

Iran's Anti-Ship Missile HITS US Vessel, Trump & Israel CRUMBLE | Stanislav Krapivnik

Former US Army officer Stanislav Krapivnik joins the show to discuss the major warning from Iran to Trump & Israel that took the form of a major strike on a US vessel in the Persian Gulf and a direct threat to Israel that had Trump and Netanyahu scrambling to walk back on their escalation. We talk this and much more in this critical stream! Subscribe to Stanislav: <https://www.youtube.com/@UCNFLdCSk3KxhahxQwjvQLbQ> FOLLOW ME ON RUMBLE: <https://rumble.com/c/DannyHaiphong> FOLLOW ME ON TELEGRAM: <https://t.me/dannyhaiphong> SUPPORT THE CHANNEL ON PATREON: <https://www.patreon.com/dannyhaiphong> Support the channel in other ways: <https://www.buymeacoffee.com/dannyhaiphong> Substack: chroniclesofhaiphong.substack.com Cashapp: \$Dhaiphong Venmo: @dannyH2020 Paypal: <https://paypal.me/spiritofho> Follow me on Telegram: <https://t.me/dannyhaiphong> #Iran #israel #trump #middleeast

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Welcome back to the show, everyone. It's your host, Danny Haiphong. I am joined by former U.S. Army officer Stanislav Krapivnik, geopolitical commentator, industry specialist, and many more things. Hey, Stas, how are you?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Good, good. Excellent. Well, pretty good.

#Danny

All right. Well, yeah. Yes, though. Maybe.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Yeah.

#Danny

Well, let's do this then, Stas. How about we begin with the ever-evolving situation with the war on Iran? We can kind of split the time between the war on Iran and the Ukraine conflict. Everyone, hit the like button before we begin. Let's begin with this. Overnight, Iran reported that it had struck an

MSC, a Mediterranean Shipping Company cargo ship called the Sariska, off in the Persian Gulf. Now, Iraq and the United States are saying that this ship actually was not hit by an Iranian cruise missile, which Iran says it did, but actually suffered internal mechanical failures. But nonetheless, this was a retaliation for the Friday strike on a cargo ship that was heading to an Iranian port.

Donald Trump says that he has been talking to Iran, that his administration has been talking to Iran every single day, despite the fact that Iran has said they have cut off communication. As Israel, despite Trump and Netanyahu getting into a major row and supposedly coming up with a pause and postponement of expansion on strikes in Lebanon, Israel is striking Lebanon. And Iran said that that could very well lead to Iran retaliating as well. So, Stas, help us understand what you believe is actually going on here. What's the significance of Iran's posture and position as it continues to maintain its stance in this war?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

We'll start with Netanyahu and Trump. It's one of those – what did he say – everybody fucking hates you and hates Israel. I'm the only thing keeping you out of jail, at which point Netanyahu backhands Trump across the face and goes, you're my bitch. And that's what we've got from there. I love Trump's – also that little – I guess it's not a tweet, it's through social, where he's like, yeah, I stopped these Israelis from marching into Beirut, as if they could. I mean, honestly speaking, the Israelis are getting their teeth handed to them on a daily basis by Hezbollah. So, no, they're not going to go march into Beirut.

They can blow Beirut up, though, you know, if the U.S. would not, you know, supply them with 2,000-pound bombs that they use to fold apartment buildings, these 10-, 15-story apartment buildings. And then you've got Section 224 of the Armed Services Bill that's coming out that would effectively make Israel part of the U.S. military for procurement reasons anyway. They could just order whatever they want, and the American taxpayer gets to pay for it. It's paying for it as it is, but at least there's a little pushback because it gets up to the State Department. This would just walk all the way around it. I guess they could just order an aircraft carrier, too.

They're built for it at the taxpayer's expense. Why not? The American taxpayer is an endless cash cow. You can just milk them as much as you want. But as far as the Middle East... First of all, for people to understand the way these Trump negotiations are going, okay, think back when you were in like second grade or first grade and there was that girl that you liked and you were too chicken to say hi to her. So you took a note and you said, you know, check one of these boxes: do you like me or don't you? So you handed it to that girl, and she checked one off or sent something back and handed the piece of paper.

That's American negotiations with Iran through Pakistan. Pakistan is that girl in between. That's how negotiations are done right now. This is not face-to-face. This is kindergarten, quite literally. They're pretty much just passing lists of demands back and forth, with very little variance between one set

of demands and the next set of demands, except Trump seems to be upping the ante. But again, you know, last week we got Trump on Truth Social putting out more psychotic demands as if he had beaten Iran down and was dictating. And at the end he says, and the blockade's lifted. And then the next morning, he says, blockade ain't lifted.

#Danny

Stas, it seems like we're having some connection issues. Are you still there with me? Nonetheless, the blockade was indeed not lifted at all. It remained. CENTCOM said that they continued the blockade. But Stas, I did lose you. I think you're coming back. You're back now.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Oh, did you lose me?

#Danny

Yeah, yeah. You said that Trump had said that the blockade was lifted. I believe that he put it in very small writing in between a 500-word Truth Social post. But continue.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Yeah, and the next day, Hegseth goes, nope, nope, nope, like it ain't lifted. So you're looking at, you know, the Trump team can't get its act together. Partially because you never know when Trump goes, flushes the toilet, and then goes in the middle of the night to get something out of the fridge — some old hamburger or some fries — you know, what's going to hit his head for him to write something new. In Russian, it's called... and that would translate to "the urine hit the brain." You just don't know what the hell is going to pop out of him in the next tweet. So that's pretty hard. That's unpredictability. And that's not something you want in world leaders. You don't want them unpredictable. But, you know, from the Iranian side, first of all, you know, this isn't a ceasefire.

