

Seyed M. Marandi: Rockets from Lebanon Strike Deep in Israel – Decisive Iran-US Clash Imminent

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Hi, everybody. Today's Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026, and our dear friend, our brother, Professor Marandi, is here with us. Welcome back, Professor.

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Hi, Nima. Thank you very much for inviting me. It's always a great pleasure to be on your show.

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I want to start with what happened yesterday. Everybody's talking about it. We had Israel announce that they're going to attack Dahiya in the southern part of Beirut. And we've seen many people getting out of their homes. They're evacuating people from their homes. And then Iran said, if Israel attacks Dahiya—because they literally wanted to destroy everything in Dahiya—that's why they announced that sort of warning to the people there. And then we had the Iranian reaction. What happened yesterday? What is your understanding of what happened?

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Well, you know, I lived in Dahiya. I actually lived in an apartment on Sayyed Hadi Nasrallah Street for a while, and then I moved to another apartment still in the neighborhood. It's a very large area, and there are hundreds of thousands of people living there. I don't know the numbers exactly, but it's a huge neighborhood, and it's a big part of greater Beirut. And to flatten it means to flatten a huge city in Europe, let's say. So, that was the objective. And of course, they have been flattening other cities in the south, and the West doesn't care because the West has exposed itself. They have no humanity. Their journalists are— their corporate media journalists are tools. Their diplomats are morally bankrupt. They've exposed themselves. The collective West, the elites, are at the bottom of humanity — the absolute bottom.

I mean, North Korea shines as a bright star compared to these people. So whatever North Korea is—and I've never been, so I'm just basing this on their narratives on North Korea—they are the worst of the worst. So for the Iranians, this was inevitable. And there are a couple of things I'd like to explain first, because over the past few months, I've tweeted a lot of things. And I try not to, even though I have a blue tick, which I don't know how I received. One morning I got up, and I think they said anyone over 100,000 followers gets a blue tick. And so you're allowed to write longer tweets. But I don't. I try to keep my tweets short unless, you know, I have to or I feel I have to.

There are a couple of things I want to explain. One is that sometimes the Iranian patience has to do with many different factors. And it's not, you know, there are regional issues, there are international issues. And so when the Israelis were attacking Lebanon, I said that the Iranians are putting pressure on the United States through the Strait of Hormuz because the American siege has created a double siege — a siege on the world and a siege on the Iranian people. And the Iranians believe that the pressure is building on the United States. Some seem to interpret that as Iran wants the global economy to collapse, and that we're just waiting for the global economy to collapse.

That's absolutely untrue. If that was the case, we wouldn't have controlled the escalation ladder in the war itself. Yemen never shut the Red Sea to shipping. Why? Because we didn't want the global economy to collapse. Yes, we could have done that, but that would have meant that everyone pays an enormous price. Right now, the Red Sea can be shut, and Ansarullah, the Yemeni armed forces, they've been preparing themselves for a long time for this day. But that is a last resort measure. That's when, if the United States goes all out and the Israeli regime—you know, there are different red lines. Each red line has its own response. Each escalation has its response.

So the Red Sea is a, let's say, higher-level response. The next war will probably lead to the shutting of the Red Sea because it is expected here that the escalation will be very swift and very rapid. But that's not what Iran wants. What Iran wants is to keep the pressure on the United States until it builds up to a degree that the United States realizes that they have to force the Israelis to stop. They could have stopped. They could have done this three weeks ago. They could have done this four weeks ago because the economic catastrophe that is lying ahead of us, and which people do not appreciate, including myself—I mean, it's something that we don't comprehend. We hear about it, it sounds awful, but still, it's something that we can't feel or touch or comprehend fully.

But when it hits, it's going to be very bad. The hope in Iran was that the Trump regime would recognize that catastrophe is looming and that they have to push the— and I said this a few times on your show— what the Iranians want is the pressure to build up in the United States to a point where the United States, where the regime, where the elites, including the Zionists in the United States, at least some of them, conclude that their interests are a priority over the Israeli interests. In other words, instead of being Israeli first, as they've always been and continue to be, they reach a point where they say, this is dangerous for the United States and we have to do something to preserve the United States.

Because there are different, I mean, some Zionists are maybe, you know, like many of those that we hear of, these fanatics who are prepared to slaughter everyone. And there are other Zionists who are busy doing business, and they're pro-Zionist, but they prefer to have a happy and easy life in New York or in Manhattan or in the Bronx or wherever it is that they may be living in the United States. So this pressure is not intended to bring down the global economy. It's intended to put pressure on the United States to make the right choice. The United States did not do that, and so it reached a point where the Iranians said, enough is enough.

