

Iran's Missiles HUMILIATE US Navy, IMMINENT Strike on Israel Next | Andrei Martyanov

Geopolitical analyst Andrei Martyanov joins the show to break down new revelations on the status of the USS Gerald Ford as Iran forces what's left of the US Navy back to the Indian Ocean with missile strikes. Top Iranian military leaders are also warning a strike on Israel could be imminent as the Netanyahu-led colony continues to cross Tehran's red line on Lebanon. Don't miss this must watch show! Andrei's channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@UCjxgKuAiHatLO-YskZU6PQQ> Andrei's blog: <https://smoothiex12.blogspot.com/> Support the Channel: Patreon: <https://www.patreon.com/dannyhaiphong> SUBSCRIBE ON RUMBLE: Rumble: <https://rumble.com/c/DannyHaiphong> Follow Me on Social Media: Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DannyHaiphong> Telegram: <https://t.me/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>

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Welcome, everyone. Welcome back to the show. It's your host, Danny Haiphong. As you can see, I am joined by geopolitical analyst, prolific author, and all-around friend of the show, Andrei Martyanov. Andrei, good to see you again.

#Andrei Martyanov

My pleasure.

#Danny

Everyone, hit the like button. That helps boost the show in YouTube's algorithm, and it would be very much appreciated. All right, Andrei, so I usually start these off with just the latest developments on the war front. And first, I want to pull up that Iran has announced that it has fired warning shots at two U.S. destroyers, the USS Truxton and the USS Mason, forcing them to flee the Sea of Oman toward the Indian Ocean. CENTCOM, predictably, has said that nothing of the sort has occurred. This has been a pattern where we see CENTCOM deny everything that Iran does and say nothing exactly happens.

But I wanted to first... You know, it seems like one humiliation, a long string of them. And you're really an expert on the fallibility and/or effectiveness of these weapons, Andrei. Help me understand

why it is that even to this point, where the U.S. has been waging this blockade for months now and, of course, this war for months now, these destroyers can't seem to make their way anywhere close to Iran, let alone the Persian Gulf itself. What's going on here? Why are these warships so vulnerable?

#Andrei Martyanov

Well, there are a number of issues here with the overall approach of the U.S. Navy to building itself and its operations. And one of them is very expensive ships with very ineffective air defense. American air defense in general is not effective. We saw how it works, or rather doesn't work, during the times of active combat recently between Iran and Israel, which also operates primarily American air defense. And when you have something like the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, which is the older ones, around probably \$1 billion to some million, but slightly above 1 billion, the latest ones can run you almost 2 billion a pop. They are equipped with the SPY-6 radar.

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Active phased array radar. And they have the combat control system called Aegis. And they have only two weapons to defend themselves in terms of air defense that are really even remotely effective. This is, of course, the SM-6, which they carry loaded in the MK-41 vertical launch systems, and, of course, the Sea Sparrows. When I'm talking about the SM-3, they are completely not designed for any kind of air or surface combat. And so what you have is very ineffective air defense. They can shoot down one, maybe two anti-ship missiles, granted that they are subsonic. But if you have a salvo, which obviously could be anywhere between four, six, to eight, the air defense is not going to handle it.

You will have the so-called leaker, at least one of the missiles, which is gonna hit the ship. And considering what modern anti-ship missiles are, such as Iranian ones—and these are not, some of them are not light, they are medium-sized missiles—the damage could be very serious, if not catastrophic, if they are lucky in terms of their shot. And that takes the whole ship out of operation immediately. You can have casualties as well. Enough to remember the situation with the Stark, you know, during the first Gulf War, and the time, you know, basically the approach to it. You have the, well, the Cole, you know, USS Cole, which had been attacked, though not by a drone. Not a drone, really.

It was a suicide mission. So once you have this and you have casualties, the United States is extremely sensitive to its own casualties. That is why they constantly have to lie, to say that, yeah, we are nothing. No, yeah, sure. And once you have this situation, you immediately have not only a military—well, serious issue, let's put it this way, operational—because you take the whole hull out of operation, but you have all of the American weaponry, because of their, you know, shameless, you

know, bragging, which of course was never based on any reality by the U.S. military-industrial complex, about how good they are. You have a heavy reputation hit, basically being loaded to those weapons.

So when you lose the destroyer, even if it's damaged, not sunk, it's a humongous reputational hit. And again, for propaganda, which is the, you know, that's why they call it the military-industrial-congressional-media complex. For this propaganda, which constantly talks about some kind of finest fighting force in history or those incredible weapons, mostly through Hollywood, basically, they are not good, to put it mildly. They still can do damage, obviously. You have the situation, and it becomes political because, you know, they brainwash constantly, those legacy media, they start asking questions. Hey, we thought it's like Top Gun: Maverick, you know, you fly the aircraft, kill those bad guys, and go to Disneyland. Oh, it's Hot Shots, I'm sorry. So, and what do you expect?

You cannot tell people the truth, because most people don't understand the level of catastrophe NATO, unified NATO, headed by the United States, sustained in Ukraine. You just can't tell the truth. They need to lie constantly. And now you have the situation with Iran, and that tells you everything about the low professional level of the operational strategic planners in the Pentagon, which has been known for a while now. And you have the vulnerability, and you have very expensive toys which you cannot lose. It's called risk aversion and risk avoidance. These are the full-blown established patterns of operation of the U.S. Navy and U.S. military, and that is why this whole concept came to a dead end—an operational dead end—and it's completely bankrupt. And that's what we observed.