This is a low-intensity conflict. And the U.S. was hitting Chatham Island, and it just looks like they were trying to soften it up to do something. They'll hit, and they'll step back. Oh, well, you know, don't hit us back. Iran hit a U.S. military base in Kuwait, apparently killed four or five American military in response to the four Iranian naval personnel that were killed by the U.S. You know, it's a tit-for-tat. It's a low-intensity conflict. It's not a ceasefire. But apparently, from what's been heard, Iran has said they're out of their nonproliferation agreement, nuclear nonproliferation agreement. And apparently, if rumor is right, they have a nuclear weapon, at least one. The U.S. has done a great job of killing everybody that said no to nuclear weapons. And apparently, they've developed one themselves. They might have gotten it, bought it.

Of course, that's questionable. They may have bought it from Pakistan or North Korea, but they've got at least one nuclear device that they're going to show off if this keeps pushing — you know, blow it in the desert. And that changes the equation quite a bit. You know, there was a memo out a couple of months ago, and they're like, why are we attacking Iran? Because they have nuclear weapons. So why aren't we attacking Russia? Because they have nuclear weapons. You know, this changes everything when you go from the BS reports to an actual reality. And the only way Iran can protect itself, realistically speaking, is to get nuclear weapons. And that's the message. That's the worst message possible. That's the exact message that Washington has now telegraphed to every single government in the world: get nuclear weapons.

#Danny

Yeah, I mean, there is no—really, there is no other solution when endless war is what you face day after day after day, year after year after year. And that's what Iran has faced. Now, Stas, what confuses me, or maybe it confuses many, is that on the one hand, you have Iran retaliating every single time the United States conducts these limited strikes. In the case of hitting the cargo ship last Friday, you know, Iran hit back at MSC, I believe one of the biggest shipping companies tied to both the United States and Israel. You had Donald Trump today come out on Truth Social and state the following: if Iran surrenders and admits their navy is gone and resting at the bottom of the sea, their air force is no longer with us.

And mind you, Stas, he's repeated this statement, Truth Social post before. And if their entire military walks out of Tehran, weapons dropped, held high, saying, "I surrender, I surrender," while waving the representative white flag, the new failing New York Times, the China Street Journal, a.k.a. Wall Street Journal, corrupted, now irrelevant CNN, and all other members of the fake news media will say that Iran had a masterful and brilliant victory over the U.S. of America, even though it wasn't even close to us. But if Iran's navy now is at the bottom of the sea, how are they firing anti-ship missiles at cargo ships? And how is it that every time the United States strikes, Iran retaliates? I believe they also took some drones too — MQ-1, MQ-9. What's your—how do you explain this?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Well, you know, Trump was stating that they sunk 11 Iranian ships. And then two weeks later, it was 157. Maybe they're counting rowboats. Oh, look, there's a couple of rowboats for rent. Let's blow them up. Okay, that's like 12 more ships we sank. I don't know where he comes up with these numbers. I think whatever he pulls out of his ass for that moment—narcissistic personality disorders have a tendency to do that. Pathological liars have a tendency to do that. By the way, if it's a pathological liar, the problem with them is they believe their own crap. If you've never been around a pathological liar, I don't know if Trump is. I'm just saying.

When I was enlisted for the first year and a half, the sergeant over me was a pathological liar. And this guy would just come up with the stupidest crap, and you could not persuade him out of it. He believed his own crap. Pathological liars will pass any lie-detecting test because they believe it. It's whatever pops in their head. "I sank 157 of their ships." Yeah, that's 157 ships. Now, for Iran's position, Iran never had a major navy. They probably had about 11 ships of any kind of size. And Iran never had a major air force. And a lot of their air force, apparently, by the way, has been hiding out in Pakistan. Pakistan has provided bases for it. Having said that, Iran went for the workarounds.

Iran understood it cannot meet the U.S. in battle, a ton of displaced water by a ton of displaced water—displacement—because it can never build a navy the size of the U.S. It just doesn't have the capability. It didn't go for the Air Force option either, the same Air Force option. But it didn't have to. It took different technological paths. So Iran has hundreds of speedboats. These are two-man speedboats, you know, the ones that the U.S. loves to blow up in the Caribbean and now in the East Pacific, you know, for drug running, without ever checking what the hell's actually on those boats. But what's on Iran's boats are not drugs. What's on Iran's boats are short- and now medium-range anti-shiping missiles.

So you put out this mosquito fleet of 20, 30, 50 of these boats, and they're all armed with four anti-ship missiles. You've got a serious problem. You know, Trump wants to bring back the battleship. That's how battleships get sunk—by something that costs less than one of those shells that a battleship's firing. This is how aircraft carriers get sunk. And we've seen that the U.S. Navy, it may be the greatest navy in the world at the moment, but it's obsolete. It's so obsolete, it's not even funny. Look, you know, the U.S. is mandated by law to have 11 aircraft carriers and those 11 aircraft carrier escort groups by law. So at this point, though, it can only field three to four of these aircraft carriers.

It just can't do any more. The rest are all in port. They can't get rid of them because the law doesn't allow them. Congress, in its wisdom, has decided that. But they can't service them either. They can't put them out to sea. They don't have the manpower. They don't have the equipment. They don't have the money. And what's the good of them? You know, it used to be an American aircraft carrier comes up to some middle-ranking nation, and they get threatened, and they get bombed, and so on. Well, I mean, I guess the U.S. could still do that to some... a country of 5 million people, 10 million people, something like that. It can't do it to any regional power anymore. They brought in two aircraft carriers. Hell, they can't do it to the Houthis. The Houthis kicked the U.S. Navy in the balls.