And we're not going to allow them to wipe out the Lebanese people, especially since the United States and the Europeans, the United States and the Europeans and their NGOs in Lebanon, and the Saudis and the Qataris and even others who I don't want to name, have been encouraging their people, the Emiratis in Lebanon, not to allow the refugees into their neighborhoods. The Europeans, these so-called supporters of human rights, have been forcing or pushing the Christians and other communities not to allow these families who've lost everything into their neighborhoods, and in some places that worked. So what the Israelis and Americans and the Qataris and the Emiratis and the Saudis are doing is they're trying to mobilize different communities against the resistance.

And so people have been streaming from southern Lebanon, and some of them go to Dahia, and some go to other places, and some have nowhere to go. And so some of them had to go back to the south, and they were massacred. So these people, these Europeans and these Americans, have helped slaughter families and create desperation and immense poverty. So people who are living in their homes, and in their villages, in their cities, in the south, and not just the deep south but also near Beirut or to the east of Beirut, they lose everything. And they are not allowed to go to parts of their own country because the Wahhabi and Salafi clerics have been warning their people not to let these people in.

Qatari money, Emirati money, Saudi money, and elsewhere. Because the NGOs, the European NGOs, Western embassies have been telling the Christian community and elements in the Druze community not to allow those of the resistance into their neighborhoods. So what they wanted to do is destroy this house and then go after Dahia. If they could destroy Dahia, then what happens? Then the whole resistance community is left in limbo. Half of Lebanon, let's say, has nowhere to go inside Lebanon. Now, a lot of people have opposed these Wahhabi, Salafi, Takfiri, who are basically agents of empire. All of them. I mean, it's so interesting.

I went to one of their centers in Beirut once. I alluded to this on your show. And literally, it's like—I don't want to go too far—it's not far from a very expensive complex, a huge complex, not far from Dahia. And I was there with another person, and we spoke to the head of that center, and he was so ignorant about the resistance. He's Lebanese. It's like he's never been two kilometers to the south of his place. I don't remember how far exactly, maybe three kilometers, four kilometers. His ignorance—I mean, he's a religious figure—but his ignorance about religion and about what other people think, his ignorance about politics, it was just stunning.

But it was just, my understanding was that he was on the Qatari payroll and his center, but I'm not quite sure. I don't remember, because this was before Corona. But that's how it is. So the Qataris, they pour in money, the Emiratis, the Saudis, others, and the Europeans, they have their own communities, the Americans, of course, the ones in charge. And so what they tried to do is to corner the supporters of the resistance. And so Dahiya, if it was destroyed, that would have meant that no one had anywhere to go. And that's what the West wants. That's what these Europeans want.

That's what these embassies in Beirut, they love to see. That's subjective. That's what these Arab regime embassies in Beirut want. And that's what the Israelis were doing. So all of these people are in full coordination. It's a loose alliance, just like in Syria. Just like in Syria. Those people who spoke about the blessed revolution, they used sectarianism to push the American agenda. But it was never about sectarianism. It was a CIA project for the sake of Israel. And now we see that Jolani, you know, he's busy communicating with Trump and seeing how he can help Trump shut down or corner the resistance and help the Israelis.

And you see that these so-called jihadis, these Wahhabi Salafi takfiris who've been busy slaughtering people across Syria, they won't move towards those areas occupied by the Israelis in Syria. They won't touch those areas. You know, suddenly their jihad, you know, they're too busy for jihad, all of them. Some of them are from Iraq, actually. You know, these Wahhabis, Salafis, and from other countries. So until a while back, it was all about their bizarre, warped, and morally meaningless definition of jihad. And now that they're neighbors with the Israeli regime, nothing. This is all a loose coalition of regional and internal and Western actors.

So Iran saw that the incentive to stop the global crisis was not enough for Trump or the Trump regime. And so the only way left was to threaten war. And Iran was about to fire a huge volley of missiles at Northern Palestine and destroy targets across the board, both to put pressure on the Israeli regime but also for a meaningful change on the battlefield in Lebanon. And by the way, the Lebanese Hezbollah and its allies—and they have allies who are helping them from different communities, religious and sect included, all included—they're doing fantastic on the battlefield. And that is what's creating the rage. That is why the Israelis constantly bomb cities and wipe out families and slaughter.

