

Nima R. Alkhorshid: Iran & Israel Trade Blows – Yemen Launches, Iran Hits Saudi

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Hi, everybody. Today, here in Brazil, it's Monday, and it's 12:15 a.m., but on the East Coast of the United States, it's 11:15. I want to start with what has happened today. Here in Brazil, it's June 8, 2026, but on the East Coast of the United States, it's still June 7th. So just mentioning that, today what has happened—as I mentioned before—I had a long sort of explanation of what's going on between Israel and Lebanon. So everything is happening right now. What we were talking about early this morning, I was saying that if something happens, they're going to respond. My understanding was that Iran is not going to respond to Israel. Maybe Yemen would respond to Israel. Then we had the Iranian government coming out and saying there is no point in this sort of behavior on the part of the Israelis.

We have to respond. We have to do something about it. Then we had five waves of attacks on Israel—something like 20 missiles were fired at Israel, the northern part of Israel—and at least four of them hit the target. Because the footage is coming out, we don't know. Israel said none of them hit the target, but at least we've seen four pieces of footage coming out, four from different sites. And for each of these targets, we had two or three videos. But at least we can say, we can confirm, four of those missiles hit the target. Then we had a phone call. Donald Trump said, you know, this is so amazing to watch what's going on with the Trump administration. It's unbelievable what's going on.

And he said that he's not happy with the Israeli attack on Dahiya in Beirut and said they didn't coordinate with the Trump administration, with his administration. Then he thought that Iran was not going to respond. Then Iran responded. And he said that I'm going to call Benjamin Netanyahu to not respond to Iran because we are negotiating. Everything is going well. And I'm going to have, you know, we have to sign an agreement on Monday or Tuesday because everything is going perfectly well between the two sides, which, by the way, is a big lie. The guy is just... It's unbelievable what is happening with the Trump administration again and again. I'm going to repeat this sentence because it's amazing. It's just amazing what's going on.

And Iran... The Iranian response, we had Israel coming back and hitting Iran in Isfahan, in Kermanshah, basically in the western part of Iran, which is close to the Iraqi airspace or Saudi Arabia. They came in and hit the targets, but they didn't go, they didn't invade the Iranian airspace. All of these missiles hit outside of Iranian airspace, on Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Maybe they were using Saudi Arabia. The United States said they're not providing anything to the Israelis with this attack, but the calculation on the part of the Iranians showed totally the opposite. And it shows how deeply the United States was involved in this attack. And they were using Saudi Arabia and other GCC countries in the region. They were using those bases.

They still have information coming out of these countries. So what was the Iranian reaction? They hit the targets in Saudi Arabia and the American bases in Saudi Arabia. And what's going on right now is Yemen joining the fight. And Yemen is targeting one of the missiles, at least one of the missiles. They fired one missile toward Israel so far. I'm just checking out what's going on right now, but it seems that the missile was intercepted. The Yemeni missile was intercepted. But the new waves of Iranian attacks are happening as we talk right now. And it's going to be a long day because in the Middle East, in West Asia right now, it's daytime. Here it's night. I'm here in Brazil, it's 12 a.m., and there it's something like 6:30 or something in the morning.

But the attacks are happening as time goes by. And I don't see any sort of, you know, the Trump administration just messing everything. Just imagine, he said, they didn't tell us. But Israelis are talking about the Trump administration green-lighting the attack on Dahia, then green-lighting the attack on Iran. Donald Trump said, no, you cannot attack Iran, we are negotiating with Iran. Who's going to believe this guy anymore? I don't know why they are talking to this guy anymore. What is the point of negotiating with this guy? Go and fight him. Israel is not going to be—Donald Trump said that Israel, if they want—Israeli media, Channel 12, reported he said after the phone call between Benjamin Netanyahu and Donald Trump, Israel has decided not to attack Iran.

