

Stanislav Krapivnik: How Firepower Just Broke Two Wars (Ukraine & Iran)

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Hi, everybody. Today's Thursday, June 4th, 2026, and our dear friend, our brother, Stanislav Krapivnik, is here with us. Welcome back, Stan.

#Stanislav

Thank you. Always a pleasure.

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I want to start with what has happened between Iran and the United States. The United States attacked an Iranian oil tanker near Qeshm Island, and then Iran responded toward Kuwait and Bahrain. And during this sort of back and forth, firing at each other, something hit the international airport in Kuwait. You know what's so strange to me? The Iranians said, "It wasn't us. We didn't do that." Maybe there was even some sort of announcement that the Patriot system failed and hit the airport. Then later on, we learned that new footage came out showing it was a drone hitting the target at that airport.

The problem with that drone is that the United States has the same sort of drone. They have copied the Iranian drone, Shahed 136. They call it Lucas in the United States. It's the same drone. So when you get the picture, it looks like the Shahed and looks like it's similar to the American one, the American version of the Iranian drone. Then the problem is the timing right now. Let me bring up the video that they published about the target. And in this video, it shows the timing is somehow—let me just find it here. I just, I don't know where it is. But when you look at the video, it seems that during the day that attack happened. But we know the Iranian retaliation was at 12 a.m. You know, it was at night. They didn't attack these two countries during the day. It was at midnight and then later on. So the timing is not—I'm going to play the video for you while you're talking about it. What is your understanding of what has happened?

#Stanislav

Well, first of all, sorry about that. First of all, there is no ceasefire. I mean, this is ridiculous. There is no ceasefire. There is a low-intensity war. It went from a high-intensity war to a low-intensity war. Almost every day, the Americans are carrying out some attack. Iran is carrying out some counterattack. It's a low-intensity conflict that could spike back up to a high-intensity conflict any day. It probably will. I don't see a way out of this. So whether or not the Iranians hit the airport, I think they probably did to some degree. I would have. Look, you know, Kuwait is allowing its territory to be used for aggression against Iran. It's a participant in this conflict. Whether or not there are any Kuwaiti planes or any Kuwaiti missiles flying into Iran is irrelevant. It's allowing its territory, its sovereign territory, to be used in this conflict.

Therefore, it is a party to this conflict. That's the rules of war. In Russian, there's a saying: either take the cross off or pull your underwear up. You can't be both. You can't be a good religious person and be a whore. So that's just the reality of it. But Kuwait and the UAE, they're trying to be both. It could be an American drone. It could be an American drone that decided to go in a different direction. Or it could be an American drone that got spoofed. The way electronic warfare works with drones a lot of times—somebody got the hell out of there in time. The way the electronic—oh, yeah, I haven't seen that one yet. The way electronic warfare works is if you can break the coding on the internet connection on these drones, you can start pumping different information.

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Sorry for interrupting your sass. Here are the two drones side by side, the Iranian drone and the American drone. They're basically the same. The design, everything is the same.

#Stanislav

Oh, yeah. That little jet at the end, they copied from a Russian jet, from the Russian G-103 actually, because Russia took those Shahed ones and then started upgrading them with Russian technology. But yeah, the US, back last July or June in 2025, they unveiled their new drone, which was the exact early model of the Shahed. It even has a little engine that sounds like a little moped engine with one propeller. I'm like, wow, that's the cutting edge of American drone technology — we take somebody else's old models and we copy them because we can't create anything decent ourselves. That's the reality. And I'm sure it probably costs three times or five times as much as it costs for Iran, because that's just the way things are.

Got to make some money off of it. Yeah, it could be. Absolutely could be. It might have been spoofed. It might have been a drone heading into Iran. The Iranian electronic warfare spoofed it. You break the encryption on the internet, you go through backdoors, and you start pumping in false information. What Russia would do with American JDAMs is pop information into a JDAM that it's much higher than it really is, and when the guidance unit tries to fix for that, it tries to lower its height and just slams into a field somewhere, into a forest.

Right now, I mean, we've seen Russia do this to Ukrainian drones coming through Finland, coming through Estonia and Latvia, which they're all bitching about. Oh, there you are — Russia's sending in drones, Russia's sending your drones back to you. Have a present back. You know, Helsinki was closed down for half a day as Ukrainian drones were flying over it because they'd been spoofed and sent back in. So it might have been Iran spoofing that drone. Sorry, getting over a cold. That might be Iran spoofing that drone and sending it back toward the Kuwaitis and the Americans. Wouldn't surprise me.