Because these pilots, Israeli pilots, they have no... they're not human beings. They're just monsters. They've been doing it for, you know, almost three years now. The drone pilots and the pilots, they just kill. They're killing machines. The Israeli military is just a killing machine. And so whenever they get angry, they go and kill a few families. And you've seen them. You've seen, you know, entire families. You don't see it in the Western media. I don't know if you saw a couple of days ago, a motorcycle — a husband and wife and their child were on the cycle — and then the parents were killed and the child was wounded. You'd think that this would be, like, on CNN, and a picture of it would be in the New York Times.

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No, no, nothing.

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Because they are supportive of all this. They're journalists in Beirut. These legacy media journalists, they're all a part of this collaboration. They're all genocidal. They're like the Nazi propaganda machine. They're no different. They're all the same. But in any case, so Iran said that we're going to hit and hit hard. My expectation was that this would lead to war. And Iran was fully prepared for war. And Iran, so the Iranian... yeah.

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It seems that we've lost Professor Marandi. But he's going to be back. Okay, you're back, Professor.

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Okay, where did I get cut off?

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Yeah. You said Iran was going to attack. Iran was prepared for a full-scale war.

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Yeah. So my understanding was that early in the morning, the Iranians were going to strike in the early hours of the morning. So I'm not quite sure about the exact time, but it was supposed to happen very soon. Now, as I said, my expectation and the expectation of many was that war would happen, but Iran was prepared for it. There are a number of issues. One is a moral issue, obviously, which is first and foremost. But also, it's obvious that if Iran allows the United States to violate a ceasefire, to violate an agreement at any level, that agreement is not going to work.

So after the 39 days of fighting, when the U.S. and the Israeli regime launched their blitzkrieg attack and their murderous war and slaughtered the kids in the school and all that, after 39 days when it ended and we had a ceasefire and there was a ceasefire agreement, and immediately Netanyahu back then began to carpet bomb Beirut, Iran discontinued its implementation. Iran was going to allow those extra ships from the countries that helped the United States in the Persian Gulf to leave through the Strait, and Iran stopped it. Why? Moral issues are, of course, paramount for us within the axis of resistance. This whole axis was made to support the people of Palestine against ethno-supremacism.

But also, if you allow the Trump regime or any U.S. regime or any Western regime to violate a part of the agreement, they will move on to the next part of the agreement. Because once you say, okay,

well, that's okay, we'll exclude that but implement the rest, that's not what they're going to do. They'll say, well, we got this, let's do the next one. So when it comes to these monsters, when it comes to this, you know, the Epstein class, you have to be tough. You have to be steadfast and say, no, you cross this red line, we're done. And that was the mistake that Iran made during the nuclear deal, the JCPOA. We negotiated in good faith. We implemented our side of the bargain. But the deal was designed in a way in which the Americans—its implementation of the deal was basically left to their, you know, they would decide if they would do so or not. We counted on their goodwill. That was extremely naive because the United States didn't show goodwill. So the Iranians implemented their side of the bargain, and some of what they did was irreversible, at least for the short or medium term. And then the United States under Obama refrained from doing so. So now the Iranians are saying, A, every element of the deal has to be implemented, and B, the other side has to implement first. Whenever we come to the conclusion that they are carrying out their obligations, then we will move to the next stage. That is why the Iranians, when it's in the current negotiations, they say the money has to be transferred to Iran. So why?

It's not because Iran needs it now instead of two weeks from now, because the Iranians know that if the deal is implemented, the Americans won't do it. And two weeks will become two months, and nothing will happen, just like with the JCPOA. So with Lebanon, the moral issue is paramount, but also the Iranians know that if they let the Americans and Israelis get away with these violations, then the whole deal will come crashing down on the heads of Iranians. Another thing that I have to point out is, and sorry for this very long talk, but there are a few things that I should point out. Another thing that people don't recognize is that throughout, the Iranians have been saying there must be a ceasefire across the region. That includes Gaza.

Gaza is not named, nor is the West Bank, nor is Yemen, nor is Iraq, because they're all part of the region. Lebanon is named because of the genocidal attacks on Lebanon. The targeting of the Lebanese people right now is like how Gaza was being hit last year. But it includes Gaza. That has to be part of the ceasefire. Now, Gaza is complicated because U.S. allies in the region helped Trump impose a very bad agreement on Gaza. You remember when Trump went to Egypt and all these regional leaders—Sisi and Erdogan and Aliyev and Abdullah in Jordan and others from the Persian Gulf—and they all went there, and they whitewashed his crimes, they praised him, and they basically gave a stamp of approval on the ceasefire in Gaza.