You know what's amazing? The Iranians—you look at the Iranian media, the Iranian media say it doesn't matter what they're talking about. We are prepared because the attack is coming. And they were preparing for everything. They were so prepared for the attack, so they were not surprised at all. And the attack has happened. They hit some targets in the cities that I've just mentioned, in Isfahan, in Kermanshah, in the western part of Iran. And then, as we talk right now, the new waves of attacks are happening between Iran and Israel. And I think this is the recipe for disaster. The Trump administration has lost everything. There is no credibility to talk with this administration.

What is the point? There are no negotiations. Coming back to the basics, there are no negotiations between the two sides. Some messages are going back and forth—going to the Iranians, Iranians sending to the United States. That's all. Everything is this, some sort of messages. And they green-lighted it. They said that we're going to—if they're honest in the way that they're negotiating with the Iranians, then put an end to the war. At least put some sort of limits on what the Israeli government is doing. You know what has happened? Right after the Iranian attack on Israel, Israel

announced that they're going to stop any sort of humanitarian aid to Gaza. What does it have to do with Gaza? What is the relation between what's going on between Iran and Israel and Gaza?

Why are they putting pressure on the people in Gaza? These people are not, you know, these are not rational people. And I hope the Iranian government comes to some sort of understanding that there is no point in negotiating with Donald Trump. The guy is basically useless. Benjamin Netanyahu is doing everything he wants. And he felt, he literally felt that there is something going on between Iran and the United States. They may reach some sort of agreement. What's the point of attacking Dahir, to bomb an empty building? The building that they hit, it was an empty building. But they thought that Hezbollah commanders were there, or they wanted to attack them and assassinate them.

Then they said when they didn't hit the fighters, the forces, Hezbollah forces, they said, or commanders, they said, no, it was a symbolic attack on Dahiya. Why do you need to do such a thing? What is the meaning of that? What is the strategy behind it? What is the tactic behind it? There is no meaning to what they're doing. It's all about death and destruction. Nothing else. If the United States wants to stay with Israel and the way that Benjamin Netanyahu is behaving and supporting them behind the scenes and on the scenes, saying that we are not supporting them, we don't care what they're doing, and we're not helping them, Israel is nothing without the United States. They know that.

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You cannot attack Iran. But what we've learned so far, practically he said, go ahead and do it. And they attacked Iran. And right now the attacks are coming, and Iran is responding to that. And I know that the United States is again going to beg the Iranians to put an end to the war. Because Israel is not—the air defense system is not working, by the way. They said tonight, they intercepted each and every missile, which was a total lie. They couldn't do this. Yemen is joining. I think the reason that Yemen has joined the fight is because they have perceived, or they have some sort of information, that the United States is involved in this attack.

Without the United States being involved in this attack, there would be no Yemen in this fight. So it's bigger than what's going on, what Donald Trump is talking about. I think there is a statement right now by the IDF. It says Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir is conducting an assessment and is approving plans for the future. The Iranian regime made a mistake by firing into our territory. We will continue our attacks in Lebanon despite the equation Iran is trying to impose. They're talking about how Iran... Here is what I think: after all, there is no way to negotiate with these people. And Iran is getting to that point. Why do they need to attack Dahiya? The basic question.

If everything was good, if Donald Trump was to sign on Monday or Tuesday an agreement between the two sides, which would include Israel and Lebanon, why does Israel need to do that in Dahiya? Basic question. It's the simple way of asking yourself what is happening. Why do they need to

attack? Let's assume you kill two commanders, three commanders of Hezbollah. What is the outcome of that for Israel? Nothing. They don't want any sort of agreement happening or any sort of deal happening between the two sides. That's why they're killing, they're trying to assassinate people. That's why they stop, you know, this sort of communication to send aid to Gazans, to Palestinians. It's all about it. It's all about annexation.