#Nima

Yeah. When you look at the situation between Hezbollah and Lebanon, we had some sort of message from Iran sent to Donald Trump saying that if Israel is going to attack Dahiya in Beirut, they're going to respond to the northern part of Israel. They have to evacuate. They're going to do the same. But since then, we had a phone call between the two, Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu. It seems that he said he backed down. He said they're not going to attack Beirut. But the attacks are happening as we talk. They're attacking, they're hitting the targets. And even right now, we have Hezbollah — new footage came out. Hezbollah has resumed rocket and drone attacks into Israel, targeting Kiryat Shmona, Nahariya, Shlomi, and other northern settlements. Here is the new footage that we've seen from Hezbollah.

So it seems that sooner or later, we're going to see some sort of Israel going to attack Beirut, and we're going to have something big happening in the northern part of Israel. Because Iran said the day Israel announced that evacuation plan for Dahiya in the southern part of Beirut. And we had yesterday the Iranian foreign minister mentioning the same thing. As soon as they perceive that Israel is attacking Beirut the way that they mentioned, they're going to level everything. Iran is going to respond. And this is the escalation that is happening. I think sooner or later, we know what's going on in Israel and how desperate Netanyahu is. And he's going to attack, and we're going to have Iran responding to Israel, and then everything just falling apart and a new round of war happening between Iran and the United States. Is that your understanding as well?

#Stanislav

Yeah. Look, Israel is a country that has more or less metamorphosed into a war crime masquerading as a country. It is a rolling war crime in every direction. You got people like Pollard, who's a former spy who was pardoned. The Israeli ambassador to Israel, otherwise known as Huckabee, was, you know, giving him a hug. Pollard said what? He's running for the Knesset now. He said what? Oh, well, you know, we've got to get ready to start to take out Turkey and Egypt, too. So, look, the Israeli state in its psychotic fantasy world, where 8 million people—and it's not even 8 million people because about 20% of them are traditional Jews who are mostly pacifists—so somewhere around 6 million people, 6.5 million people, are planning to wipe out 100 million people and take over all their lands.

Just to keep this in proportion to their own words. So they're going, they have so blatantly played their hand in the U.S. that they've lost the majority of the people that supported the U.S. I'm not talking about the 60-, 70-plus crowd, but the younger generations are all anti-Israel. Even the younger generation of Jews in America and in Europe are anti-Israel. So they're going for the Hail Mary of American football. That's where they just throw the ball as far as they can and hope somebody on their team somewhere over by the goal catches it — the Hail Mary. And that's what they're doing. They have blatantly shown that the U.S. government is a subservient gimp. Trump is a gimp to Netanyahu. I love that Trump thing — yeah, told him to go fuck off or something like that.

And great theater for the masses. That changes nothing, means nothing. And, you know, I've told them to turn around. They're not going to invade Beirut as if they could invade Beirut right now. They're having a lot of problems getting through Hezbollah. The territories they're grabbing are mostly Christian territories where the Christian militias are very weak, and they're grabbing those areas. The areas where Hezbollah is entrenched are having a whole lot of trouble and taking a lot of casualties. So, no, they can't get up to Beirut, but they can genocide Beirut. Look, you know, let's call things the way they are. When they say an evacuation order from Tyre or Beirut or any of these territories, the proper word for that is ethnic cleansing order. What they're conducting is an ethnic cleansing.

They're making, by killing some of the people, they're making the rest of the local people of the local ethnic group leave so they can grab the land free of the people. When they're blowing up Lebanese villages, some of them are up to 3,000, 4,000 years old of continuous settlement, that is ethnic cleansing, where you're removing any roots and markings of a previous population that lived there. That is a war crime. And the Ukrainian—I'm sorry, Ukrainians—yeah, they're war criminals too. But the Israeli government is a war crime. That is a cabal of war criminals, not just Netanyahu, they all are. And the worst part is the opposition is even worse and screaming for even more mass genocide.

The Israeli government is, like I said, it's genocide masquerading as a country. They're out to mass murder everything and everybody around them. They don't hide it. They'll tell you that straight out. They boast in it. They wallow in that shite with great pride. I mean, when you've got someone like Ben Gvir, that psychopath that deserves a hanging. I mean, quite literally, that man deserves to be hung as a war criminal. They all do. Let's be honest. That man, his wife makes him a birthday cake with a noose on it. And in Hebrew, wishes do come true because he got a bill passed that you can do the death penalty to non-Jewish prisoners.