#Danny

Yeah. And as I said earlier, Andrei, this is one in a kind of long string of humiliations. And I want to bring this up. I don't know if you saw CNN's exclusive video. Very, very brief video here. I'm just going to rewind it to the beginning. Just 15 seconds long. But CNN released a video of the USS Gerald Ford. Now, as the audience may know, the USS Gerald Ford is out of the field. It is now back in the United States, docked because, ostensibly, a laundry fire—I know you know this story, Andrei—a laundry fire ignited on the biggest aircraft carrier in the world and made it essentially inoperable.

Here are the photos of what it looked like inside after this quote-unquote laundry fire. Just massive damage done to this ship. It looked like, if it's a fire, there were many things malfunctioning at that time, Andrei. But what's your thoughts? Was this a laundry fire, Andrei, or is this something more? Did this thing get hit by Iran, and is this a cover story? What do you make of just those? That video is very brief. They obviously didn't want to show too much, but what's your thoughts on that?

#Andrei Martyanov

Yeah, I don't need to see the video. I saw the first videos that came out, and the only number I cared about was 30 hours. You fight the fire for 30 hours—the famous, you know, Forrestal fire was 14 hours a day, and that was a catastrophe. So Ford is back to port. It will be put into dock, and essentially this will be rebuilt from the ground up. And I mean it literally. The flight deck will be completely rebuilt, which is a multi-billion-dollar undertaking. They will remove this allegedly top-notch, you know, two-band radar, which evidently doesn't work. They will install now just the standard SPY-6 radar, which actually destroyers of the Arleigh Burke class carry. So there's something there, obviously. I don't know—30 hours of fire. Granted, if they say now that what is called the sprinkler system—well, it's more complex than a sprinkler—is that... so...

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Something happened there. What? I don't know. A 30-hour-long fire, and the firefighting system didn't turn on. So, yeah, it's probably not a good sign for a ship of this class. And again, it is known now what's going to happen to it, to her ship. In the dock and in the shipyard, it's going to be essentially rebuilt anew. Their sewer system—what it's called, it's called a fan system in there. This has nothing to do with a fan. In the ship, their sewage is horrible.

Obviously, they used, like, 50-millimeter radius—the diameter—pipes. It's just, like, really... so there's a lot wrong with this ship. And so it is already 13.5 billion, so it's going to run into many more billions just to rebuild it, especially when you consider the fact that they won't now have this deck handling the F-35B, which of course has a very hot exhaust—yeah, unlike it is with F-18s. And so it's just the wrong ship, to put it mildly. It's such a cluster coitus in every single respect that at this stage it doesn't matter if it was hit, which could have happened, but they will be using all kinds of cover stories until some whistleblower comes out and says, "Okay, that's what really happened." But evidently, their fire—again, 30 hours. At the same time, if your firefighting system is off, which is another issue—who really was making those firefighting systems, you know—yeah, you are in a deep pickle, really.

And so that's what happened. And this is an embarrassment, actually. A lot of people cannot say that. And again, as with the destroyers, you cannot really risk those expensive and reputation-heavy assets, because it takes one hit, it takes one, it takes one probably \$1 million anti-ship missile to put it out of commission. The thing is, well, because they love to talk about prices—a \$1.5 billion destroyer, which carries 96 cells, half of which are loaded with those Tomahawk land-attack missiles. So yeah, it's a catch-22.

They build up this top-heavy, extremely expensive set of toys, with some of the critical capabilities, such as air defense, being not what it's always sold as, so to speak, to the world. It's not very effective. So then suddenly, what are you going to do when the real call comes in and you need to allegedly provide support, which the United States doesn't have real ground forces for? You can try to do something like, what, launch missiles? That's about it. Okay, you can conduct some kind of

operations, including escort or interdiction operations there, but you're constantly under the eye of Iranian shore-based batteries. And again, the worst-case scenario for them is the fact that—this is not confirmed, I don't know if it's true—but if Russia sold Onyx missiles to Iran, that's bad news for the U.S. Navy.

#Danny

Hmm. Yeah, well, you know, it's been bad news, it seems, all around for the United States. I don't know if you've caught Donald Trump recently. He has been a lot more timid, even just in his public-facing stance on Iran. You know, Iran hit Kuwait. Iran has been keeping its promises. The U.S. pinprick strikes on Qeshm Island. Iran hits Kuwait. Then the Fifth Fleet again in Bahrain, whatever's left of that. And what's happened since then is that now Iran is saying that they are ready to strike Israel again if Israel decides on its operations in Beirut. Now, yeah, if they strike Beirut, I mean, they are bombing Lebanon, but there is this understanding that if they go farther into the nation's capital, Iran will hit them back.

And so my question to you, Andre, can you help us understand the balance of forces in these back-and-forth strikes so far? Because it seems like the United States has been engaging with Iran in a very, what they call, limited manner. They even go so far as to say that it doesn't violate the ceasefire. And then Iran seemingly hits a little harder, and then a little harder. But how do we understand this? And should Israel be concerned should they cross that red line? Because it seems like they have no interest, of course, in meeting the demand of Iran to stop the war altogether.

#Andrei Martyanov

Israel is run by criminals, essentially, all criminals. As Axios reported, we all know what happened. They went into a profanity and shouting match. But then again, listen, Trump is not the man who can control anything. He is a narcissist, very hollow, doesn't understand the first thing about war. It's all about—his administration is infested with Zionists. So it doesn't matter what Trump says.