It's all about killing people, putting pressure on the people. They're incapable of fighting Hezbollah because Hezbollah is strategically defeating them in Lebanon by using drones and rockets and, you know, ambushes. They're so powerful in the way that they're implementing their plans, their strategy in the southern part of Lebanon. That's why Israel needs to go to Dahya, which there is no point. There is no point in attacking civilians in Dahya. They know that. But there are two points to that on their part. One of them, they want to distract. They want to put pressure on the Lebanese people. And they said, the way Israel is fighting us, we're going to kill you. We're not going to be able... It's the same way that Ukrainians, by the way, are behaving.

They cannot fight on the battlefield. They're killing civilians the same way. These are the same sort of mindsets. And that's why they're going to die. And the United States is... The Trump administration is just... They're gone. There is not enough. There is no diplomacy. There is no policy. There is no communication. And I think what we're going to see in the coming days, we're going to see an escalation because Iran is going to respond. As we talked, they're responding to what Israel did in Iran. And Israel is going to respond to Iran. And this is going to be back and forth. I don't know what would be the scale of the Yemeni participation or Yemeni involvement in this war.

It depends on the United States. And if the question here is, is Donald Trump going to join the war? And how far do you want to escalate the war? Is it going to be some sort of tit for tat, or is it going to be a full-scale war? I think from what we've seen so far, we are escalating. The war is escalating. This conflict is escalating toward a full-scale war between the two sides. That's why Yemen is joining the fight. And it's going to be the same. We've heard it from the Iranian general, who is the main military advisor to the Iranian Supreme Leader. He said that the escalation is going to be, we're going to fight the United States in the Mediterranean.

It's not going to stay in the Persian Gulf. That's why they're hitting Saudi Arabia. And all these GCC countries are, you know, here is the new report coming out. The attack on Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia was also carried out by Yemen. So it wasn't just an Iranian attack. It doesn't mean that it was an Iranian attack. It was a Yemeni attack on Saudi Arabia. And we thought that it was an Iranian attack on Saudi Arabia, but here the new report shows that it was an attack on the part of Yemen hitting targets in Saudi Arabia. And there are lines of communication between, you know, among the axis of resistance, different parts of the axis of resistance.

This communication is just dividing the duties between the two sides right now, Yemen and Iran. We know that Kata'ib Hezbollah in Iraq said they're going to join the fight. Still, I didn't see any sort of news that they have joined the fight, because they said they're going to hit targets in Iraq, American

bases in Iraq, and in the region, maybe in Kuwait. And this is little by little moving toward huge escalations. And this is the disaster that is happening for Donald Trump. The guy is incompetent. There is no way. He's amazing to brag, "I'm the biggest guy, I am the one who calls the shots," he said today.

He said that Benjamin Netanyahu is going to respond. The reporter asked him after the Iranian attack. He said, no, he's not going to attack Iran because I am responsible. I'm running the show, not Benjamin Netanyahu. He has nothing to do. He has to follow what I'm asking him to do. That's totally the opposite. Just seeing how Israel attacked Iran shows how useless and weak the president of the United States is. He's just bragging. The guy is a showman. He's just bragging. He wants to show himself as a big guy. Everyone is going to follow him and take his orders. Benjamin Netanyahu is just humiliating him. Just humiliating.

What happened tonight is showing how this guy, Benjamin Netanyahu, who's not popular, by the way, in Israel, but he has the leverage to put pressure on Trump. And the Zionists are just surrounding Donald Trump in Washington. There is nobody right now in his administration to go against these sorts of policies. Who's there anymore? Are you hearing anything from J.D. Vance? The guy is not there anymore. Pete Hegseth? Who's Marco Rubio? Stephen Miller? Jared Kushner? These are ultra-Zionists. The administration is just done. They're not going to find any sort of solution for, you know, for what's going on in West Asia. And if not, the Strait of Hormuz is going to be closed.