They killed them anyway before they just died by accident or something like that, drowned in their own piss or whatever. But now we can just flat out hang them and maybe harvest a few organs because, you know, as soon as they lose consciousness, the body's still alive. You can harvest the organs real quick. Organ harvesting comes from live bodies. That's what people need to understand, by the way. And the Ukrainian government, you look at the Ukrainian government, they passed a law legalizing the export of organs. They taxed it. You'd figure a country at war would be importing organs to save its soldiers' lives.

No, no, they made \$4 billion on export of organs, which begs the question of how many organs were they actually exporting? Mostly from their own wounded soldiers that get chopped up into kibbles and bits at the medical clinics in the rear. You know, they go in with a leg wound, they come out without heart, lungs, and everything else. So, yes, you're looking at the same type of people, and they're backed by the same type of people called Mossad, MI6, CIA. We're quite literally facing, I mean, in this case, the Israeli government and the Ukrainian government are the easternmost enclaves of the Epstein elites. What do we expect? And people that will rape, murder, maybe even eat their own people's children. Who the hell do they care about somebody else's children?

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Do you think that the understanding on the part of the Pentagon is that they can continue the war in the Middle East? What is the understanding on their part? How can we understand that? Is there any sort of sign that they want to continue the war? Because it seems that, looking at the way they're behaving, they're escalating. That's why they're attacking Iranian tankers. Do they really want to continue? And how prepared are they, in your opinion, in terms of missiles, interceptors, how Israel—because the problem is, if they start the war, the problem is Israel, because they want to protect Israel. They don't care. I don't see the United States caring about what's going on in Saudi Arabia or Qatar or all of these countries together.

The most important part is how they're going to be able to protect Israel. This is the main issue right now. And we know, in the case of Israel, they have many aircraft at Ben Gurion Airport, out in the open, and they can get hit by missiles, drones, and everything. And how prepared are they? Do you see any sort of sign that they're getting prepared for a new round of war? Or he's preparing maybe to do something? You know, I don't know if the situation between Israel and Lebanon would bring a new round of war, or if it's going to be between Iran and the United States, the escalation in Israel foremost. Which one is more probable or more likely, in your opinion?

#Stanislav

Look, I'm pretty sure Trump wants to get out. Trump doesn't have a choice. He's owned, probably. The Israeli government has shown its hand, and it's shown that it owns the U.S. government lock, stock, and barrel to a ludicrous extent. I don't think anywhere in history has anything been even close to this level of ownership of another government—of a government of 330 million people by a government of eight. The problem for the U.S., simply put, it's got about two to three weeks' staying power if it all goes full stream. But within two weeks, maybe three weeks, depending on how fast they shoot them off, they'll be out of standoff munitions. What's left on the aviation side? Well, you got JDAMs, extended range, which are 85 kilometers.

You got Stratofortresses that can fly over and drop a whole lot of bombs. But again, they have to fly over, knowing that there's S-300 and at least one battery of S-400s that have been conserved and

are still waiting to go into action. And just an S-400 can start targeting low-flying satellites. So Suresail can reach out and grab a Stratofortress and bring it back down to Earth real quick. And it can engage targets up to 380 kilometers out. So it's a very powerful system. It hasn't been used yet. It's there. Why hasn't it been used? Probably because the good targets haven't shown up. So if you're out of standoff munitions, then you've got to start bringing planes over Iran—literally, not just the edges of Iran, but over Iran.

You want to hit Tehran, you're going to fly through half of Iran because your air-to-land missiles may have a 200-kilometer range, but you're still going to go quite a bit over Iran to get to that 200-kilometer range across a very active anti-aircraft field. So what can the U.S. do? I don't know. The smartest thing the U.S. could do is just say, okay, thanks, we're out of here. We'll keep the blockade or the counter-blockade going and just let it peter out over a couple of weeks and we're done. That's the smartest thing. I mean, the smartest thing the U.S. could have done is just not start this. So we're done with the smart things. We're doing what's the least dumb thing they could do right now. The least dumb thing would be just to let the blockade or the counter-blockade peter out and go away.