Iran was not a part of that process, but Iran would never stand against any decision made by Hamas. So there is already a ceasefire in Gaza. And so Iran's room for maneuver in Gaza is not all that great, right? So if Hezbollah, let's say, had agreed that, let's say, the Israeli regime was to take this area permanently or whatever, or for the time being, that would limit Iran's abilities. And of course, Hezbollah would never do that. But Hamas was under immense pressure. And these countries were helping the United States. Now, they can pretend otherwise. And I have friends who still argue with me from Turkey. And understandably, they want to believe that their government is helping the Palestinians. But no, their government is helping Israel. At a time when we have fuel

shortages across the world, Aliyev in Azerbaijan, a Shia country, an ally of the Israeli regime, is transporting oil to help Netanyahu through Turkey.

So Aliyev and Erdogan are facilitating Netanyahu's government and the genocide in Gaza and Lebanon, the West Bank, and all that. So anyway, Gaza is included. Gaza was never excluded. But because of that agreement, which had the support of these regional regimes, it is difficult for Iran to push too far because there is already an agreement that everyone agreed to. They'll say Hamas agreed to it, everyone else agreed to it, now you're trying to change it. So Iran wants to make sure that that agreement is enforced because since the ceasefire, almost 950 Palestinians have been murdered. And you're not seeing this in the Western media. You only see it online from activists because the Western media doesn't want us to know this, just like they don't want people to know that Israelis are flattening towns and cities across Lebanon.

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Yeah, you're here with us, Professor.

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Yes, yes.

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And, you know, I think there is a sign there from yesterday for all the people in the acts of resistance, which was, you know, yesterday Donald Trump said, the United States said to Hezbollah, if you want to avoid Israel attacking Dahiya, then you stop attacking Israel in the southern part of Lebanon. It was unbelievable, this argument. And, you know, it seems that they're occupying your territory. You have to stop attacking them or they're going to attack, you know, some other parts of your country.

Then we see Iran coming in and changing the whole thing. Is this going to be the attitude of the Axis of Resistance as time goes by? Because if you back down, as we've seen, you've mentioned the case of Gaza. The case of Gaza is a clear example of what has happened so far, because they destroyed everything. They're killing people in Gaza, in the West Bank, each and every day. And Iran doesn't want that for Lebanon. Is that the case? And how is that going to be manageable on the part of the Axis of Resistance?

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Well, Iran doesn't want it for Gaza or for Lebanon equally. But again, the regional regimes, in my opinion, treacherously assisted Trump in imposing a ceasefire on Gaza, which is not a ceasefire. And right now we see that the Israeli regime is not only murdering people, but they're taking more

territory and they want to even go further. They're even now pushing—Netanyahu wants to push for 70% of Gaza. All of this is a violation, but you're not going to see it in the New York Times or The Guardian or The Washington Post or anywhere like that. So Iran's options in Gaza are more limited to finding a way to stop the slaughter of children, women and children, and the innocent. They're all innocent, but you get what I'm saying.

And then in Lebanon, Iran's, you know, the Iranians are saying that the Israeli regime must leave Lebanon. And we must get to a point where the Israeli regime is not occupying any part of Lebanon, and the Israeli regime cannot carry out operations inside Lebanon and start assassinating people again. That's not acceptable. With regards to reconstructing Lebanon, Iran has no doubt, Nima. Through reparations, the Iranians will take that money and they will help rebuild every building in southern Lebanon, even though the Lebanese government doesn't want this. The Lebanese government is preventing Iran from sending aid to help people, the refugees. The Lebanese government is utterly sinister.

Utterly sinister. Utterly evil. They're helping the Americans and these regimes, these Arab dictatorships in the Persian Gulf, to corner the resistance supporters. They're a part of this, and they're blocking any aid from coming in from Iran or Iraq. They want to crush the people of the resistance. They're the enemies of Lebanese sovereignty. And they are also trying to push for a ceasefire where the Israelis are still in Lebanon. But Hezbollah will not accept. Lebanon's sovereignty has to be restored. The Israeli regime must leave. And the Iranians, through the reparations that they get, will rebuild both Iran and all of those areas destroyed in Lebanon. Every single building, every single home will be rebuilt.

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What's funny is, yesterday the government in Lebanon said that we have done a lot of talks with the Americans to bring some sort of... It's just amazing.

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They're puppets. The Prime Minister and the President, they're just puppets.

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Yeah. When it comes to the negotiations between Iran and the United States, what can we learn about that? Because Donald Trump yesterday tweeted that the talks are going well between Iran and the United States. The other point that he mentioned yesterday, he said he called Benjamin Netanyahu and Hezbollah. I don't know who was talking with him on the part of Hezbollah. He was talking with Iran and he said Hezbollah?

