have any problem. We've seen how Pakistan is facilitating the situation with the blockade, the American blockade in the Persian Gulf.

They were helping Iranians to somehow reduce the influence of the American blockade. And right now, Donald Trump is asking Iran to surrender. He wants total surrender of Iranians. And he feels that he's winning. I don't know if he really feels that way or if he's trying to make this sort of argument to sell it to the American people or those who are still supporting him in this war in the Middle East. Because from the polls, we know that more than 70% of American people are against

the war in the Middle East and what's going on between Iran and the United States. But he has his support within the Republican Party, the MAGA base. And here is what he said about the war with Iran and how he perceives the war and how the mainstream media in the United States is talking about it.

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White flag of surrender. We give up to the great American military, the most powerful military. We give up, we give up, we give up. The New York Times would say Iran has fought bravely and has defeated the United States of America. I mean, the coverage is so bad. You have a big win in a battle, and they say you lost. You knock out their entire Navy, and they say their Navy's doing fantastically. No, it was defeated. Totally defeated. And they say it's just a terrible thing for our country. And, you know, to really be great, you need a fair media. And we don't have a fair media. I mean, that's all they can do is lie. Well, that's the Democrats. They have no policy.

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They have nothing to go on.

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They're Democrats, okay?

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Yeah, this is the argument on his part. And when it comes to "Iran was defeated," just imagine what was the objective. We have never heard about the objectives of the war against Iran. He said that he wants to, you know, destroy the Iranian capabilities to produce nuclear weapons. Tulsi Gabbard, who just resigned from her position in the United States, said that there is no sign that Iran is pursuing nuclear weapons, and they didn't change their policy toward nuclear weapons. This is the latest report on her part about the situation with Iranian nuclear weapons. But they saw that the objective of the Trump administration with the war against Iran was not the nuclear program of Iran.

The nuclear program was on the table in the first round, before the first round of war when Israel attacked Iran. Then the second round of war, when the United States, together with Israel, attacked Iran. They were negotiating on the nuclear program of Iran. And we've learned that Iran has agreed, even those 400 kilograms of enriched uranium, to downgrade or to down-blend that 60% on Iranian soil — on Iranian soil, not outside of Iran. That was mentioned before this war started. So the problem wasn't about the Iranian nuclear program. It wasn't about nuclear weapons of Iran. It was all about Donald Trump. Donald Trump. He said that, "I want to choose the Supreme Leader of Iran."

He wanted to put—he did the same, by the way, in Venezuela. That's why he was so delusional. He thought that he was going to do the same with Iran. Iran is not Venezuela. Iran is not Iraq. It's not Afghanistan. Iran was an empire, for God's sake. A huge chunk of this planet was under the control of the Iranian Empire. This is a culture. This is a civilization, like the Russian civilization, like the Chinese civilization. You can attack one of those countries that were part of the Soviet Union. You can destroy them, but you cannot destroy Russia, which was the heart of the Soviet Union, because the Soviet Union was a huge chunk of land, but the heart, the brain, was Russia. It was a civilization.

And Iran, the Iranian Empire, was a huge empire, but the brain, the heart, was Iran — what we know as Iran today. That's why you cannot go there. These people are proud of their history. These people know how to fight. You can go and humiliate these people by, you know, saying, "I'm going to choose who's going to be the Supreme Leader of Iran, who's going to be the President of Iran, and you're going to do whatever I tell you to do. And you're going to send your oil and gas to me in the United States. I'm going to sell it on your behalf, and I'm going to receive the money."

And maybe some fraction of that money is going to get back to Iran and the Central Bank, as they did. This is the same scenario in Iraq. For many years, they're doing the same in Iraq. They did it to the Iraqi government. They're selling the oil of the Iraqi government. The money gets back to the banks in New York. They were doing the same in Syria. They captured the region that was producing oil in Syria, sending the oil and selling the oil to Israelis. And the money that gets back to the banks, some part of that money that Israel is paying the United States because of that oil, is getting back again into the hands of Israelis.

So they're basically selling Syrian oil for nothing to Israel. And they're doing the same in Venezuela. They're doing the same in Venezuela. Is the situation stable in Venezuela? Is that going to remain the same? I don't believe that. They didn't defeat the Chavistas in Venezuela. They're going to get back. Sooner or later, you're going to see huge turmoil, protests, riots in Venezuela against what's going on. Because they would see nothing is happening in the society. They removed their president, the legitimate president of Venezuela. They attacked the country, and the president is in the United States.