Unfortunately, I don't think they're going to do that. And Trump has a very bad problem with losing. You know, there's the sunk cost fallacy—sending good money after bad. You've got a bad project that's losing money, so people don't want to admit that they made a mistake, so they just throw more money into that project. It's the same concept here. The bad project was starting a war with Iran under a pretense, which was the same pretense—you know, oh, three days, four days max, it'll be over, we'll just kill the leadership. Well, you tried that in July of the previous year and it didn't work. Why do you think it's going to work this time? But they tried it anyway. Blind belief in your own—basically, arrogance and ignorance go hand in hand.

They tried it, they failed, and they're still looking at possibly trying again. You know, if we get the younger Khomeini, that'll be over. Well, no, it won't be over, because it'll be somebody new, and Iran will keep on fighting. Now, Israel has no choice after it's gone down the road it's gone down. The political side of Israel has no choice. The good thing about Israel, for all the damage it takes, is it has a nice backstop called the American tax sucker. The American serfs will be paying to rebuild Israel. Why can't you have good things in America? Because you've got to rebuild Israel.

Why do the Israelis have free medicine and free education and you don't? Get billy. But now we see, I mean, just how far this insanity is going. The Armed Forces finance bill, they've got Section 223, which would make Israel a direct part of the procurement and scientific research and weapons research of the Pentagon. Just understand, any weapons that are sold to Israel—and they're not sold, Israel is given credits. They're given four or five billion dollars in quote "credits." They can only spend those credits on American weapons. So the American government just does welfare for the American military-industrial sector by finding them a market and then paying out of pocket for them to produce weapons for that market. I mean, that's how the system is. This is all paid for. But it's still going at this moment. It's still going through the State Department.

So there is some amount of transparency. There's some amount of control of what they wanted to get and what they're getting. Now, if this bill gets passed, they're now an internal part of the American military machine. It'd be no different than some division commander putting in, "I need 10 more tanks." Netanyahu putting in, "I need 100 more tanks. Oh, and give me a nuclear submarine too, while you're at it." And it's all, of course, paid by the American taxpayer. Keep paying your taxes. This is where the money's going. Not for your schools, not for schools for your kids, but so Israel can continue doing this. And you will be rebuilding Israel too. I mean, that's the reality of it. Most people don't want to face that, but you will be the backstop that will rebuild Israel after all this is over, at your expense.

So, the problem for Israel and the U.S. is the U.S. military-industrial complex. The Americans were victims of their own success in the 90s, and they got a feeling of, yeah, we're supreme, we don't have to worry about it. We can make boutique, super expensive weapons that bring giant profit margins to the military-industrial complex that buys up senators almost as fast as the Israeli lobby does. It's all good. For a while, that was the reality of it. I mean, Iran was a pretty tame power, Russia was on its back feet, and so on. China was still rising. The U.S. was predominant, the super American fleets with the aircraft carriers, which were outdated already anyway. But you could project that image because, you know, look where the U.S. fought during those times — they bombed Yugoslavia.

They fought in Iraq. They grabbed pieces of Syria. They fought in Somalia, and not very successfully in Somalia. They sure killed a lot of civilians, but that's a different point. You know, plus how they bombed Libya, places like that. But now, fast forward another 10, 15 years, and, you know, you want to talk about defeating Russia. You can't defeat a regional power like Iran. You want to talk about defeating China, you can't defeat a regional power like Iran. All your great aircraft carriers, which, by the way, by U.S. law — which is a surprise to me, I missed that one — but there was a U. S. law passed that the U.S. has to maintain 11 carriers and 11 carrier groups. They can't afford it. They can barely maintain three to four at sea at any one time.

The rest are in dock. They're there, but they're under repairs or they're just not going out. No money. Not enough sailors. So, what do those aircraft carriers do? They run circles around in the Indian Ocean a thousand kilometers from Iran to keep themselves from being sunk. So where are your great weapon systems now? You build something like 30 or 40 Tomahawk missiles a month. They're supposed to triple production of Patriot PAC-3s. So you go from 60 to 180, and at least two missiles per target. So you go from 30 targets to 90 targets in a month. I mean, if you're just sitting there and the occasional missile comes your way once in a month or twice in a month or whatever, once a week, yeah, sure, you got plenty.

But in a high-intensity conflict, you've got nothing. You use up that production in one day. Then what? That's where we're at. The U.S. has no good options. But the U.S. doesn't know how to lose well either—just cut its losses and walk away, particularly people like Trump. So they'll do

something. They'll probably do something stupid. And then you've got the Israeli lobby, the owner-donor class, and their donor-owner class that are pushing for war, war, war. You know, how does Trump explain to the people that gave him, what, like 300 million dollars, that, "Well, you know, thanks, I'm done playing this game"? He's not. I very highly doubt that. They've got to have some really good dirt on him. Trump one didn't go down this line, but Trump two, you know, he went down this line.