There was this very interesting information coming from Pepe Escobar and Larry Johnson that essentially, uh, Trump knows now that Iran has a nuclear weapon. So, and I don't know how true it is, I'm just saying that this is one of the things which is, you know, being circulated right now. And let me put it this way: if I were Iranian, uh, yeah, I would make sure that they have the nuclear weapon, okay? For Israel, it's really nothing more than a collection of punitive battalions, and they have no real military capacity, as they have been humiliated militarily in southern Lebanon. And so, what can I say? They lost the war, simple as that. And they are now doing the only thing the United States was able to do together with Israel—to do the propaganda, grandiose statements, shaking the air with whatever they find promising or expedient at any given moment.

Basically, strategically, the United States lost, and it's lost actually militarily. It doesn't have resources to fight, neither does Israel, while obviously Iran retains practically full capability to deliver

air. I mean, Iran can essentially turn Israel into a parking lot without any nuclear weapons, simple as that. And that's their reality, and there's nothing they can do with it. Also, how the so-called air defense works, which is, I mean, you know, it's an embarrassment, it's ridiculous. And so yeah, that's what is happening there. And the balance of power—what balance of power? There is no balance of power. The only thing the United States has, that means Israel.

Israel is a subdivision of the U.S. Air Force, essentially, or rather the other way around. The U.S. Air Force is, you know, commanded by Israel, and they do their bidding. Essentially, the only thing they can do is take off, fly in, launch something, and then go back trying to escape the air defense. And so that's the only thing. And yeah, the world saw it. The only thing they have, as I already stated, is this media complex, the spin doctors, which is human trash that essentially goes into this profession. And so they spin it in some way that the United States has any kind of control of the situation.

It does not. It is being dictated the conditions. It's as simple as that. They call it case 22. Trump and his administration are cornered. They're at a dead end. They have no way out. And this is the result of them being an utterly incompetent bunch of amateurs with degrees in law and whatever the hell else. And, you know, you look at the Trump foreign policy—it's insanity, you know, and what can I say? They wanted it, they got it. So, you know, obviously, Mr. Trump thinks that he's a great strategist. He's not. He's a showman. He's a real estate shyster from New York, and he never graduated any further from that.

#Danny

Good points, Andre. And it's the reason why Iran—because, you know, Iran has made good on its threats. And it is not inconceivable to think that Iran will strike Israel if Israel continues to move forward. But you said that Iran has the ability to turn Israel into a parking lot. Now, much of the world is very sick of Israel, Andre, as you know. What are the considerations for Iran not doing this? Is it because that would lead to some kind of nuclear standoff, whether Iran has the bomb or doesn't have the bomb? We know how valuable Israel is to the United States. Is this why Iran doesn't simply make good on the nightmare that Israelis have been thinking about for so long—Iran wiping it off the map, so to speak?

#Andrei Martyanov

Well, first, Israel is not valuable for the United States. It's a parasitic country. It is valuable for the 57, you know, fanatical so-called Christian Zionists. They're not Christians. They are Zionists. They just cover themselves with this idiotic pseudo-Christian rhetoric and the heresy of the Scofield Bible. But Israel is one of the major reasons why the United States finds itself in this pickle today. And it's bankrupt, it's humiliated all over the place, and it's absolutely militarily impotent. So the only thing the United States has is, obviously, nuclear weapons. That's the only thing.

And so... well, but the Israeli lobby, AIPAC and CUFI, whatever, Christians United for Israel, all that, they keep this basically destructive connection between the United States and Israel alive because Israel, in and of itself, the only thing they have are those undeclared nuclear weapons. And they have, obviously, some option, which of course they know, as they say, you know what, if we're going to disappear, you know what, we will go all out and hit everybody. So, well, sure, I mean, that's what they are good at only, you know. The rest of it, they are not good militarily. Once they are faced with an enemy which is well organized, disciplined, well trained, and has the means to strike back, they fold immediately. And again, many people don't understand they essentially lost, in terms of armor, in South Lebanon, something of the equivalent of a couple of armored brigades. Many people don't even understand, and again, it's difficult to explain to a public which, you know, is basically brainwashed with legacy media, what is happening. That's why they are actually only good at committing atrocity and genocide. As a fighting force, they are second rate. And so Hezbollah actually showed who they are, and all those wanted, rather not wanted—yeah, it's just promoted by the media systems like Iron Dome.

It's useless. It's incompetent. You know, it's absolutely ineffective against modern weaponry and the operations, how they are designed. In terms of what essentially Hezbollah has done, it's suppression of the enemy air defense by very limited means. And it's not just drones; now you have those ballistic missiles, which are, you know, they're tactical ballistic missiles hitting the northern Israeli towns. And so, yeah, that will continue. And what can I say?

Until Israel either dissipates itself because they committed atrocity and genocide, which nobody who has any morality in them—except for Washington, Washington, D.C.—they don't have morality. So they will forgive them because it's their client state, essentially. And no matter how they try using their lobbies and, you know, all kinds of the diaspora, they probably will dissipate at some point in time and cease to exist because essentially everybody sees now what they represent politically, morally—or rather, the lack thereof—ideologically and economically. Economically, it's a pipsqueak.

They have some industries, obviously, but all this is, as always, promotion of the Israeli, some kind of incredible qualities. Most of it, they are totally dependent on the United States, which provides \$18 billion a year, essentially. Well, essentially, they built most of it for Israel. Look at the IDF, Israeli Defense Force, table of equipment. Most of it is American. I mean, yeah, they have this Merkava, some APCs, you know, some small arms and things like that. They get parts of electronics and things like that. Look at this. I mean, the Air Force—what is the Israeli Air Force? It's the U.S. Air Force.