I think sooner or later we're going to learn that Bab el-Mandeb is going to be closed. And you'll see a huge, huge repercussion on the global economy. As we talked, the price of oil is just going up. And everything — these are huge repercussions out of what's going on, what Benjamin Netanyahu, that little attack as Donald Trump calls it. It's the little attack in Dahir. If that was a little attack, how is the big guy, a big guy like you, not able to prevent that? Because you're not big. You can brag about what you are in the United States. For Iranians, they say, I decide about every guy. I kill the leadership. I destroy the Navy, the Air Force, everything. They don't have anything. But when it comes to the little country called Israel, you are nothing. They don't care about what you're talking about.

Or maybe you're playing for them. Somehow this is a role in the scenario they wrote for you to play. There is no other option for that. You're faking everything, or you're real. There is no way for us to understand, for us to take this guy seriously. For us outside, we have nothing to do. We are not part of, you know, the two sides that are fighting each other. We are watching what is going on. The guy is not serious. Everyone is just witnessing what Donald Trump is doing. Russia is watching what's going on. China is watching. Everybody is watching what's going on right now. And Iran is not going to back down, I can guarantee you. It doesn't matter how much suffering, how much pain they would inflict on the Iranian economy, Iranian infrastructure, Iranian people. They're not going to back down.

As we talked, it was 6 a.m. when the attack happened. People were on the streets. Huge, huge crowds coming out in Iran. They're on the streets. I am amazed by these people. And they're supporting because they know what they're fighting for. They know the reason, the main objective of this fight. And the government has no option but to fire back, to follow what the public opinion is asking for. There is no way for Iran to put Hezbollah aside, to put the acts of resistance aside. They're the same. They're the same. In the Iranian calculation, there is no difference between Iran and Lebanon, between Iran and Yemen, the acts of resistance. They are all connected. And this is what is happening. You know, the U.S. ambassador to Israel, Mike Huckabee, calls Iran, you know, the mothership of Satan.

This is Mike Huckabee. Just moments ago, he said, "Iran, the mothership of Satan." Isn't that amazing? I remember George Bush calling Iran the axis of evil. We are getting back to the Bush administration. The Bush administration started a war in the Middle East, a disastrous war for many years, killing many people, children, women. And right now, the Trump administration is doing the same. He started a new war in the Middle East. But this time around, I think this scenario will be different, because it's not Iraq under Saddam Hussein. This is Iran and the axis of resistance. They are all together because of Gaza, because of Lebanon, because of genocide. And they know how fragile Israel is today.

Their ego, the Israeli ego, is so big. They don't want to accept what's going on. They think they can do whatever they want and the United States is going to support them. It doesn't matter for the United States; they're going to be there to support them. That's why they're attacking Iran. Without the green light of the Trump administration and Donald Trump himself, there would be no attack on Iran. Because Israel knows they're not capable of defending themselves without the United States. And they want the United States to stay in the region, by the way. The main agenda on the part of Benjamin Netanyahu—it doesn't matter. We know how weak Donald Trump is.

But putting that aside, Benjamin Netanyahu doesn't want the United States to leave the region. Because Israel is not able to fight. They're not able to fight Hezbollah. How can people fight with Iran without the United States? I think what's going on right now, we're going to see Bab al-Mandab and the Strait of Hormuz being closed again. They're going to fight back. Yemen is not going to let anything from the United States pass through this Bab al-Mandab, the Red Sea. They may block the export of Saudi Arabian oil. Yemen is attacking Saudi Arabia. These are the warning signs for Saudi Arabia. The message for Saudi Arabia is that you're not going to export any oil from the Red Sea because we're here.

And we're here to hit you. And we started hitting you because you're part of this. You're not out of this war. They have the intelligence. I'm sure that they have the intelligence, and they know what is the role of Saudi Arabia and the American base in Saudi Arabia in this war, in what has happened in the recent hours. That's why they're doing this. It's not just out of nowhere, out of the blue, and

they decided to do something with Saudi Arabia. If Saudi Arabia is not involved, there would be no point for them, for the Yemenis to attack Saudi Arabia. This situation in West Asia is getting so much more complicated right now. We have countries like these GCC countries.