Obama came out and said, you know, Netanyahu was constantly trying to get him to start a war. He said, hell no, I'm not insane. And he's been trying to do that forever. The last two American presidents that actually said no to Israel, and not just no, but actually forced the Israelis to comply, were Reagan and George Bush Sr. So the last time the Israelis were in Lebanon, Beirut was under Reagan. And Reagan called them up and said, get the hell out. And they got out. And then George Bush Sr., he cut off supplies to the Israelis. And they got really abiding real quick when that supply chain just got cut. But since then, Clinton, George Bush Jr., Obama, Trump, Biden, Trump too. It's just been ever more whatever you say, master, whatever you say.

Yeah, Masa, we'll give you what you want, Masa. You want some more 2,000-pound bombs to kill buildings full of women and children? Sure, Masa, here you go. Have some more 2,000-pound bombs. And, you know, the problem with the Israelis is the Internet. People see what they do. And like all the Nazis in history, they have this obsession with photographing their victims. They say, get off of it. I don't know. The Germans and the Hungarians and all did it in World War II. We see the Israelis doing the same thing. We've seen it done many times because I guess they're—I don't know why, what motivates you to photograph your victims and keep it, I guess, I don't know, to masturbate over.

I don't know. Actually, some people do that. I've known people that tell me what most happens to some of the more whacked-out people in places like Panama, et cetera. Actually, masturbating with photos of the people they killed gets them off. They're sick people. I mean, they're sick people. But it's great evidence in a court of law, if it ever gets there. But that's what we're dealing with. So, again, I don't see a good way out for the U.S. The problem for the U.S. is if, to put it crudely, it blows its load against Iran after two weeks or three weeks and has no standoff munitions, its negotiating position is going to be a whole hell of a lot worse than it is now.

Because what are you going to threaten me with? Oh, come on over, fly over Iran. Let's see how many of your planes get back, how many casualties you can suck up before the people start getting pissed. So if Trump starts shooting, that's his last card that he's playing. And after that, I don't know what the hell. The military apparently has already told Trump there's not going to be any nuclear weapons release, so don't even try. And apparently he tried. And if Pepe Escobar and Larry Johnson are right—and I was talking to Larry yesterday about it—and Iran has a nuclear weapon, or two nuclear weapons, or three nuclear weapons, and they blow one off in the desert, that changes the arithmetic totally.

Absolutely. What would it take to wipe out Israel as a land? One to two strikes. It's a small country. The fallout will do a lot of the damage. So I think that would change the arithmetic instantly. The bad part of it is the message that's been sent to the whole world: you want to be safe? Get nuclear weapons. The worst message you could possibly send. But every single country that has a possibility of it is looking at it and going, got it. Yep, we need nuclear weapons. And this is going to be a huge proliferation nightmare that the Americans and the Israelis have unleashed on the world.

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The situation for Donald Trump is still getting so much more complicated. We know that. How do you see the off-ramp for him to get out of the Middle East and start something against Cuba? Because that is in the background. And many people are arguing that may happen because, as you mentioned, Donald Trump doesn't want this war. This is not a winning war for Donald Trump.

#Stanislav

Well, I mean, like I said, his best off-ramp is to let the blockade go and let it fade out. Here's another moment: the U.S. doesn't come back to the Persian Gulf. Let's face reality—not in any meaningful form or shape. Those bases are destroyed. They continue to get hit. There was a report of 288 partially to fully destroyed and damaged buildings across these 13 bases, which pretty much is everything. The Fifth Fleet forward headquarters—yeah, apparently it's not going to be shifting to Israel. There's nothing left in Bahrain. That base is so damaged and destroyed, there's nothing in all these bases, nothing to be removed or sent to Israel. Well, the headquarters will go. I mean, the personnel and the computers and all that, that'll go.

#Nima

But do they have the capacity in Israel to bring all of these forces and these things in?

#Stanislav

Well, this isn't a huge amount of forces. I mean, this is a headquarters forward. You're talking a couple thousand people. Yeah, sure, they'll fit in Israel. But the point here is that, up until this moment, the U.S. and the Israelis have always maintained some degree of separation, so there is plausible deniability. There is no plausible deniability anymore. The U.S. is the number one backer of this rolling war crime, which makes the U.S. a party to the rolling war crime. There's no way of getting out of this. The U.S. is absolutely a party to the mass murder that's happening in Lebanon and Gaza and the West Bank and southern Syria.