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Of course, he wasn't speaking with anyone in Hezbollah. But I mean, that's Trump. No one should take anything that he says seriously. The Iranians stopped the negotiations. Why? Because that would be added pressure. Again, going back to what I said earlier, Iran does not want the global economy to crash. Whoever thinks that is wrong, even if they support it, because a lot of people want Iran to crash the global economy, and they're willing to make the personal sacrifices so that the resistance would be able to defeat it. I understand that, but it's not the right path, because the crashing of the global economy will create starvation, it will create global misery. Iran does not want that. So Iran declared yesterday that the talks have stopped.

Now, now that Trump has made that statement, basically forcing the Israelis to stop. And of course, no one trusts Trump and no one trusts the Israeli regime. We may, after this show here, hear that the Israelis are bombing Dahiyeh. And if they do, then Iran will strike Israel swiftly. So we don't know. But at this point, the position now is that Trump will not allow Netanyahu to strike civilian targets in Beirut. So I would assume that the messaging going back and forth will continue again. Because after all, the Americans took that, they made that, they took that—I don't know the details. I have not spoken to anyone, but I'm imagining that since this has happened, the messaging will go back and forth.

Because remember, some believe that an agreement is impossible. I don't discount that at all. Some believe that it is possible. I don't know. But if Iran can get a good deal for Gaza, for Lebanon, for the region, for Iran, then they should pursue it. But it should be a deal. It can only be a deal where the other side carries out its obligations first, and then the Iranians would reciprocate. And of course, the Iranians have one important tool in their toolbox, and that is the Strait of Hormuz. What Iran wants is an end to the genocide. It's not really asking for much, or let's say demanding much. Iran says, end the genocide. And the West says, no, well, let them continue with the genocide.

And why don't we just do a deal with you? No. End the genocide. End the siege. Hand over Iran's assets. The Strait of Hormuz is Iranian and Omani territorial water. And we will get our reparations through our territorial water that is being used. If you don't like it, you shouldn't have started the war. And in addition to that, Iran will not allow the Persian Gulf to ever again be used as a military base to carry out attacks on Iran or Yemen as they did before. All these regimes helped the Saudis and the Americans in Yemen. All of them. Qatar too. Only later on, when Qatar went under siege, did Qatar and Turkey split from the Saudis and the Emiratis in their genocidal attack on Yemen.

But the American war on Yemen was also carried out with the help of these regimes and Qatar, and their base, the CENTCOM, and so on. In Syria, in Iraq, the invasion of Iraq — the only country in the region to oppose the invasion of Iraq was Iran. And Iran, of course, when the US went in, Iran began its infiltration, just like in Afghanistan. But in any case, Iran is not going to allow the Persian Gulf to be a military zone for the Americans to use against countries across the region. These are not crazy demands, but for the empire, what we would be saying to all of us is just insane to them. How could anyone demand justice? We don't — we give what we want, we take what we want.

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I think what we're witnessing right now is a new phase of West Asia, practically defining it, because before, you remember during the JCPOA, Iran was seeking some sort of guarantees on the part of the UN Security Council or other councils within the UN. Right now, with the ongoing negotiations, I would argue that maybe we can have some sort of talks in terms of what the UN can do, what other countries like China, Russia, and other important countries can do, what Pakistan and regional countries can do to bring some sort of sanity to what's going on between Iran and the United States. But what is important is practical.

One is this rate of foremost to guarantee that the deal is going on and is working for both sides. And the other one is this Bab al-Mandab, because yesterday we learned from the Yemenis, they said if something goes wrong in Lebanon, they're going to close this Bab al-Mandab. And the head of the Iranian IRGC Quds Force, Brigadier General Ismail Ghani, he said the same thing, that Bab al-Mandab is still there and we can just close Bab al-Mandab as well. These are two important choke points in the hands of the Axis of Resistance. And these are guarantees for any sort of deal between the Axis of Resistance and the United States. What is your... Exactly. Go ahead.

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Yeah, exactly. Exactly. As we discussed earlier, the Iranians and their allies in the Axis, they have not gone very far up the escalation ladder for humanitarian reasons. I mean, remember, if we have war though, this time around, it'll be, as I said, it'll escalate very fast based on what the Zionists and Americans are saying—destroying all of Iran's critical infrastructure. And so Iran doesn't want that to happen. So, for example, when I've warned people in these regimes—in Saudi Arabia, the Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, and Kuwait—to leave when these threats were being made or when we seemed to be on the verge of war, it's because I don't want people to get killed. But if they destroy Iran's critical infrastructure using these regimes, using these countries, then Iran will retaliate. Why did Iran strike Qatar's gas installations? Because our gas installations were targeted.