It's all American-made, from F-15s to F-16s to F-35s. It's all American. It's the most expensive pieces of equipment there. Look at their air defense—all those, you know, Hats, you know, David's Sling—what are they? They are Raytheon and Boeing, okay? So, and you look at this—without the United States, they are nobody. The only thing they have is the nuclear weapons. And so it is just due to the Arabs' utter incompetence and cowardice, and the corruption of their elite, that Israel is

still alive as a state. Simple as that. They are surrounded by people who are even less competent than they are, and as a result, so, um, you know, it's gonna take some time, but I think Israeli society already killed itself. It will decompose eventually, because you cannot live after what you committed.

You know, you come out on the other side completely screwed up, like the Germans did, you know, who are, you know, there are all kinds of social anomalies and cultural anomalies which are already happening there. So what can I say? Now they even refuse their services in Europe to Israelis. That's how bad it has become, you know, so.

#Danny

Yeah, well, certainly being a colony and complete and utter, you know, just a rampage, a genocidal rampage. That's certainly an anomaly, Andre, that, as you said, cannot last forever. Let me play—you may despise this figure because he represents exactly who you talk about oftentimes, these, you know, Ivy-educated yet totally uneducated masters of war in the United States. Here's Leon Panetta, former CIA director and U.S. Department of Defense head under Obama. So people may know that under Obama, essentially everybody did everything, and it was just a bunch of neocons going through their own revolving doors within the administration. So here you have a former CIA director and Department of Defense head. Here's what he had to say, though. It's not a rosy picture that he's painting with regard to Iran.

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I think what you're seeing is that this war is very much turning into Trump's Vietnam. In Vietnam, we negotiated, but in the end, the North Vietnamese basically took total control. We were lucky to get our forces out. I think we're heading in the same direction with this war.

#CNN News 2

You are describing a grave mistake that ends in a quagmire, then. Is that right? Yes.

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Exactly. Exactly. I think, you know, in the end, as long as we have a hardline regime in Iran that cannot be trusted, whatever you work out, for example, on the Strait of Hormuz is going to be temporary at best because Iran remains in control of the Strait of Hormuz. And if you're trying to work out some kind of nuclear agreement based on the word of the hardline regime, they cannot be trusted. You're going to have to develop a verification process to really make sure that they're abiding by limits on enrichment. And that process hasn't even begun yet.

#Danny

So, not a rosy picture, but this whole idea that Iran can't be trusted is so interesting. The United States has thousands of nuclear weapons already, and its foreign policy record is surely the definition of untrustworthy. Your thoughts?

#Andrei Martyanov

Well, I mean, Obama is one of the worst, and his administration is one of the worst in American history, only superseded by Trump and Biden. If you look at this whole string of the so-called U.S. presidents, starting from Bill Clinton, you can see for yourself the complete degeneration of American strategic thought, which never was first-rate to start with. And you have diplomacy basically ceasing to exist as a craft, statecraft in the United States, because when you look at who runs the State Department and who they are, I mean, this is pathetic, really. It's third world, essentially. But yeah, they have to go out and say something. They're primitive minds. They're very feeble. And listen, to expect from some Washington bureaucrat with a degree in whatever—political science, or law—to be like, oh yeah, CIA director, and all those credentialed idiots.

But he is not incorrect in saying about a quagmire, but it's not a quagmire. The United States has been defeated militarily, and it's just a matter of the arrangement now. And Trump, well, he might be an idiot, but he obviously senses that, judging by his hysteria when, in the talk with Netanyahu, which has become known to all of us, he understands that he didn't just screw up, he betrayed his own country, okay? Because he made this—his country, which in itself is filled with problems—he delivered nothing on anything except for his buddies who made, you know what, made themselves rich on insider trading and the manipulation with the market, and again, not the real market, only with the futures of the oil. And it's a complete disaster, a catastrophe. And again, it doesn't matter. People do not understand.

The United States doesn't have resources. It really never had. But this time it will be exposed for even attempting to get into, you know, Iran on the ground. And even if the United States reinstates the draft, which itself will be the end of the United States, that whole thing, even if the United States somehow drafts, you know, whatever, a million or whatever personnel, it's not enough to get into Iran and do something or achieve any political objective. Because there, the price, the cost will be catastrophic. It will make Iran—I mean, Vietnam—look like a stroll in the park, like a, you know what, weekend picnic. And so, some people understand it. Trump only now, evidently, he got the message, you know. And again, the United States is an absolutely casualty-averse society. It was always about hiding, covering up, playing with that.

And it never recovers from the Vietnam syndrome, which in itself, if you take a look at the level of the casualties, we should not have sustained. And in terms of the KIAs, which were 56,000 over a 10-year period, I mean, it's by no means catastrophic. I mean, it's horrible. It's always bad when you kill a soldier and get lost. But in reality, combat losses were only 41%. Then there was this whole, so to speak, mythology created around Vietnam.

But in reality, the bulk of the main number, so to speak, of casualties wasn't taken by the United States in Vietnam. It was ARVN. It was the South Vietnamese Army, which sustained 1.3 million casualties with more than 350,000 KIAs. Of course, they said that they couldn't fight. Oh, of course, yeah. But the point is that it all came to a head. I warned about it for the last 12 years. It was the society essentially in the mythology built around this—Al Bundy's four touchdowns from Married with Children—when they beat the crap out of their third-rate, retarded Saddam's army. And they, oh my God, look at this.

You just beat a five-year-old kid. Everybody expects you to win, you know. But they, for some reason, decided that this is the only, essentially, lesson they can draw from it. Then, of course, the whole history of World War II has been rewritten, including, by the way, the participation of the German generals such as Gerd von Manstein or Hausser, who were official employees of the U.S. Army Department of History. And they say, oh yeah, we defeated everybody, we are the winners. With their historical, military-historical approach like that, and military doctrinal thinking, or rather lack thereof, which is happening in the United States.