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How ridiculous is that?

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Donald Trump wanted to dominate the global energy system. They know they cannot defeat China. They're not going to be able to defeat China militarily, economically, or geopolitically. China is winning in each and every aspect. They know that. The only way you can bring China to its knees, in the minds of those decision-makers in the United States, is to dominate the energy market or dominate the flow of oil all around the planet. So they started with Venezuela, then came to Iran.

Just imagine if they could do something against Iran, if they could overthrow the Iranian government. What would that mean for China and for Russia? It would be a huge loss for both of them and for the equilibrium of this planet.

Because Iran, if the government in Iran is gone, the whole GCC countries are under the thumb of the United States. They have nothing to do. They have been sacrificing a lot. All these big, beautiful bases in their countries — they were paying for everything, everything with those bases: soldiers, everything. They occupied their land, and they were paying for everything. So when the war started, those same bases were the main reason they got hit by Iranian missiles. Because the United States was using those bases against Iran, not to help GCC countries. So this is the reality of GCC countries today. Are they going to change their behavior? I don't think so. Because most of the money they have is in New York, is in the United States. That's why the UAE ran out of cash in 30 or 39 days of war. These are not real countries.

These are all of them under the thumb of the United States. If they decide to do something in the Middle East, they say, just order, we're going to follow you. But the problem is Iran. So Donald Trump, this was a huge gamble. If he could do something with Iran, it was a huge gain for the United States. Because you control the Strait of Hormuz. Right now, everybody knows what is the importance of the Strait of Hormuz. It's not about oil and energy. It's about food, the most important thing on this planet. It's about fertilizers, helium, aluminum. Many things are getting out of the Strait of Hormuz. Just imagine those cables, internet cables, that pass through the Strait of Hormuz. How important are they? So they had everything together. Oil, gas, Iran, South Caucasus would be gone. Russia went to fight in Georgia.

And one of the main reasons for the fight in Georgia was security — the same reason they have with Ukraine. Just imagine something happening in the South Caucasus. They will destroy everything. Belt and Road Initiative, gone. North-South Corridor, gone. And they have to come back to the United States. And the United States is going to be the king of this West Asia. They're going to run not only West Asia, I would say Central Asia. That's why you see the British government going and making deals with Armenia, Azerbaijan — these little countries who don't have any sort of importance when it comes to military or economy. They're not that big, that powerful.

But they're trying to make some sort of alliance with these countries. They feel that they can manipulate the South Caucasus, which is the heart of the future of the Eurasian concept. Just imagine, with Iran not being in that picture, what would happen to Russia and China? What would happen to Iran as a culture, as a civilization? The United States attacked Iran today. I don't know if you saw what the head of the Iranian parliament tweeted yesterday. In my opinion, this is the most important message of the Iranian government since this war started, since the revolution in 1979. Because the concept was always about, are we going to negotiate with the United States?

Are we going to get something through negotiations? Are we going to do something with the United States? Let's talk about the nuclear program. Let's facilitate. Let's convince the United States you can

invest in Iran. Let's make some sort of economic ties with the United States. By the way, this is the same delusional mindset that is happening between Russia and the United States — those people like Kirill Dmitriev and others who think that the American problem can be solved, that this hegemonic mindset can be solved by making deals or economic ties with the United States. No, they don't want Russia to be Russia. They don't want Russia to be powerful. You are — Russia is the problem.

Russia itself is the problem. Iran itself is the problem. Just get back—whoever—I don't know if you're familiar with the Wolfowitz Doctrine. The Wolfowitz Doctrine, there are two important points in that doctrine: say no regional power and no superpower. No one can exist as a regional power or superpower. This is the very definition of what's going on right now against Iran and Russia. The problem is Iran is a country, a united country as powerful as Iran, a country as powerful as Russia. These are the problems. This is not—you can come here and make some sort of economic ties—that would be beautiful. Tomorrow is going to be more beautiful with the United States' cooperation.

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These people are not there to cooperate with you. They're there to destroy you.