It's deterrence. If Iran doesn't do it, they'll destroy everything. They won't. They won't relent. They have no humanity, the Epstein class. They have zero humanity. They started the war by murdering 168 little girls, and the Western media was indifferent about it. Human rights organizations—they're all funded by the Epstein class. All of these Western—where do you think the Western human rights organizations get their money? Where do you think these feminist organizations, all these NGOs, where do they get their money? Do they get it from workers in factories in Ohio or farmers in, I don't know, Northern Europe? Of course not.

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They get it from these powerful NGOs.

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They're all, wittingly or otherwise, unwittingly working in— they're working— I don't want to say they're all agents, but in general, they're working in the interests, their organizations work for the interests of the empire. So Iran does not want— and so this time around, if there is war— and look at what happened. They murdered almost 3,500 Iranians. How many Arabs and workers in the Persian Gulf died in this war? Not even 20. Why? Because Iran was careful not to kill civilians, even though these countries were deeply involved. And so my warnings were also basically to say, get out of there.

If there's war and the infrastructure is destroyed—the oil and gas facilities, the electricity, and all that—it'll be unlivable. So leave so you don't get hurt. No one here wants people to get hurt. We don't want the war. So Iran did not go up the escalation ladder. But next time, based on Trump's own threats to wipe out a civilization—again, no one protests in the West about this. I'm not talking about ordinary people; I'm talking about the media, the NGOs, the ruling class. Wipe out Iran's civilization, obliterate Iran, send Iran back to the Stone Age. Based on those threats, next time around, the move up the escalation ladder will be very swift.

What does that mean? That will mean no more oil and gas from our region, of course. Right now, you do know that 25 to 30 ships go through the Strait of Hormuz every day. Countries that are friendly to Iran, or at least didn't take part in the war against Iran, they can use the Strait. Bab al-Mandab will be closed. In Iraq, the resistance will rise up. It'll be a completely different situation. It will be catastrophic for the world. And we can do it now. But we do not want the global economy to be wrecked. We want an end to the genocide in West Asia. And we want life to go on for ordinary people across the globe and the region as normal.

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You know, Europeans—we had Sweden talking about how Iran has to open up the Strait of Hormuz because it's against international law. And these countries were part of this regime of sanctions for many, many years, and they put a lot of pressure. You know, the people, those kids in Iran who have this butterfly sort of disease, they don't receive the proper remedies from, for example, one of the countries that it comes from is Sweden, because of the sanctions. And right now they're asking the same thing. So Iran has something to say to these European countries, to these countries that are participating in or facilitating pressure on the Iranian economy and the Iranian people.

We were talking about how for many years they were telling us that the sanctions are not part of this medical sort of equipment, medical medicine, and all of this. This part, this aspect, this area is not sanctioned by the West. But they're part of the sanctions. Iran cannot buy anything from outside. This is the problem. This is the main issue right now. Iran is saying right now, do you need the Strait of Hormuz? You have to do something about the sanctions, the way that you're putting pressure on our economy, our people, innocent people being hit by these sanctions.

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First of all, they're lying. They do include all of these in the sanctions. They use, for example, Iran wants to buy equipment for hospitals, and they call a lot of that equipment dual use, just to prevent it from being exported to Iran. And then they prevent medicines from getting in. Many pharmaceutical companies tell the Iranians, we just can't work with you because they want to be on the safe side. And then others, when Iran says they are willing to cooperate, Iran approaches banks, and the banks say, we can't help you. And Iranians say, well, these aren't sanctioned, and they say, well, the Americans and Europeans have decided in a way to make sure nothing goes through. But they can pretend to say, no, no, no, we're excluding medicine. They're lying. They're trying to block medicine from entering Iran. They're trying—that's just like they murdered the kids. Like, look at Gaza.

After Gaza, should anyone be surprised? After what's happening right now in Lebanon? They're slaughtering kids every day. Why should anyone be surprised? But it's not just that, Nima. During the 12-day war, these European countries supported the war. During this war, they supported the war. They condemned Iran for aggression against Iran. It's like some, you know, it's like this dystopian world. That's why I say that they're at the bottom of humanity. I prefer the North Korean government, whatever it may be, to any of these governments in Europe—any of them, every single one: Australia, New Zealand, this club, and Canada. I prefer any government to theirs. I prefer Cuba. You know what, I'd rather live in Cuba than go and give taxes to these regimes.