You're not going to win anything. And this is the thing I warned about. I remember when this book came out, it created a rather interesting splash. I'm talking about my first book in 2018, that the United States is not a force actually designed to fight a real war. It's an expeditionary force that actually fights somewhere else in some third-rate, third-world, you know, crap hole. And that's about it. In terms of—you saw yourself what happened. You saw it's these totally obsolete doctrinal and operational concepts. And of course, technology which doesn't work.

#Danny

Andre, you know, I think this is being seen very clearly when it comes to—if we just look at, you know, you said yourself, and I agree with you 100 percent—Israel's military, its toys are built off the backs of the United States. The United States provides these things, and that's why Israel has them. They can't stop these FPV drones, and I've been hearing about this almost every single day all over social media. Mainstream media is even covering it. What are these FPV drones? Why are they so troublesome? They don't seem to be very expensive, and they don't seem to be very difficult to build. Why are they causing Israel so many problems? Because Israel has a multi-billion-dollar military backed by the United States.

#Andrei Martyanov

Well, it's those multi-billions of dollars that are worthless against the specific tactical and operational requirements, you know, against the background. You can have whatever the hell you have, this David's Sling, you know, or Iron Dome thing, which is designed to fight actually the regular ballistic targets. Once the ballistic target suddenly begins to fly on a depressed ballistic trajectory and begins to maneuver, that's a whole other story. And then you have drones. For drones, you need to have things such as—well, only Russia has them—it's called integrated air defense, and it has some

systems such as, obviously, TOR-M1, TOR-M2. It has the Pantsir-S1, which are extremely effective against those drones.

And you have to have what is called mobile fire groups, which also have the ability to actually use the AAA system—anti-aircraft artillery—to engage those drones, apart from the complex of other systems, which are, of course, the suppression of the optical-electronic channels of the drones and, of course, electronic warfare. It's a completely different system. Neither the United States nor Israel have it. And as a result, you can see yourself, they penetrate—those drones, inexpensive FPV drones—they stick on them the head of the RPG-7, which is the tandem charge, and they kill all those things there. And they don't even know how to build proper screens for the tanks, for example. Russians know how to build it.

That is why Russian tanks are continuing to increase in numbers, and they operate almost freely. You have the special ability to establish screens, which can take one T-90 Emperor of Russia—recently, well documented—took 47 hits from Ukrainian drones and continued moving until it hit an anti-tank mine, and then, yeah, one of the tracks got detached. You have to have this absolutely, totally different view on warfare. Neither the Pentagon nor, let alone, Israel have it. And even the introduction of such things as we saw ourselves—more effective ballistic missiles, not some kind of Katyusha rockets made out of sewage pipes as it was happening before. And then you suddenly have pretty sophisticated, well, you know, high-accuracy and even maneuvering ballistics from Iran. And guess what? This air defense, you know, completely collapses in Israel. And so it goes for those 16 U.S. bases in the Middle East, which are gone now. They are not operational.

Essentially, Iran evicted the United States from the region. And so let's recall what happened with those three out of eight available THAAD anti-missile complexes. Three of them were destroyed by what? By drones. So they just don't understand what air defense is. The American idea of air defense was always this: oh yeah, we get the E-3 Sentry into the air, we get all those F-16s, you know, F-15s. Oh yeah, this AWACS thing. Oh, here we have missiles flying. Okay, let's go and shoot them down. And then we have the Patriots, which do not work, you know, and they kind of mop up the rest of it. Hooray, this is our air defense. This is a World War II concept of warfare.

And the United States, together with the United States Navy, are affected by World War II thinking because they learned absolutely nothing from World War II. They learned that, oh yeah, we came in, you know, in 1944 and we won all of it, you know. Sure, yeah, the Red Army, yeah, they defeated 80%. This is what happens. This is what happens when you produce the core of the thinkers, which is driven by a lack of any serious engineering and tactical and operational knowledge and operates on what we know is garbage in, garbage out. They cannot get... Listen, they still believe the BS which Ukraine supplies to the Pentagon in copious amounts. And so they believe that, yeah, Ukraine is about to win. So what can I say?

#Danny

Yeah, well, speaking of that, Andre, how about we pull up our favorite Qatari Western—basically Western—propaganda when it comes to this conflict. We're seeing... oh, this is not even... I don't know if this is the right article. Anyway, let me just pull this out for a second. Al Jazeera is reporting that Ukraine has been slowing down Russia on the front lines, but—and this is kind of a worry, I believe, for the entirety of the West—it can't slow down its ballistic missiles. And we've seen a number now of strikes that Russia has engaged in over the last couple of weeks, including the big one, where 23 people were reported killed in that one.

And I believe there were at least a half dozen Zircon missiles that were used there. So help us understand what exactly Russia is unleashing on Ukraine now via the air, Kyiv in particular, and maybe help us understand also this odd dynamic of Russia having this massive firepower. A couple of weeks ago they used the Kinzhal missile again, yet the mainstream media keeps saying that on the battlefield, Russia has been slowed, if not pushed back. Is any of this true? And help us understand the reality.

#Andrei Martyanov

Average Western journalist is a war criminal and a lying sack of excrement. Simple as that. The editorial boards, again, Western world, and especially Europe, they don't have free media. If you look at those CNNs, Washington Post, the New York Times, or let alone UK media, these are propaganda gibberstonian machines. For example, a number of them are controlled by the CIA. I don't remember which one, the Washington Post or the New York Times—one of those two is CIA. For example, there are obviously The Economist and Financial Times, outright MI6 operations. So they lie. They are covered because they hide behind, you know, civilians and behind the backs of their enemies—cannon fodder of Ukraine. So they lie.