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They don't want you to be there. That's why the whole concept of creating Israel—just imagine, what is the meaning of Israel today? Who's supporting it? This is the creation of the British Empire. Is the British Empire there anymore? No, there is no British Empire. This is the American Empire supporting Israel. Look at what has happened in Gaza, in the West Bank. There is no West Bank. You can call it West Bank, you know, all week—West Bank, West Bank—but that doesn't change the reality. They destroyed the West Bank. Look at the settlers. They're capturing everything. This is the way. Israel is the proxy in West Asia—the proxy to be used. The moment Iran is gone, they're going to get all of these GCC countries, and none of them is capable of defending itself.

Israel is going to hit each and every one of these countries. And the UAE—just imagine—the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, these are not, they don't have the army. They don't have the capabilities. They can capture all of West Asia if Iran is not there. This is the agenda. They don't want it. They don't want to have a greater Iran, a big Iran, a powerful Iran that's helped their economy. And people are concerned about the state of, foremost, international law is under threat with this war, and people are dying. And yeah, everyone understands that people have been dying for such a long time. Just imagine how many these American sanctions have killed over the years. There are some sort of estimations of that—26 million people were killed by these sanctions.

What they did in Iraq—this is a holocaust. You can call it something else, but the sanctions are killing people. They were killing people. Look at the situation in Cuba. They're not satisfied. They destroyed a country called Cuba. And even with that, having that, the Trump administration is not satisfied. He

wants everything—everything in Cuba. He wants to run Cuba. These are the same people. Believe me, this is slavery. This is colonialism. Nothing outside of that—you cannot make any sort of sense of this sort of behavior of the United States. This is the same. This is the modern phase of colonialism and slavery. They want Venezuela to be their slave. They want Canada to be their slave. They want Greenland to be their slave. Mexico to be their slave. Everyone.

Are they going to change it? No. No. And the problem is that they're facing right now something called Iran. And I'm sure they're going to fight to the last one. And they're prepared. They're more than prepared. They have a lot of surprises for the United States. A lot of surprises for the United States. It's not about the military bases in the Middle East. They can hit the military bases in Australia. The range of the missiles is not a problem, is not problematic for Iranians. The range is not anymore the problem with the Iranian army, Iranian IRGC. They have designed, they have decided to limit the range of their missiles to 1,200 kilometers.

They can hit targets in Australia, those bases that the United States is using, as far as Australia. When I say that, I mean how Iran would be able to hit the United States itself if they decide to go that far. It's not going to be a regional war. And they're prepared. Trust me, they're prepared for that. They're prepared for each and every step of escalation. They're prepared to sacrifice their lives to defend Iran because Iran is so important for those people who are outside and who don't know anything about Iran, who are arguing the Iranian society is divided into Kurd, Turk, Lur, Baluchi, and Turkmen, and so on—the Persian people, the northern people, southern people. That's not the reality.

This is a... You go to Iran, you talk with Iranian people. They feel Iran. Iran is in their blood. That's why they're willing. You remember General Kane, when they did that operation in the southern part of Isfahan, he said each and everybody who saw us in the sky, they were hitting us with everything they had—with a rifle, with any sort of arm they had. They were hitting us. These are the rural people. This is the reality of Iran today, and this is history. Those people who are not familiar with Iran know if you want to know Iran, there is a poet, a prominent poet, who is so important. He somehow is a prophet for Iranian people. His name is Ferdowsi. He has a book about war, how Iranians fight a war.

The book is the Book of Kings. They call it the book in English. They call it the Book of Kings. But the name in Persian is Shahnameh. One of the tragic... Who can understand the reality? And the guy who wrote this book, his name is Ferdowsi. He was a Shia Muslim. He was living during the Sassanid Empire. And it took him 30 years to write this book. And one of the tragic moments in that book, I think, which is so important to understand the Iranian culture, is when it comes to the fight between the father and son. The hero of this book is someone called Rostam. Rostam is the hero, the superman of the Iranian army. And the enemy of Iran is Turan in this book, called Turan.

And when it comes, there is a tragedy happening in this book when Rostam, as the hero, is fighting his son, and he doesn't know the guy he's fighting against is his son. Because years ago, he was

married to the daughter of the king of Turan, and he didn't know that Tahmineh, his wife, was pregnant. When he left Turan, the enemy of Iran, and came back to Iran, he didn't know that his wife was pregnant. And he didn't see his wife. And when it comes to the battle between Iran and Turan, the two guys are fighting each other—both of them Iranians, by the way. Rostam, as the Iranian hero, against the guy from Turan, who is his son. When he's fighting, he's fighting his son.