I mean, I know lots of people oppose them, and they're working activists, and I'm not criticizing them. I'm just saying that me, as an individual, if I want to leave Iran, I don't want to leave. I don't want to live in those countries. I mean, their regimes are utterly sinister. There are many heroes—Jews, Christians, Muslims, Hindus—you know, working to support the Palestinian cause, and the majority in the West, polls show that they're opposed to the regimes and the Epstein class. But these regimes are horrible. They're evil. And so NATO countries and European countries, they are a part of this aggression against Iran. They've been a part of it from the beginning, and they're a part of it now. But Iran is not intimidated by it.

They have more than enough on their plate now in Ukraine. And they're just destroying their own economies. Their economies are all being destroyed. And I think many of these governments are going to be removed from power. Look at the approval ratings of the chancellor of Germany or the president of France or the prime minister of the UK. And even the opposition, even the fascists who want to come to power in many cases, they're not going to do any better. They can't reverse this trend because they're not going to pursue sane policies either. It's just going to get worse and worse until there are sane people in power in these countries who bring about change. That will hopefully happen at some point, but it's not happening now.

#Nima

They have never condemned the Europeans. They have never condemned the Israeli occupation of the southern part of Lebanon.

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No. And the Western media calls this an incursion. And they say these are Hezbollah. I mean, look at Twitter, the page where it gives you news. It says, "Israel targeting Hezbollah." But all the images are just women and children being slaughtered, families being destroyed, apartment blocks being brought down. The people who work at Twitter, they're just tools. That's just how it is. That's how the West is. Now the Israelis want to merge the genocidal Israeli army with the U.S. Armed Forces. I mean, it's just unbelievable where they're taking these things. None of this would have, you know, been on my radar 20, 30 years ago. But that's how it is. But it's also a sign of desperation. And I think, I think, I don't know, you know, that Axios is fake.

Just like Iran International. And no one should ever take any—should even watch Iran International, follow them. They're just, they're Zionist, Saudi, you know, depending on who funds them, and both probably do, they're just propaganda. And so is Axios. Now, Axios, with regards to the Trump-Netanyahu phone conversation, that's very interesting. Because I don't trust Axios, and I don't trust that this was actually said between Trump and Netanyahu. But the fact that Axios did put this out, and that Axios is Zionist and controlled by people of power in the United States, this does humiliate Netanyahu, whether Trump said anything or not. And it seems to me that while Axios is fake news, there may be—maybe, I'm just guessing, I haven't spoken with anyone.

I'm not an expert on the Israeli regime. I know far less about Zionism and what's going on in the United States than many of your other guests. So, you know, maybe I'm completely wrong. And so people should take whatever I say with a great deal of caution, but on this matter at least—maybe on everything—but I don't claim to be an authority on anything at all. But maybe there are elements within the Zionist class, those who are in power, that think it's time to get rid of Netanyahu. Maybe this is a part of something. So I don't know if this was an actual—because we've seen so many lies from Axios and others. Biden and Netanyahu—Biden is trying to end this—and then it turned out it was all a lie.

#Nima

He said the same thing about Joe Biden calling Benjamin Netanyahu.

#Seyed

Exactly. That's what I was saying. We kept hearing that Biden, they had arguments, and Biden was pushing. And then later on it turned out Biden never did anything. It was all a lie. It was all a lie to make ordinary Americans, and increasingly those who voted for the Democratic Party who are outraged, to keep them silent or to keep them on board with the Biden regime. So there is no

reason in the world to believe anything that Axios says. However, the fact that it has been put out there, and the Hebrew media today is hitting out, lashing out at Netanyahu—and I'm sure you're following this—and of course his coalition allies and these criminals are all lashing out at him.

And I'm just wondering maybe if there is a decision among the powerful billionaire class, the Epstein class in the United States, that Netanyahu—he's, I mean, Netanyahu has been hurting them, and they've been hurting themselves for two and a half years now—but they're too ignorant and arrogant to understand it. But now maybe it's become so blatant and so bad that they're beginning to recognize that they may have to do something. So I'm wondering, maybe this conversation didn't happen, possibly didn't happen, but that this fake news outlet put this out for a reason. And that reason may be that powerful people are sort of planning on getting rid of Netanyahu.

#Nima

I think the other point is these people in the United States, like Mark Levin, came out and said that this is hugely damaging to Benjamin Netanyahu and Donald Trump. Why are you doing this? This is different—we haven't seen that before during the Biden administration. See, it means there's something going on there.