I don't know how else to look at it. That's exactly how it is. And the U.S. standing globally is shit. It's absolute shit. Nobody trusts the U.S. Nobody would trust any deal signed with the U.S., let alone a verbal deal, because we've seen what happened when Iran signed a deal with Obama, and then

next year Trump comes in and just rips it up. That's it. So it's not worth the paper it's ever signed on. The U.S. negotiating ability is zero. Nobody trusts the U.S. They may accept Trump in as a tourist in a place like China, and they may humor him, but nobody's taking him seriously.

Nobody's seriously talking with him. The Chinese humored him in serious negotiations when Vladimir Vladimirovich arrived the following week. That was serious negotiation. With Trump, it was just, you know, an expensive tourist. They don't want him to do anything particularly stupid, but they're not going to discuss anything particularly serious with him either, because nobody can trust him. That's the whole United States government now. Who can trust the United States government? Nobody. Nobody in their right mind could ever trust the United States government right now. Not if they want to live.

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But after all, can't ISIS just leave the region and let Israel be in the situation they're in right now?

#Stanislav

Because we know that... Yeah, that's the question. That's the key question. Will they walk away from their donor-owner class? In the end, there's not much they can do to defend Israel. They're running out of everything. So, outside of nuclear weapons, there's not much they can do to defend Israel. And Israel is a rolling disaster. It's not going to stop. It's not. There's no viable peace party on the side of Israel. There's Netanyahu, and then there are people more psychotic than Netanyahu. I don't see a way out. The Americans have really written themselves into one big dead end. Or as the French say, cul-de-sac. You know, where do you go from there? I don't know. The best thing is to cut, eat, and run and get the hell out. But will they do that? Probably not. Take whatever the smartest move is and expect the stupidest move. Unfortunately, that's where I think we're at.

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They're merging the two militaries in Congress.

#Stanislav

Section two.

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To officialize what's going on, it's huge for the United States. And knowing what the agenda of Israel is, which is endless war, they're not going to be able to do that, so the United States is going to do that for them. The Americans are going to die for them.

#Stanislav

It's a question of how long before the U.S. Marines or the U.S. Army are sent to fight in Lebanon against Hezbollah. I could see that coming. I could absolutely see that coming. Israel is now being codified as an official parasite on the U.S. military and U.S. society in law. In law, it's now officially going to be the one state to rule them all. You know, it's not just the 51st state, it's the one state, and then it's going to be 50 states that are subservient. It's insane. If we all survive these next years, sometime in the next 100 years or so, historians are going to be looking at it going, holy crap, what were they thinking? And interestingly enough, which really boggles my mind, you know, there have been several articles out from the Israelis before that the West is dying, particularly America is dying.

We need to find a new sponsor, and we need to find a new body to suck off of. They're like, we'll go to India. And India seems to be all for it. Modi got a shiny new medal at the Knesset. He was really, really happy about that. But okay, so the U.S., you can see the connections. You've got the big lobbies, you've got the Christian Zionists. What's in it for India? India is about 6% Christian, and that's in the southwest, and they're Orthodox. They've got no Zionist thing going, so that's not a link. Most of the rest are either Hindus or Muslims. But they seem to be very hell-bent on being the next blood bank for the Israelis to feed off of. I don't know why. I mean, I just, I can't understand that. And they seem to be hell-bent on it.

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Yeah. Here is what Donald Trump said moments ago: Iran's new leader is a great guy, probably a professional person and very well-respected. He said the other day he's going to meet him. I don't know what he's going to get by these sorts of arguments and why he needs to do that. But he's just making things up. And people are laughing at what Donald Trump is saying in the United States, in Iran, saying, what is happening there?

#Stanislav

You know, he is obviously a man who's in love with himself. And it's on the level of a sociopath. And he just makes up crap and believes it. Or maybe he doesn't believe it. But I served under a pathological liar once. I was an enlisted guy. It was when I first started in the military. I was enlisted. I had a buck sergeant who was over me who was a pathological liar. And man, you know, pathological liars, if you've never been around them, the reason they will pass any lie detector test—no matter what stupid crap comes out of their mouth—they will always pass because they believe it. Pathological liars believe all the crap that they spew out as if it was God's own truth. You cannot tell them this is bullshit. Hey, no, no, no, you've got a guy that's a meter sixty in height or so talking about how he can bench 200 kilos.