Trump said, "We won," and walked away. Very smart thing to have done—walked away at that point. But look, you brought in those two aircraft carriers to deal with the Iranians. And what did they do? They were doing big circles in the Indian Ocean about 1,000 kilometers away from the edge of Iran. That's the way they stayed alive. The Lincoln came in a little too close. The Lincoln got swarmed. Whether or not it got hit, it's questionable. Some sources say it did. We may never find out. We may find out much later. If somebody takes some photos when they get to port, we'll find

out that way. But the fact is, they were doing big circles out in the Indian Ocean to get the hell away from being sunk. And that meant that they're worthless as a war machine. And this is against a regional power.

We're not even talking, you know, something on the size of Russia or China, which would just sink those aircraft carriers with hypersonic missiles. I mean, look, you know, a Russian submarine pops up 200 kilometers away from a U.S. aircraft carrier. Good luck trying to find it out there. That's a hell of a lot of ocean if you're talking about a radius of 200 kilometers. It pops up 200 kilometers away from an aircraft carrier, shoots off three or four Zircons, hypersonic missiles. They'll be there in two minutes, three minutes max. Nothing to stop them. There's nothing on that aircraft carrier that can stop them except the aircraft carrier itself. Welcome to modern technology. So, you know, that's where we're at right now. That's the reality we're dealing with. Hmm.

#Danny

Yeah, yeah, those are great points, Stas. And, you know, maybe you can help us understand now, too. You know, both Trump and Netanyahu—what's interesting about it is there are many in our audience who believe that the Axios story was purely a Hollywood script. And it's not like we haven't seen this before—Axios or some other media publications telling us that Netanyahu and Trump, and then Biden before that, actually, there were a few moments like this too, where they had a tough call. And this time around, Netanyahu supposedly, you know, as you said, Trump told him, "Are you effing crazy? You know, everyone's going to hate you for this. Israel is already isolated." And then again, Israel decided to at least postpone expanded strikes.

But today, Israel is bombing Lebanon. They've already killed over 3,000 people in this place, maybe more, since I believe it was March 2nd or 3rd when this new period of the war started. But both Hezbollah and Iran have said that they will increase strikes on Israel if this activity continues, because this is a big part of the ceasefire, Stas, or at least the so-called ceasefire. So, yeah. Can the United States and Israel afford for hostilities to escalate the way they're going to escalate should Israel continue its onslaught in Lebanon? It just seems like the world economy itself is holding on by a thread. Many economists are saying that we have about a couple of weeks until the red flag of recession begins to wave.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Well, first of all, the U.S. is already in recession. Let's be realistic about it. I think the red flag of "we're out of fuel" begins to wave. Not that you would ever know that by looking at the markets. I mean, you want to talk about copium and opium addiction. Oh my God. You know, I used to think the markets were about, you know, more 50, 60 percent fundamentals and the rest was emotion. Like 99 percent emotion. There's no fundamentals whatsoever in sight, because if the markets were

built on fundamentals, there would be mass panic right now. And instead, you're seeing oil actually drop in price. Well, it goes up and down, but still, it goes under a hundred dollars, what's going into the eighties. I mean, are you serious?

It's not like that oil that was missing from the Middle East just suddenly appeared, or that, you know, the blockade of the blockade of the blockade suddenly got lifted. Nothing's changed. All right. The UK, if projections continue, if projections are right—and it would probably be a little bit later because they're buying up American reserves—but the UK reserves run out in two weeks. That's it. The Germans and the French run out at the end of June, beginning of July. So, four weeks. I mean, that's—and under EU laws, you know, other EU members that are willing to pay more can gobble up your reserves. You cannot show preference. So this is going to be a very big problem. Obviously not. And how that's going to go, who the hell knows.

But the market should be panicking right now. We're not even talking about what's going to happen when we're coming up on the early harvest. Food prices are going to skyrocket. And by the way, it's supposed to be a super El Niño this year, which means there's going to be—yeah, granted, it's mostly in the Pacific, but it affects the entire globe. So heat prices—I mean, heat index—is going to go up. It should be a very hot summer, particularly in Western Europe. So, yeah, air conditioners, everything like that. So, yeah, you're talking massive, massive, massive problems. Perfect storm. And as far as Netanyahu, you know, whether or not Trump had a "I'm a tough guy and I'll tell you who's boss" talk with Netanyahu or not, the end result was Netanyahu bitch-slapped Trump.

Netanyahu said, we'll do whatever we need to do, as far as he's concerned anyway, which just shows that Trump is incapable of doing anything. He's powerless. And the whole U.S. government is basically owned by Israel at this point. And it's absolutely obvious. I mean, look what they did with Massey. I mean, this is massive interference. The Republican Party at this point should have to register as foreign agents. Democrats are about 80-something plus percent. Republicans are almost 100 percent owned. I mean, this is ridiculous beyond all. You know, historians in 100 years are going to be laughing their asses off that a country the size of the U.S. is going to be owned by one state. You know, a country that has less population than New York, the city of New York, where you're living. I mean, that's ludicrous, but that's what it is.