And now, when Russia already essentially reacted to their terrorism, yeah, Al Jazeera is just, yeah, it's trash, okay? Qatari trash. They are prostitutes. All of them are prostitutes, literally. They will sell their wives or husbands or whatever just for their so-called story. So these are disinformation machines. But the reality is, why did Russia react so harshly after the terrorist act against children? Anybody would. And so, as a result, well, there are already all kinds of reports about hospitals and, you know, medical aircraft taking off from Zhechev, which is the main kind of base for handling their operations—wounded and killed of NATO countries.

So they will be hunted down and killed because they are sitting within Kyiv and within the civilian areas of the apartment blocks and things like that. That's what they do. They also hide their air defense systems and things like that. So it already has happened. You saw yourself how Zircon arrives. And then now, Ariashnik, as Vladimir Putin stated yesterday, we just trained for the last three times. We looked at the ability of the accuracy, which is very good. And so now they will be hitting their targets—Kyiv and other places, into the bunkers where this cover sits—and that will be a reaction, and it's not going to be inert anymore.

So, yeah, Russians are ready, and they are doing this now, and it was stated by Vladimir Putin yesterday, and they better run. But the problem is that Russia has very good human interaction on the ground in Ukraine. The names of the people who were ordering the strikes—and CNN actually was part of the coverage team. That is why they didn't appear in the Starobelsk area, because they were the ones who were actually covering these people who killed those children. Well, CNN is a terrorist organization. They are all terrorists, essentially. They support it. And that's a whole separate issue, why it is so. But that's it.

They will be hunted down and killed. And this is the reality. But they have to maintain the hoi polloi completely in a docile state and tell them fairy tales. While Russians are already fighting at the outskirts of Zaporozhye, and each day they're gaining several kilometers deep into the territory. Many people do not understand that Russians are deep into the Kharkov area, 40 kilometers. So, but, yeah, what do I do? What do I know? So, but again, Al Jazeera is Qatar. Qatar is one of the, actually, suppliers, if you wish, and supporters of ISIS, together with Israel, you know. So you cannot expect anything normal from those people.

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Hmm.

#Danny

Yeah, and oddly, Andrei, Zelensky—I always find these contrasts so interesting. Zelensky, on the one hand, and the United States and the mainstream media, these terrorists, as you call them, they keep saying Russia's on the back foot, Russia's losing. They say ballistic missiles are the last argument, the only thing left at its disposal, right? Yes.

#Andrei Martyanov

Well, remember Muhammad Ali? He was winning those titles because he was so weak. And he was winning because he was weak. And so, yeah, same goes for Mike Tyson. What a weakling, you know, just, yeah, it's because of the last argument, you know. So these are not normal people. Again, we have to understand that. And discussing their delirium and discussing their other lies, which, you know, if they believe, they—again, you have to understand—average journalist, Hunter Thompson, uh, look up the, uh, you know, *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, how he defined press. Yeah, I'm not going to be saying it on your—uh, basically, it's all profanity. They are low-lives. They are literally prostitutes. Take any person from CNN or *The Washington Post* or Al Jazeera—they are whores, they are media whores, they are people who have no education. Because essentially, this is nothing more than the—well, there's no such thing as journalism.

It doesn't exist. It's not professional. As Hunter Thompson correctly stated, it's not a craft. Any moron with an IQ above room temperature can become a journalist, okay? So, a reporter, if you

wish. But generally speaking, discussing this, it's Goebbelsian propaganda. Goebbels never killed anybody personally. You have to understand, Goebbels was kind of, oh yeah, a soft-spoken dude, you know, who slept around in, you know, Babelsberg, you know, in the suburb of Berlin. But for some reason, he knew that he had to kill himself. And they also executed their own family with children, you know. So, we have to understand, the average cretin who comes out of the journalism school anyway, in Harvard, he or she is a cretin.

They do not understand the real world. They are brainwashed cogs in this propaganda machine. And it is thanks to independent media like yours, for example, that people begin to hear in the United States, you know, an alternative point of view. And not "alternative," you see, that's the whole—it's another cage. "Oh, it's an alternative point of view." No, truth is knowable. That's what those Christians want to convince you of—that, oh, you cannot know the truth, you need to have two people who are just screaming at each other, "Oh, it's an alternative point of view." There is no alternative point of view. There is either truth or lies, period. Simple as that. And it's black and white.

Although sometimes truth could be complex, let's put it this way. But these, you know, they're literally prostitutes. They sleep around, they will sell themselves for, you know, whatever—good money, I don't know, a good dinner. They have no human integrity, no morality. Not a single person in CNN or the Washington Post or the New York Times, or let alone UK media, has any morality. They are human trash, including the editorial boards. And they are blackmailed by, obviously, people who find them and know with what to blackmail them—let alone, like, the BBC, which is pedophile central. So this is the type of people who go in there. And so they want to convince us that, you know, somehow they need to be "alternative." There is truth, and there is not truth, which is a lie, and so that's the only thing. Not that there are alternative universes, which they create through their narratives, but that's about it. And that's the thing which has to be understood about.

You cannot go out and constantly, you know, create those taxonomies, for example, about, let's say, pop music. Oh yeah, some kind of hip-hop, rap. No, it's not music, it's garbage. Okay, there are only two types of music: good and bad. You know what, there is classical music, there's great rock, which are great music, jazz, you know. And there's bad music, or something which pretends to be rock. And these are the distinctions which they constantly impose on us with this fakery, essentially, which is like, oh, alternative point of view. How about you get to the bottom of it? They don't. You can buy any scumbag from CNN or whatever, Washington Post, and they are not there to deliver the story. They are there to manipulate.