And you can't—literally, the sergeant was saying this—you cannot persuade him that, no, you're not going to bench 200 kilos. Sorry, buddy, your scrawny little arms aren't going to pull that up. And when he tries and he fails, he starts making excuses: oh, the weights were really much heavier, or the wind was blowing in the wrong direction, or I've got indigestion, or some other crap. They cannot face reality. And you're looking at possibly a pathological liar who believes his own crap. The only thing is, he keeps changing his position, so there may be a good bit of dementia already walking into that hothouse in his head. I mean, today he's a really good guy. Tomorrow he's the bastard of Iran. The next day he's an alien that came down here in human skin.

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God only knows what's going to come out of Donald Trump's mouth.

#Stanislav

You know, and look, you know, two weeks ago it was my new plan to end this war, and everybody has to sign the Abraham Accords. What? What the hell has that got to do with the Iran conflict? You're telling your Arab allies, who, by the way, you betrayed because you really couldn't protect them, that, oh, by the way, you need to sign the Abraham Accords or Iran's going to whack you. We're going to make sure that Iran has to whack you. I mean, this is the insanity we live in. You've got to humor this guy just to make sure he doesn't do something extremely stupid. He'll do something stupid. And all the groupies he's got, you know, the majority of actual MAGA—the Make America Great Again, the America First crowd—they've left.

They left because Trump has just broken every single promise he had. The people that have left are groupies. They're sect members. They're true believers. Trump's playing 59-dimensional chess. He's really playing one-dimensional tic-tac-toe. Try to figure that one out. So that's the reality of what we're facing with this guy. So I don't know. I don't know what can be done. There is no good way out, and Israel is getting ever more entrenched. If this law passes, then whatever sovereignty the U. S. had over its own systems is gone, which, by the way, means Israel would now have access to all American military secrets. I love that. It's incredible. It's probably the first ever in human history.

#Nima

You know, the problem, I think, in West Asia is nobody in the United States seems to accept that the whole reason for these sorts of wars that are happening is the case of Palestine. And if they put an end to that problem, we're not going to have any sort of fight between Israel and Palestine. There has to be some sort of solution. Israel, this way that they're continuing, they cannot survive this, in my opinion, as time goes by. The United States did everything they could do for Israel. The last one

was this attack on Iran. What else can they do for Israel? And how can Israel survive these continuous fights, this continuous war in the Middle East? They're talking about the next target being Turkey and Egypt. And how prepared are they going to be?

Because if you pick a fight with Turkey and Egypt, and together with Iran, and the war with Iran is not over, it's going to continue, in my opinion. As long as they have their attack in Lebanon, they're going to have this war between Israel and Iran. They crossed all red lines in West Asia. That's why Iran is just feeling so comfortable with these attacks on Israel. They can attack Israel at any moment. That's why they announced yesterday, the foreign minister of Iran saying officially, posting that Iran is going to attack Israel as soon as they perceive that Israel is attacking Dahieh in Beirut, for example. And here is what, coming back to the main problem, which is Palestine, here is what PLO said today about Palestine.

#Speaker 03

Currently, against the backdrop of the events taking place around Iran and the Strait of Hormuz, we've forgotten about the tragedy of Palestine, but it is still there. It is still there. And the president of Egypt has always made a great contribution, trying to find a just settlement for the problems related to Palestine. And naturally, I would like to emphasize that the Russian Federation believes the fundamental solution to this issue is the establishment of a full-fledged Palestinian state.

#Nima

Yeah. The problem with the Palestinians is that Israel is not going to withdraw from the West Bank. They're not going to give up East Jerusalem. You know, these guys are talking about capturing the southern part of Lebanon, the southern part of Syria. I don't know if we can continue with this concept of a two-state solution. This is getting so unrealistic, in my opinion, because Israel is not going to withdraw from the West Bank. That's not going to happen. Simply, that's the main reason it's not going to happen.

#Stanislav

Israel will have to be forced to withdraw in one way or another, whether by military intervention or because the casualties are just so heavy and hard that they can't take it anymore. A collapse inside Israeli society and government. That's the only way. You know, you get these settlers. I mean, mostly these settlers are coming from the U.S. So you got somebody that comes across the entire world to go steal the house of somebody else. That's a special kind of person. The settlers that were buying or renting barges, tour barges, and they're all getting on there with their little children, and they're floating down the coast of Gaza at night as Gaza is being bombed.