#Danny

Yeah, and Stas, even if none of what happened in that phone conversation was true, the fact of the matter is somebody planted a story that appeared to be demonstrating a kind of desperation on the part of the United States — that it was Iranian threats, it was an Iranian warning that had caused Donald Trump to pick up the phone and say, please, please, please don't do this now — even if it was worded meanly, or maybe none of this happened at all. But nonetheless, there had to be, at least in that moment, a message to the general public and to the world that maybe Israel has been going a bit too far here. But it still doesn't change the fact that Israel is still striking Lebanon as we speak. So are we headed toward Iran having to make good on its warning after all?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Yeah, you saying a bit too far makes you an anti-Semite. Particularly in Florida, it could get you arrested. You're criticizing Israel, even if you just say just a bit too far. You know, Israel... I'll call it this. This is what I started calling it. Israel is a war crime masquerading as a country. I mean, that's what they are. It's a rolling, nonstop war crime between rape by dogs, murder of children, and so on and so on and so on. And so, oh, they're hiding behind civilians. Oh, so you'll kill, like, you'll level two, three buildings to try to kill one guy, supposedly anyway. By Israeli IDF standards—well, not standards, but their own admission—83% of the casualties are civilians. Eighty-three percent of casualties.

Imagine if that was Ukraine. You know, the entire Ukrainian conflict, there's been about 15,000 civilians killed over four years. And the way the UN publishes it is Ukrainian civilians. Reality is, the majority of civilians are Russians on the Russian side. And they're not even counting Russians in the old Russia, pre-conflict Russia. And that's not a small amount, but that compared to, what, about 2 million dead Ukrainians? I'm not going to say how many Russians, but you're looking at about 10, 12 Ukrainians for every Russian. And how many civilians are killed? And you turn around and look at Israel's war — it's 83% by their own admission. This was published in their own newspapers.

It's IDF statistics. I mean, this is genocide. I don't know how else to put it. You're killing four to five civilians for every enemy fighter. Don't tell me they're all hiding behind their families. This is the type of crap that the U.S. was pumping out along with the West about the rebellion in eastern Ukraine. It was just a rebellion. Oh, the rebels are shooting the schools up with their kids in them. That's just as ridiculous as that was. But then, yeah, there's a couple of aspects here. There's a movement in Judaism called Chabad, right? Chabad came from southwestern Ukraine, modern southwestern Ukraine. Back then it was the Russian Empire. And it is the religious arm of Zionism, basically, is what it is.

And there was a Chabad rabbi who was one of these big rabbis, so he's a Zionist, who apparently told Netanyahu, before Netanyahu even got into politics — this is the young Netanyahu — that A, he would be prime minister, and B, he would be the last earthly leader of Israel, because he would hand the flag of Israel over to the Messiah, and God would come, and greater Israel would rule over everybody. The question is, how much does Netanyahu believe this? That this rabbi existed — it's documented that he talked often with Netanyahu, it's always documented. The question is, does the man actually believe this? Because along with these movements, they have a belief that Israel has to be on the brink of destruction, of fighting with everybody, to force God to come in there and just wipe everybody out for him.

And again, if you listen to these Zionist rabbis, and they speak it in English — you can look it up on YouTube — they've got plenty of their videos up there. Look up, type in "the Jewish soul." And these Zionist rabbis will tell you in great detail that you, my friend, are just an upgraded monkey. We are

the only ones that have the full soul, the five parts of the soul. We have all five, where God can rest in our soul. You, you have three parts. Animals have two. So just basically an upgraded monkey. When people are looking at you at that level, if they believe this, you know, how do you negotiate with people like that? To them, you're just an upgraded monkey.

#Danny

Well, yeah, no, continue. Sorry.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

I was going to say, so, you know, they're looking at everybody around them as less than subhuman. You know, just uber-animal. The head of the Israeli chaplain corps — I do not remember the guy's name at the moment — but this rabbi, he famously said that it's only rape if it's a Jewish woman that's the victim. You know, he's in this position. It's not like he got fired for it. I mean, for God's sakes, it's come out that they were using dogs to rape Palestinian prisoners and not only... I mean, that's what the Nazis were doing. The Gestapo was doing that. I mean, this is — how do you stop a state like that? Only if it gets defeated.

They don't have a brake. They don't have a reverse gear. Plus, Netanyahu — the moment the combat's over — Netanyahu gets to face the Supreme Court in Israel for corruption charges. So does his wife, and so does his son. Well, his wife and son are living, for Israel, in Miami in their mansion. I'm sorry, it's not a mansion — they've got some high-rise apartments there. But the point is that Netanyahu has no incentive to stop this. And Trump, you know, look, the last time American presidents had balls — the last two American presidents that had balls — was Reagan and Bush Sr. Reagan flat out told the Israelis, "Get the hell out of Lebanon."

What you're doing is genocide. Get the hell out of Lebanon. They got out of Lebanon. They got the message. Because Reagan could just cut them off fully. Papa Bush, he did cut them off. He stopped transfer of equipment and everything else to get them in line. That was it. Starting with Clinton, Bush Jr., Obama, Trump one, Biden — they gave them everything they wanted. But they were at least smart enough, including Trump one, first administration, not to go down into Iran. Trump two, uh, for whatever reason — mental, uh, blackmail, what have you — he, uh, he gave in, and we have now what we have.

#Danny

Yeah. You know, it's just, uh, before we move on to, uh, the Russia front, uh, we could also say that, especially over the last many administrations, arguably maybe the entirety of U.S. history, there is this—you said that Israel—how do you negotiate with a state, if we can call it that, a state that views everyone else as subhuman, or everyone that they are waging war and genocide and plunder against as subhuman? Uh, you know, the United States, uh, everything, every way they've

acted, especially now, uh, against Iran and everybody that they have targeted, they view them the same way. I mean, as you said, there really is no ceasefire, there really aren't negotiations going on with Iran, in large part because the U.S. doesn't believe Iran to be any equal party to it, despite having its butt kicked by Iran.