#Danny

You know, Andre, you may remember Donald Trump used to say this a lot—"alternative facts." You may remember him saying that. And I think that is the pinnacle of it, because he is an imbecile himself in many ways. He kind of accidentally revealed just how, as you were stating, people like himself and those who back him, these parasitic elites, like to spin things to make us seem like the alternative, when in fact they're the ones who are always actually putting out alternative facts for us

to digest and act like it's somehow, quote-unquote, truth. So, you know, maybe to close, Andre, Vladimir Putin is at the St. Petersburg Economic Forum right now. He has responded to many things related to Iran. He said that actually Iran hasn't received anything from Russia during this period, but he said that he understands why Iran has reacted the way it has to U.S.-Israeli attacks.

#Andrei Martyanov

Yeah, it's...

#Danny

What are your thoughts on this? And maybe if you can give a bit of an overview — you know, Leon Panetta said this is Trump's Vietnam moment. Do you agree with that? And is this kind of where we're heading, not just with Iran, but also, I mean, Ukraine is still happening. And the United States, every time it gets into something, seems to have a hard time sealing the deal, so to speak. And I think that's a big change there in history, especially given the fact that, as you said, the U.S. has liked to make its post-World War II track record look really grand and big, when a lot of the time it was fighting far weaker, if not completely destitute, opponents.

#Andrei Martyanov

First, it's not Vietnam. Vietnam, the United States could sustain. It affected it culturally tremendously. And because of Vietnam, we have a bunch of baby boomers who were draft dodgers, and now they are having their high moral grounding. But the reality is, Vietnam, the United States could absorb. This one, it can't. It has been paraded for the rest of the world for what it is. It's a big-mouth bully that cannot fight. And so this is the sad reality for many Americans, but that's what it is. But again, at this stage, it's what many people do not understand. It doesn't matter what Americans think. It doesn't matter what I think. It matters what the world thinks. And the world sees what the United States has become. We're not talking about Europe. And so that's what it is. And in Ukraine, yeah, things are moving along.

And again, Russians have only—practically 90% of the rest, I mean, 90% of Donetsk oblast is liberated. They have to deal with finishing off this Kramatorsk-Sloviansk agglomeration, which they are closing in on, surrounding it, and Konstantinovka is soon to fall. And yeah, things move along. Every day they progress one, two, three kilometers. But again, you cannot explain to some imbecile that Russians are not there to capture Ukraine. Russians are not there for territorial gains. But again, you cannot explain to people who grew up on the Hollywood representation of war—and know war, including many people in the Pentagon from the entertainment industry—that Russians are not there for the gains, the territorial gains, except for those four oblasts which have been returned to Russia.

So it's all about what Vladimir Putin stated: full denazification of Ukraine. How is it going? I know what I'm about to say is going to hurt many people and going to terrify many people. You can

denazify Ukraine by actually eliminating, annihilating its mobilizational potential, and any kind of restoration of the Ukrainian state on the basis of what we saw starting from, well, essentially 1991. How it's done—for people who want to know the real numbers of the KIAs—I can tell you one thing: essentially, the Ukrainian army, together with those so-called volunteers from the West, sustained about 5 million casualties. It's at least 2.5 million KIAs, at least two and a half million wounded men. And Ukrainian society is disintegrating. It's a country that lives on handouts from the United States and Europe, period.

#Danny

Yeah. Yeah. And, you know, I think that's a good place to leave you, Andrei, because all of this that you've described here—I think that there's a big misconception right now that the United States is on the resurgence. Of course, you have the MAGA people who have this idea that America is being made great again by this massive expansion of war. But even people who oppose U.S. empire, who find the U.S. empire to be abhorrent in the way that it does its dealings, they have found a lot of pessimism, I think, in the fact that even though Iran can hit back and all of this, there's been a huge focus on the energy markets and gobbling them up and cornering them and the blockades and all of this. I just have to say that the United States was never, in the post–World War II era, really built to fight endless wars. It was supposed to maintain economic hegemony. That is really out the window in many ways. The U.S. economy will not stop shrinking. It will continue to become a smaller economy.

#Andrei Martyanov

Well, it's in decline, yeah. Listen, American society is absolutely ignorant of real war. It is, and this is not my opinion only. This is the opinion of General, Major General, PhD in physics no less, and 20 years in DARPA, General Robert Latiff. Everything American society knows in public, including political elites, about war is from the entertainment industry. This is a direct quote. So many in the Pentagon believe that. You know, they watch the movie *Patton* and they think that this is war. It's not. They have no clue. Despite the fact that actually Americans are the most armed nation, you know, in history. I have my weapons, you know. But, you know, the issue is that it's the turning point for the United States. And you know what, that's it.

#Danny

Yeah, well, there's a question about the 25th Amendment that I don't know if you want to get into. I don't know. Yeah, everybody discusses it.

#Andrei Martyanov

Listen, Trump is very good for Israel, okay? And the United States doesn't have a U.S. Congress. It has the Knesset 2.0. Washington is controlled by Israel. So it will continue this thing until the United

States is completely driven into oblivion with all that. And we'll have to wait and see what's going to happen. But the country we dearly love—I look at the country, I don't recognize it.

#Danny

Andre, I want to make sure everyone knows that both your blog and your YouTube channel are in the video description below so people can check that out after the show. I want to thank you for joining the program. Much appreciated, my friend, and I hope to see you again very soon. Sure. Take care. Bye, man. Bye-bye. All right, everybody, so I am going to just close quickly here. Let me just adjust this camera a little bit, trying to mess with the setup here, trying to get some upgraded lighting and all that made possible by you and your views and your capacity to watch this program. So hit the like button, everybody.