#Seyed

Yeah. Yeah. Mad people. I mean, he's one of the most evil people on this planet. But yeah, exactly. Exactly. Because in the past, we have not seen this reaction like we've seen in the Hebrew press and also, as you say, in the United States, his reaction. So whether this really took place or not, I don't know. But I'm somewhat skeptical because of Biden and even earlier, I mean, right before the 12-day war, if you recall, they were saying Trump and Netanyahu have big differences and Trump wants to give the negotiations a chance to get somewhere, and then they attacked Iran. So that was all fake. So that's why I'm very skeptical. But it was a significant statement, hurtful to Netanyahu, and we're seeing, as you rightly point out, in the United States but also in the Hebrew press, that some things are happening.

So we'll see. But in any case, I've always believed that these last two and a half years, getting close to three years, have been devastating for the Israeli regime at all levels. And it is despised across the world. And now the world economy is moving towards collapse, and people know that they are the reason behind it. It's just going to get worse and worse and worse. And maybe there are powerful forces within the Zionist class, the Epstein class. And there may be divisions—I'm sure there are divisions—but maybe there are forces that say, we have to stop this. And one way to do it is to remove Netanyahu. And then when another government comes, we'll say, oh, everything was Netanyahu's fault, right?

Sort of to give the Israeli regime this opportunity to rehabilitate itself. Even though any sane person would know that the problem is not Netanyahu, it's Zionism. And then all of the opposition is just as

genocidal as Netanyahu. They've said it. I mean, there are statements. It's all out there. It's all clear, frankly. But still, there are naive people. And then mainstream media could say the new prime minister, he wants peace and so on and so forth. And maybe that segment of the powerful Epstein class thinks that now is the time to remove Netanyahu. Again, this is just my opinion, just something that I've been thinking about. No one has said anything like this that I've heard of, and it may be completely wrong.

#Nima

I think Benjamin Netanyahu thought that the attack on Iran would be definable as the end of the acts of resistance. They're going to destroy the acts of resistance right now. What's going on is totally the opposite.

#Seyed

But also, Nima, maybe they thought that Iran would not strike at the Israeli regime over Lebanon, which I think was clear as day that Iran would. There was not a chance in the world that Iran would allow them to destroy Dahiyeh. But maybe they thought, you know, again, and sorry for interrupting you, but as you rightly point out, the 12-day war—they thought Iran would collapse. They should have learned a lesson, but no. Then the 39 days of hot war, with Americans bringing in everything they have, far more powerful than the Zionist regime, which lost the war against Iran halfway. It was clear that they were losing halfway through the 12-day war. So after this, they failed. You'd think they'd learn a lesson. Then they say, okay, let's impose a siege—a double-edged sword.

They're destroying the global economy, but let's suppose they'll fall again. It was clear it wouldn't happen. And now it's clear that if they restart the war, they would lose. And it's clear that if they attack Dahiyeh or take the war in Lebanon beyond a certain point, Iran would strike. It's all very clear. But it makes me wonder, really, you know, we used to all think that Zionist Hasbara and their propaganda—mainstream went with how good they are at propaganda. They're horrible. And we used to always be told how fantastic Mossad was and how, you know, how, you know, evil, but, you know, very—not fantastic in a positive way—how competent they were, how capable they were. Now I'm wondering, I mean, these people seem to be very stupid, and they cannot make correct assessments.

Maybe there are a few people here and there, but at least as a body, as a state, as an important element of the state—the CIA and so on, and MI6—they don't seem to understand anything. They seem to be quite ignorant. Maybe there are some smart analysts in there, but obviously their voices aren't being heard. So now I really think the West, you know, the more you look and the more we're seeing things, it seems that a lot of this was just a facade. And the martyr Sayyid Hassan Nasrallah, one of the great men of any era, said that the Zionist regime is weaker than a spider web. It really is. When we look and see it objectively, we see, you know, it's, you know, as they say, like the paper tiger.

#Nima

Actually, they're all much weaker than we assume them to be.

#Seyed

But it is that aura of power and invincibility that allows them to do it.

#Nima

I think the only thing that they're good at is killing and assassinating people, mostly civilians. That's the only thing they're good at. There is no strategy.

#Seyed

And the only thing that Western journalists are good at is distracting public opinion from them. Well, I mean, legacy, mainstream, corporate media, whatever you call it.

#Nima

Yeah. Thank you so much, Professor Marandi, for being with us today.

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Great pleasure, as always. Great pleasure being on your show. Thank you for having me.