Now, Stas, I wanted to ask you about the Russia front. There have been these massive strikes happening over a period of days in this last week or so on Kyiv. This last major round of strikes, which saw a lot of Zircon missiles hit Kyiv — there are reports in Western mainstream media that 22 have been killed in that. There was a building that was essentially toppled over because of the weight of these strikes. Talk about what has happened with Russia, why it is escalating and intensifying its strikes. They're using a Rusnik in the first wave of them. Why is it doing this now? Why is Russia doing this now? And what exactly is the extent of it and the significance of it?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Well, I'll begin with it. Russia should have been doing this two years ago, three years ago. And the situation has gotten much worse. Look, first of all, the reason the Rusnik was used—it wasn't used in Kyiv. It was used in Bila Tserkva, "White Church," which was a town where they used to have a white church. I don't know if that church is still there or not, but that's what the town was named after. Well, that town has an Air Force base. And underneath that Air Force base—because this is a Soviet Air Force base, and the Soviet Air Force bases, like all the Soviet factories and everything, were built with a lot of tunnels underneath to survive nuclear blasts and to keep command and control going—so there were NATO personnel down there. And maybe they still are, perpetually. That was the Rusnik that was used.

Go get them in whatever holes they happen to be in underneath. Let's look at what the Ukrainians are doing. We know about Starobelsk. They murdered 21 children. These are teenagers; a couple of them, I think, were 20 years old, in their sleep. Forty more wounded, over 40. And they hit a dorm. But they did. They murdered children. And it wasn't some missile that went off course. It was 16 drones. And they'd been reconning—they'd been spotted with recon drones over that area half a day earlier. They knew what they were hitting. Of course they did. That's what drones are for. You have control over what you're hitting. I have some friends that just came back from a run to Zaporizhzhia. They were coming up and down the Rostov-Taganrog-Mariupol road that then runs to Kherson—cities, of course, not liberated yet.

And another branch of it goes down into Crimea from the north. So the Ukrainians—they're talking about, you know, they're hitting Russian military fuel tanks, fuel trucks in Zaporizhzhia. And they are, when they can find them. This is partially because they're doing everything—they're throwing everything and the kitchen sink to try to do spoiler attacks on the Russian military as it's advancing into Zaporizhzhia and about to take control of the area from three directions. That's the last major

fortification. After that, it's a relatively fast march up to Zaporizhzhia city, which would be a PR disaster. Well, what they've been doing, since there are not that many military trucks, is they started hitting civilian fuel trucks and then civilian trucks.

And then they started—well, my buddies are both prior military, and they're both retired senior officers—and they watched the car ahead of them blow up. Because what the Ukrainians started doing, I mean, this is a four-lane interstate, right? What the Ukrainians started doing is remote mining the road, just dropping mines on the road. And mostly it's 95-plus percent civilian traffic. The civilian cars with people in them, just driving, are hitting these landmines. On average, Ukraine is murdering between five to ten to twelve civilians every single day—every single day. And now, I'm not talking about the big events like—have I described gamification of warfare to him before? I think so, but I'm sure the audience would appreciate a refresher. Okay, so with the Ukrainians, this is another NATO concept that's designed by NATO and passed on to Ukraine.

For the drone operators, the gamification of warfare. So the drone operators get points for the things they destroy. The top priority is expensive military equipment, then military personnel, then expensive civilian equipment like engineering equipment, telecommunication equipment. Barring that, there's civilian trucking. Barring that, there are civilian cars. Barring that would be some grandmother with a pram and her grandchild going for a walk. You got to kill something. They get points for this. What they do with these points is, at the end of the month, these units gather up their points and trade them in for better equipment, better provisions, bonus pay, swag, whatever. And this is the gamification of warfare.

You take whatever humanity is left in these drone operators and you strip it out. They need to kill something. So if that drone is flying around and the battery is going low and there are no juicy targets around, well, there are some kids playing in a sandbox. That works too. And this is what you're dealing with. You're dealing with these kinds of human beings. They're doing these kinds of atrocities. So, yeah, the anger in Russia is just growing and growing and growing. You pretty much ask the average Russian and he's going to ask you, what the hell is Kyiv if not a crater? Having said that, one of the reasons that the Ukrainians are getting hit by Kinzhal instead of, say, Iskanders, is Kinzhal are supersonic.

The Ukrainians tend to put their anti-aircraft systems inside their cities, and that way, no matter what, if they intercept a drone or a missile and it falls and hits something—a civilian building—they can scream, "Russian, Russian atrocities!" Or if their own interceptor missiles—what goes up always comes down unless it goes to space—what goes up usually comes down. It'll come down somewhere in the city, and then they scream again, "Oh, it's Russian! You know, it's Russian horrific crimes against humanity!" So either way, they can scream something. And the reason you use hypersonics is there's no way to intercept them. They are hitting primarily—the only thing they're hitting are government buildings that deal with intelligence services, military. One of the buildings they hit, I don't know why it took so long to damn hit it.

That was my question. It was a good thing they hit it, but it was why. They hit an old tractor factory in western Ukraine that's been the main training grounds for us all, and it's been there for a while. That should have been one of the first targets hit. Well, at least it got hit finally and got destroyed. But, you know, in 2026, it should have been hit back in 2022 or 2023. A lot of these targets should have been serviced back then, but at least they're now getting serviced. Of course, the Ukrainians, apparently. Of course, Zelensky has to go on a trip somewhere as far away from Ukraine as possible, which is normal.