Tomorrow, I will be back with Mark Sloboda, 2 p.m. Eastern time. Good friend of the show. We will dive deeper into these military affairs, and that will be 2 p.m. Eastern, June 6th. But before I leave you, I'll just say this: we have a general crisis of the U.S. Empire. I am not of the belief that the United States Empire is catching another breath, has been able to somehow revive itself just because it has been able to park its incredibly old and wasteful aircraft carriers here and there, starve Cuba, try to starve Iran, try to starve Russia—not succeeding in that—try to contain China. You know, on the one hand, the U.S. can do these things.

The U.S. empire can do it. The neocons, the warmongers, the elites, they can do them. But does it mean it is working? You could say that working means that the United States has been able to cut off energy markets, destroy, destroy. And if we measure success in destruction, then sure, the United States empire still remains in peak form. But if we look at the actual situation, if we look at the actual reality on the ground, you have a massive crisis of legitimacy at home. You have massive tensions about to boil over. People are sick and tired of this. Of course, the United States itself is also a reflection of empire.

Many various oppressed groups, nationalities, people, working-class people as a whole, suffering, struggling, unable to make ends meet. You have corporations taking more and more and more from the people. And even people that are supposed to be economically comfortable are not finding themselves to be anything of the sort. Then, of course, you have the global situation. You could say, yes, the United States has cut off Venezuela. It's controlling its oil, supposedly. It's controlling its oil almost entirely. Cuba has been surrounded. The USS Nimitz is there now, ready to conduct some kind of operation. Iran has had to cut some of its oil exporting because of this blockade.

Then you find out, though, that the truth is—and then, of course, they say Russia too, the Black Sea—but then you come to find out that, well, is the United States empire getting stronger? Has the U.S. share of the world economy increased in recent years? And the answer to that question would be absolutely not. Has the U.S. empire been able to contain China? Has it been able to weaken Russia? The last time I checked, both of those countries—Russia has been able to advance militarily

to a large degree, has built new weapons, more advanced systems, has made itself more stable economically, has the fastest-growing currency alongside the dollar in the world.

China, technologically, absolutely has surpassed the United States in many different areas, in the most important areas. You even had on America's Got Talent a Chinese dancer dancing with humanoid robots during his segment. So the United States has been surpassed in so many ways. And of course, China's economic might is measured on all levels, including rising standard of living, rising trust in the government, rising life expectancy. All these things do not exist in the United States. The opposite is true. And if an empire can survive with a declining, sick, and suffering overall population, then perhaps we're putting way too much stock in the power of elites themselves because they are trying to pull the strings.

But those strings are not moving in the same way anymore. Iran is not going to fall. And Iran, unless the United States can pull a rabbit out of the hat and find a way to go full-throttle military interventionism on Iran and achieve what it said it wanted to achieve, Iran is going to be there for the long haul. It's going to be the Islamic Republic of Iran, and it is going to pursue its own objectives, like repairing itself with the fees it collects out of the Strait of Hormuz, building an even stronger military. And all of this will have a cascade effect on the world. I think even temporary setbacks like what we saw in Venezuela, what we're seeing with the suffering in Cuba, none of that is permanent. And if we don't believe—right?—this isn't religion.

This is simply believing in what we see. If we don't understand that Venezuelans, that Cubans, that they've been fighting for years and years and years, the process isn't linear. If we believe that the U. S. empire somehow exists and can overturn things in perpetuity with a level of permanence, then we haven't been reading history very well. So overall, the situation is looking good. The multipolar world, the pillars of the multipolar world, they're here to stay. I don't see any capacity of the U.S. empire to influence politics in Russia and China anymore. And then the rest of the Global South has those anchors for the long haul.

And that will only lead to more of the same developments that we've been seeing. And it really is up to the people of the United States then, and up to the people in the West, to begin to join this process in the way that they can, which is to stop their governments from committing terrorism, stop their governments from committing war crimes, genocide, all of this. Stop your governments from doing this. And if you can't stop them, then maybe you need a new one. Maybe you need a new kind of political arrangement. Maybe the political arrangement of having just a small fraction of the population own and control all the land, the wealth, the banks, all the means of production.

Maybe that's not a good system that's going to lead to anything but catastrophe for the present and the future. It's just a thought. But I just want to leave you with that thought because that is, I think, where we need to place our focus, because we've had a lot, I think, of inspiration gained from the resistance of forces like Iran, Hezbollah, the resistance in West Asia, and, of course, the moving multipolar world. But we can't just be spectators in it. We've got to continue to hone our

understanding of this so we can bring it to the people. That's the entire point. And we need to reach as broad of a people as possible.

Without further ado, everyone, I want to thank everyone who gave us super chats. Okay. Thank you, Servant of the Most High. Thank you, Celtic RNA, for that question. You know, again, the U.S. political process is so—it's just not constructed well. It is constructed for the ruling class. And I believe that if people are going to hold leaders accountable, they're going to have to find a way to do it themselves through an alternative process that will hopefully eventually be the one that reigns over the society rather than that of the elites. Everyone, hit the like button before you go. Again, tomorrow, 2 p.m. Eastern time, June 5th. All right.

#Danny

Mark that down. I'll be back with Mark for another hour of geopolitics. In the video description below, you can find all the places to support this show—Patreon, Substack, and much more. Without further ado, everyone, thanks again for the new membership. Thanks again for the super chats. And I will see you then. Bye-bye.