And somehow the son has some sort of sign on his arm, because he gave some sort of sign to the mother of his son and said, "Put it on his arm. I want to see that." But he didn't know. And that sign is on his son's arm, but he didn't perceive that. He was fighting with him. But there is a moment when he perceives that this is his son who is fighting him. But he kills his son in that fight. He not only kills his son, he kills himself by killing his son in that fight. Because what is more important for him is Iran, not him and his son. And there is a statue in the city of Tous in Iran—the moment he kills his son for Iran, because what is important is Iran, not him or his son.

And what would happen to Iran? This is the sentiment of Iranian culture. This is the civilization. This is a culture that sacrifices everything to make its country greater and better. And you have seen that, I think. You remember when the first round of war happened, the head of the Iranian Security Council, called Ali Larijani, was called before, in June 2025, before the Israeli attack on Iran. He said that someone in Israel called him. We know that many Iranian Jews are living in Israel, and they speak perfect Persian. They called him and said, "You have to get out of your country, or we're going to kill you." He said, "Come here. If you want to kill me, come here."

I'm prepared for that. So this is the reality we're in today. And he was assassinated in the second round of war, which started on February 28th. He and his son sacrificed their lives. They knew what was at stake, and he was killed together with his son for Iran. This is the reality. Many people don't understand, may not understand it, but this is the country. This is a culture. The people, it doesn't matter, they're going to fight to the last moment. Ali Larijani and his son Murtaza are the new Rostam and Suhrab of Iran. They're going to be remembered like this. They sacrificed their lives for Iran. And Donald Trump should know that these people are going to fight. They're going to fight back.

There's so much. They're modern people. They're prepared. They know how to fight. They have the tradition. They have the weapons. They have the air defense system. They have drastically improved the air defense system. That's why you see the Iranian air defense system in Armenia. That's why you see the Iranian bombs on Su-30s of the Armenian army. This is Iran today, and they're going to send a lot of these weapons in the aftermath or during this war to others. That shows how Iran is prepared. If they use nuclear weapons, which is the worst-case scenario, I hope nobody ever uses these sorts of weapons. But we know that the Israelis are unhinged. We had Jonathan Pollard yesterday.

I had his interview. He's talking about nuking Iran. I have no problem. Let's go and nuke Iran. Let's manage that. If they do that, there would be no Israel. And those Ashkenazi Jews who came from

Europe, the eastern part of Europe, to the region, they're going to send them one way or another, they're going to send them back to their homes. There would be no Israel anymore if they used nuclear weapons against Iran. This is the reality. And I don't see—this is your definition of what's going on with Donald Trump. Did he gain anything in the war against Iran? No. He lost. He lost. It wasn't just only a military sort of loss. It was geopolitical, strategic, and economic. He lost everything. I don't know what he wants. I don't know—how can he sell his sort of victory, in his sort of understanding, to the American people?

That's his problem. That's why Iran is not willing to help him achieve that, to sell that false victory to the American people. That's the end for Donald Trump. The more he struggles against Iran, the deeper he sinks. He's not going to get anything out of this war. If he starts the war, he's going to lose again. He's going to lose again and again. This is the reality. And Israel—what is the outcome of this war? Israel today is not even comparable to what it was before this war started. That's why Hezbollah is just bringing them to their knees in the southern part of Lebanon and in the northern part of Israel. And this is hope for the future for the people in Gaza and in the West Bank. They're not going to stay there, because the next phase, as this guy Jonathan Pollard said, the next fight would be with Turkey and Egypt.

The guy is losing in each and every battle. But instead of backing down, he's picking more fights. These are not rational people. This is the reality. And they're running the show in Washington. This is sad. This is sad to see. But we have to accept that this is the reality in Washington today. I tried to do my best to give you my understanding of what's going on. And let's see what would happen. And I think finally it's the decision. I would repeat it again and again. Donald Trump has to decide about the end of the war. He can capitulate as he did against Yemen in the Red Sea, capitulate and say that I won the war. I am the victor. I'm getting out of the Middle East. This is the best way for Donald Trump. Let's see what would happen. Thank you so much for being with me today. Great pleasure, as always.