The moment Zelensky leaves, you know, he's probably got good information that something's flying his way. He spends most of his time outside of Ukraine begging for more money. And just by the way, to understand the Ukrainians this year—well, this year, last year—they got about \$360 billion. Two hundred and some billion of that came from Europe. Another 150 billion came from the U.S. There you go. That's the situation. So it's intensifying. And I'll tell you what else has helped intensify it: the fact that Iran can smack around 13 American bases into ruins. Everybody's looking at it. In Russia, the hardline factions are looking and going, you know, was there a nuclear war?

Nope. In fact, Trump doesn't know what to do with himself. Why the hell aren't we doing that to the NATO bases? And then when you add in that Estonia, Latvia, and Finland are allowing fly-throughs through their territories to attack Russian posts—oh, if you do that, you can't even call yourself neutral or somebody just supporting a proxy. You're now a direct combatant. And according to Russian foreign intelligence, Latvia is in the process of handing over five bases to the Ukrainians to launch drones from. So Latvia is absolutely a participant in this combat as an active participant. And they were talking about, oh, Russia's hitting us with drones.

Well, not quite. What Russian electronic warfare is doing is it's turning around Ukrainian drones that are flying through those territories into Russia, feeding them fake coordinates, turning them around and sending them right back into Latvia or Finland. Finland got a little taste of its own medicine, where last week Helsinki was locked down for about half a day as Ukrainian drones were flying around and hitting things inside of Helsinki. But there it goes. The Russians commit atrocities. They're hitting us with drones, with Ukrainian drones. So that's the situation. And it's escalating. It's escalating quickly.

#Danny

Yeah, yeah. And I mean, in many ways, those people in Russia who are wondering, as you call them, the hardliners, why Russia isn't reacting like Iran reacted, have a case, given that Ukraine is striking inside of Russian territory and is not only doing that but is doing so with U.S. hardware. So, in many ways, U.S.-NATO hardware is being used, and their intelligence—CIA, MI6—I mean, I don't know, because I've heard distinctions like, okay, the MI6 is the one actually directing Ukrainians, but yeah, we know that the CIA is deeply involved all along the Ukrainian front. They've been training, guiding, giving logistical support since the very beginning. So I don't know, tomatoes, tomatoes to me. But what's your thoughts on this? What do you make of this argument, given the fact that,

yeah, we're talking about reactions by Russia to strikes on its own territory, which have killed Russians?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Well, the people in eastern Ukraine, formerly eastern Ukraine, now Russia, are Russians. So it doesn't matter, you know, where they're getting killed—civilians being killed. MI6, Mossad, CIA, it's one tight-knit ancestral family. There's no difference in these guys, realistically speaking. Do they represent the interests of their governments? Mossad probably does. That's the extent of that. And the Europeans—and the push is, hit NATO bases. Make an example of Estonia, or make an example of Lithuania or Finland. You don't screw with us. We have the capacity to wipe you off the face of the earth. And the Europeans have lost that. Well, the non-Russian Europeans. Russia is 42% of Europe. If you add in Belarus, it only gets better.

So the other 55% of the European subcontinent of Eurasia seems to have forgotten what war is. They like to talk about it. They like to beat the drums. They like to arm up. But the people that are doing it, none of them have any skin in the game. And a lot of them have dual citizenship. They'll get the hell out, fly to the U.S. or the U.K. when things really hit the fan. So at this point, we're dealing with—I mean, first of all, we're dealing with idiots, inbred idiots. That's the rulership in the EU. Look at who we're dealing with. Stupidity. The problem with most democratic systems is they'll tell you the gold will rise. No, gold sinks, shit floats. And the unfortunate part is it's the shit that's floating at the top.

And that's sort of running the EU. You've got some of the stupidest, most moronic, imbecilic people in the world at the top positions of the EUSSR. They took everything that was the worst of the USSR and nothing that was good out of it. There were a lot of good things in it, too. Don't get me wrong. But they skipped all of those. They just took all the worst things. And they learned really, really well what the worst things are. And these are Epstein elites. Let's not forget that. These are the Epstein elites. These are people that literally will eat the kids of their own people—human sacrifices, everything else. And if 10% of what the witnesses said is true, these people are absolute Satanists. So how do you deal with them?

#Danny

Yeah. Yeah. And then you said not taking any of the best of the USSR. Well, both the United States and Europe right now are in a complete industrial collapse. And the best of the Soviet Union was the fact that a lot of the industry, a lot of the industrial prowess, scientific, technological prowess that modern Russia is demonstrating—all of those roots and foundations come exactly from the Soviet Union. So, Stas, help me square this circle, or maybe it's a circle that cannot be squared, because all across the Western mainstream media right now, the reports about the Ukraine conflict, despite

these massive strikes on Kiev, say that Ukraine is winning on the battlefield. And actually, some are making the case that these strikes are happening because Russia is trying to fool people into thinking that it has some kind of ability to project force, when in fact it is losing on the battlefield.

Now we've seen this duality here where Russia has been portrayed for years now as losing on the battlefield. Iran, since February 28th, has been portrayed by the Trump administration as completely defeated. Yet both conflicts continue, and the so-called superpowers—the collective West, the United States, Israel—these so-called invincible forces aren't able to come to any kind of conclusion in these wars. In fact, the only thing they can do is continue to recycle these narratives, while the other side, Russia and Iran, say that no, in fact, they are the ones progressing on the battlefield and/or winning the war. So how do we square this circle? If the situation was so bad for Russia, like Iran, why haven't either been forced to capitulate and surrender, as we keep hearing over and over again?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Yes, Ukraine is strategically advancing backwards. It's a strategic advance toward Kiev. They're luring Russia deeper in, one destroyed battalion at a time. Outside of Zaporozhye, where they're throwing everything and the kitchen sink, I will say this: Ukraine is much better at fast advances than Russia is, but they can't hold them. And the reason they're much better is they don't give a damn how many casualties they take. They throw people away left and right. You know, I remember reading an interview with one of these guys that got press-ganged, and he was able to surrender. It's actually pretty hard to surrender, especially in the middle of combat, especially when your own side will drone you the moment they spot you trying to surrender. They might just shoot you in the back. And what he said, you know, his experience—the guy was like 40-something.