And they're telling their kids, hey, this is where you're going to live as soon as we kill these non-people there. And they videotaped themselves. I watched the videotapes of them saying this. They

videotaped themselves, and they put it out, and they share it with their friends and colleagues. And it gets on the Internet, you know. I mean, this is what you're dealing with. You're dealing with quite literally sociopaths. That's a small nation that's gone absolutely insane. But you know, there's this Jewish movement, Jewish Zionist movement called Chabad. It's the religious side of Zionism. Started in the southwest of the Russian Empire, which is now southwest Ukraine.

And I don't know, again, if Netanyahu actually believes this, but one of the big rabbis of the Chabad movement told Netanyahu before he went to the Knesset, before he became a politician or was just starting, that he was the chosen one and he would hand over the flag of Israel to the Messiah, who was going to come and destroy all of Israel's enemies and create the big empire from the river to the river. So whether or not Netanyahu—and he told Netanyahu he'd be prime minister—whether or not Netanyahu believes that or not, I don't know. I hope he's not that insane to believe some of that. But this movement believes that Israel has to be on the brink of annihilation to force God to come and wipe out all their enemies.

So this is like saying the Germans are defending Berlin, but we're going to keep defending because any moment now, any moment now, God's going to come down there and strike down the whole Red Army. I mean, that's the level of insanity that you're looking at at this point. If they actually believe that—I mean, the Chabad guys do—but if the others in power believe that, then we have a very big problem on our hands. We already have a big problem on our hands. We have a bigger problem on our hands. Because the psychopaths also have around 90 nuclear devices. At what point do they do the Samson option when all is lost and just nuke everybody? I mean, they threaten to nuke America. They threaten to nuke Western Europe.

Just for proportion's sake, they've quite literally threatened to nuke America. You know, the MAGA crowd there is afraid that the Soviet Union is going to nuke them. They're really that stupid, some of these people. And they should be worried about their Israeli pseudo-ally, since America doesn't have a single document of alliance signed with Israel. By the way, if a war breaks out between Israel and Turkey, that's going to be very interesting because the U.S. has a lot of alliance documents signed with Turkey as part of NATO. Which way America is going to go? And we pretty much don't know which way it's going to go. But these are the people we're dealing with. And, I mean, you've got people like the woman with very unfortunate looks, Laura Loomer, who, you know, can and so on, is in Russia right now. And then Tucker Carlson was in Russia.

And since they don't support Israel and its genocidal activities, she's now labeled them as Islamic communists. Because they went to Russia, and Russia's still a communist state. Carrier pigeon apparently really slowly flies, living 35 years. But it would be funny if she didn't have access to Trump. She got quite a bit of a security team fired after a half-hour meeting with Trump in the Oval Office. So if this was just some whacked-out podcast or something like that, it's like, yeah, whatever. You know, woman of very unfortunate looks has a big chip on her shoulder and she's nuts. Okay, no

big deal. But this is a woman with unfortunate looks, with a big chip on her shoulder, that can go into the White House and talk to the president and woo him with her unfortunate looks and get him to fire people in his own team and so on.

She's nobody, but she is somebody. When these are the types of people that have access to the President of the United States of America and can directly influence—well, I mean, look, in Trump's own words, the Adelsons, in his first, you know, when Miriam Adelson's husband was alive, in Trump's first session, they'd walk in and go see the president and discuss things about Israel for a couple of hours. Do you realize how much power these people have? You try to go and see the President of the United States if you're an American citizen. Yeah, right. Maybe once in a million years you'll get through as part of some special project. He'll bring some people in and say, "There's the president signing something." You know, the reality. But these people walk in when they want to walk in.

#Nima

Yeah.

#Stanislav

So why are we surprised by any of this?

#Nima

He said it. He said it about Sheldon Adelson and his wife — every time they wanted to see him, he would go there.

#Stanislav

And then she said, "I'll give you another \$250 million for your third term." And then he said, "Yeah, we've got lawyers working on that one to allow him a third consecutive term." So, yeah.

#Speaker 03

And then the whole crowd started chanting, "Third term, third term, third term."

#Stanislav

Yep. That's the groupies.

#Nima

Wow. Yeah. Thank you. Thank you, Stanislav, for being with us today. Great pleasure, as always. Always a pleasure. Same, same. See you soon.