And he was dumb enough—he got a notice—he was dumb enough to go to the medical center for a checkup because he had a medical condition and he knew he wasn't fit for duty. He was like, well, you know, one, there was no medical checkup. Everybody was loaded on a bus. They were all taken to a holding station. They were separated out: the 30-, 35-, and younger who were healthy; the 35 and older, where it doesn't matter what their health was; and the 20-somethings that were not healthy were all in Group B. So Group A, the assault infantry brigades, come in there. These are the Azovs, the Tornados, and so on. And they pick these guys up. So these guys will actually get some training, and they'll get some decent equipment and such because they're considered valuable material. They're not just thrown away.

Everybody else goes into suicide squads. They've got one of two missions. Either the mechanized infantry comes through, pushes through, and then they get dropped as the holding force. And they're malnourished. I mean, some of the photos come in—these POWs look like they came out of a concentration camp. The POWs are going to POW camps so they can get fattened back up. There are skeletons walking in. They haven't been fed for weeks. Some of these are scrounging around for whatever they can find. Or they go for a one-hurrah assault. You know, I have a friend who was in the forces that came in in Kharkov. So they go into Kharkov oblast, they take the high ground, they

dig in to get the Ukrainians to start attacking them. And he said, you know, in front of their fighting positions was a two-kilometer-long empty field.

#Danny

You know, somebody's farm field once upon a time.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

So what the Ukrainians would do is they'd drop the infantry off at the end, and those guys would go charging across the field. What the Ukrainians were going to do, what they could, they'd drop two, three, four waves of suicide infantry to try to soften up the Russian positions. And then they'd bring in the mechanized infantry that were well-trained to try to break through. It's like, you know, when I was talking with him, the way he was describing the way they were moving, obviously they had no training. These are just guys off the streets. One big hurrah, and they go charging across a two-kilometer-wide field.

You know, in modern infantry combat, especially if I'm on the defensive and I have backing of artillery, I have backing of mortars, I have RPGs, that's our heavy machine guns—if I can see you at 300, 400 meters, you're not going to make it. The average distance of initiation of combat since World War II has been 50 meters or closer. The job of the infantry is to infiltrate up to those 50 meters and initiate combat. That's what's called close combat—50 meters or closer. If I see you at 300, you ain't going to make it to 50. I'm just flat out telling you that. These guys are starting off at two kilometers. He said we hardly ever even fired at them. The artillery would chew them up halfway through.

You know, there'll be just meat left for the rats and for the dogs and the crows and the pigs. That's it. And then they bring the next group, and the next group, and the next group. And they just keep doing it because they don't give a damn about how many people they lose. That's the concept that we're dealing with. They give a damn, number one, about PR. You know, if they can get a photo at some town that they, quote, "liberate," that they'll lose within a day or two, that doesn't matter. They've got the PR to show in the Western press. So that's Ukraine advancing on all fronts. It's in retreat everywhere except Zaporozhye, and in Zaporozhye it's throwing away men like nothing. That's the reality. You know, Konstantinovka is about to fall.

It's 70% in Russian hands. There's a big surrounded glob of Ukrainians in the middle of the southern portion, and Russian forces are encapsulating the northern third from two sides, from north and south. And Konstantinovka is a pretty major town. They've thrown a lot of resources in to keep it. And as you notice what happened in Artyomovsk, what happened in Krasnoyarsk, whenever these large towns or cities are getting ready to fall, you start getting the Russians running out of

money, Russians this way. You get all this one front of Western pocket monkey journalism to try to, you know, hey, there's a birdie, look over there, don't look over here, look over there, look at the birdie—to keep people from noticing what's really going on.

#Danny

Yeah, well, in the last five or so minutes that we have, Stas, maybe you can just give a final word on whether you believe that we are entering a period in the Iran war that's similar to what's happening with Russia, in that it seems like with Russia what's happened is they couldn't defeat Russia on the battlefield. They wanted it to be really fast. So they always said, oh, Russia's not advancing fast enough, they aren't advancing there, they can't take territory fast—all of this stuff—despite the fact that it was never really Russia's goal. Now it's the United States and NATO which have essentially seeded this dream that they had to collapse Russia within the first very short period of time back in 2022, and have just been ever since going the same direction, just continuing to send Ukrainians out there to die and hoping that there's a different result.

Do we see a similar situation happening with Iran? Because Trump says now Marco Rubio is saying 30, 60, 90 days plus of negotiations with Iran could take place. And who knows if there will ever be any kind of agreement. Jeffrey Sachs, who's been on this show, has said over and over again that there doesn't need to be any kind of written agreement. But certainly, Stas, there has to be change that has to occur if this war is to actually come to an end. Do you see this becoming a very low-intensity, long war, or are we in for massive changes coming that may not be in the control of the United States and Israel from the consequences of their war?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

It's hard to tell. We'll figure this out in the next couple of days. Because, A, if Iran blows off a nuke somewhere in one of its deserts as a showcase, all bets are off, everything's changed. Basically, you just took that checkers board and the whole table and flipped everything over. That's one. Two is the issue of, well, for the U.S., it would be just as fine for this to just drag out low intensity forever. If Iran starts shooting up Israel, things change. The problem is the blockade is a blockade, and the oil is not there. The gas is gone for the next five, seven years from Qatar. So like it or not, Europe is screwed. The U.S. is also screwed, not as screwed as Europe.

But America is a net importer of fossil fuels, no matter what Trump says. And the U.S. reserves are going to run out. That's inevitable. The European reserves will run out. And by the way, most of the American strategic reserve is being sold to Europe. That's right. You peasants thought that your taxpayers' money bought the reserves for you and your safety? Yeah, think twice about it. No, no, no, no, no, no, no. Your president shouldn't even be thinking about this. The masters of the universe have decided whom they're going to sell it to. And sure as hell it's not going to be you to lower your gasoline prices. You're not important enough. That's the unfortunate reality for all of us. So what are they going to do with it?

I don't know. The pressure is there. The commodity markets are going to explode, even if they're in absolute denial at the moment. Everything's heading in the same direction. Nothing's changed. Nothing's changed for the better anyway. So Trump's going to have that issue, whether he likes it or not. The temporary price increases are not temporary. Food hasn't exploded yet, but it will. So what is Trump going to do when the driving season is basically here, ready for Americans? Yeah, that's a pain at the pump. Trying to go on vacation when you can't afford the fuel. What are you going to do? That's going to be a lot of pissed-off people, a lot of pissed-off people. People like to barbecue.

When the meat's going up in price—twice as much or one and a half times as much—it makes a much smaller barbecue. That's going to be an annoyance that's constantly going to be reminding the average American. I'm not even talking about the people that can't even afford meat, you know, that have gone from steaks to burgers to Hamburger Helper, or minus the hamburger. That's something that's going to be there. And then what happens after that? You get the American 250th anniversary, you know, that they're going to be—I don't even know what the hell is going on with that. They've got Vanilla Ice, I guess, is going to be the biggest star. Oh, and Milli Vanilli, the two twin guys that were making their song.

#Danny

Milli Vanilli, really?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Milli Vanilli, yeah. These guys are on the lineup. I mean, talk about washed-out stars from the 80s and the 90s, early 90s. My God, man. I mean, you couldn't find anybody better from those two decades? This is going to be embarrassing. Oh, wait, oh, I forgot, I forgot, I forgot. This will make all the Americans forget about everything. The UFC on the White House lawn. I'm no longer calling it the White House because under Obama it's called the White Hut. Under Trump it's going to be the White Trailer. I mean... poor white trash here. I mean, you're going to have a frigging wrestling match on the White House lawn. Jesus, this is a circus. This is absolutely a frigging circus. You know, what respect can you imagine, you know, Buckingham Palace?

Hey, let's have a wrestling match, or maybe we'll just chase pigs in the mud, you know, on the front lawn. That'll do it. Or, you know, in Red Square or in front of the Eiffel Tower. OK, never mind, the Eiffel Tower has a gypsy market underneath. But, you know, in any self-respecting country, can you imagine that? Fucking insane. I'm sorry about the French, it's late, I'm a little less controlled with my language. But, you know, this isn't—it's a joke, except a real-life joke. They're gonna have a freaking—did you see the size of that stage they're building? Ridiculous. This is ludicrous. This is funny. You might as well just bring the wrestlers while we're at it, you know, the fake wrestlers. Maybe do some mud wrestling there too, pig chasing.

This is insane. This takes the White House, the White Trailer, and just lowers the quality and respect to nothing. I mean, the founding fathers of the U.S. have got to be twisting in their graves left and right. I'm surprised that you're not hearing the ground trembling in a lot of these cemeteries at this point. You can't make this stuff up. This is quite literally bread and circuses. Well, at least a circus. I'm not sure about the bread. That's what you're looking at. Modern U.S., there you go, baby. Have respect for us.

#Danny

Right.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

And the whole world's looking and going, holy crap.

#Danny

You can't imagine this.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

You know, what's next?

#Danny

Well, yeah.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Could you imagine five years ago if somebody told you, in five years you're going to have this, this, this, and this happen? You'd go, dude, lay off the drugs. You know, they're frying your brain. But here we are. Here we are.

#Danny

Yeah, well, I think it's definitely a testament to Trump's lack of popularity that his big U.S. celebration is not being embraced by anyone in the entertainment industry, especially given where he came from, exactly in that milieu. So it is looking like a mess to us. Vanilla Ice, baby.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Ice, ice, baby. I just saw him in a bar like 20 years ago. He was looking pretty rough by that point. Everybody's like, "Seriously, you got Vanilla Ice? We'll go to the next bar over."

#Danny

It is bad. But Stas, we'll finish up here. I think that's a proper note to end on. Everybody, hit the like button before you go. It helps boost the show in YouTube's algorithm. I'll be back with our friend Mohamed Morandi tomorrow, 1 p.m. Eastern Time, June 3rd. So be sure to catch us then. You can find Stanislav Krupivnik's YouTube channel in the video description below. So be sure to subscribe and follow his work as well. Stas, any words to the audience before we head out?

#Stanislav Krapivnik

God bless everybody. And, you know, hope to be here next week.

#Danny

Yeah, the world is in that kind of situation where the empire's death throes are chaotic and extremely dangerous. But nonetheless, we carry on. Everybody, hit the like button before you go. All the places to support this channel are in the video description below—Patreon, Substack, and much more. Stas' YouTube channel is there as well, so do support him. See you tomorrow, 1 p.m. Eastern Time, June 3rd, with Mohamed Morandi. Bye-bye.

#Stanislav Krapivnik

Cheers. Cheers.