They're not able to defend themselves. But they're so much under the thumb of the United States that they cannot say no. We don't want it. We don't want to be part of this. If Israel wants to attack Lebanon, if Israel wants to bring a new round of war to the region, we don't want to be part of this. But they're under the thumb of the United States. These people are not able to say no. And Iran knows that. These are not sovereign countries. That's why Iran has long, for such a long time, said these are not—we're not negotiating—these are not, you know, unfortunately these are the neighbors of Iran. And Iran has to do something with it. They're using Saudi Arabia to attack Iran.

Without all these bases being used, there is no way for the United States and Israel to be that capable of attacking. As I mentioned, this war, this new round of Israeli attack, they couldn't invade Iranian airspace. They didn't get close to the Iranian airspace. It was all far away from the Iranian borders. They hit the targets from outside, I don't know, 80 kilometers outside of Iran, deep in Iraq. And we had two or at least four drones being hit by the Iranian air defense system in the airspace of Iraq. And then, I don't know if they hit other things, but huge explosions in the airspace of Iraq were heard during this sort of firing, this sort of fight that is happening right now.

And we still don't know what has happened. It seems something like four drones were hit there, and all the missiles came from Iraq, or maybe, it seems they said from the Mediterranean. They were using the aircraft carriers, the U.S. aircraft carriers, or maybe, yeah, destroyers, because destroyers are basically used for the air defense system, because they have the air defense system to defend aircraft carriers. But it seems that in the Mediterranean, they used the aircraft carrier, they used the systems they have to fire missiles at Iran. That's why Iran is responding this way. That's why Iran's assessment is that the United States is participating, is part of the war, a new round of the war. I don't know.

I don't know what would happen tomorrow, because for the time being, it seems that the missiles are—they're not going to back down. They're not going to back down. Iranians are not going to back down. Israel is not going to back down as long as the United States is supporting them. Let's see who's going to have the upper hand. Is it going to be the global economy? Is it going to be the economic pressure on Donald Trump or Benjamin Netanyahu? Because basically there are two forces right now. We have to see what would be the sum of these two forces. Who's going to be the winner?

Is it going to be Israel and Benjamin Netanyahu, or the global economy and the pressure or the suffering from these huge repercussions of this war? Because of this trade or foremost, or maybe I think Bab al-Mandab is gonna be in the same—you know, they're gonna close Bab al-Mandab in the Red Sea and avoid Saudi Arabia. And let's see what would happen. This is what's going on right now. And I, in my opinion, the escalation, it's gonna be Israel attacking Iran, Iran attacking Israel,

maybe Yemen attacking Israel. As we see, just one missile was fired at Israel so far from Yemen, but they hit hard in Saudi Arabia. There are no footages coming out of Saudi Arabia because we know the censorship and the way that they're behaving in these GCC countries. They're censoring everything.

And whoever is there to film or, you know, to make some sort of videos or to record what's going on there with their phones or whatever they have, it's going to be problematic for those people who are trying to report on what's going on in Saudi Arabia and other GCC countries. The same way, by the way, it's the same policy we've been witnessing with Israel. Israel is censoring everything. But on the part of Iranians, you see, I've seen many photos and footage coming out of Iran. People are just filming everything that's going on with the attacks. At least I saw something like three or four targets were hit by Israeli missiles, and all came from Israeli fighter jets and an American warship in the Mediterranean. They participated.

Let's see what would happen. Let's see. And here, just as I've mentioned, it's 12 a.m.—no, it's 1 a.m. It's 1 a.m. right now. And tomorrow we're going to talk about it. I'm going to start with Colonel Jacques Boule, then Larry Johnson, and later on with Stanislav Krapivnik and Paul Craig Roberts. Let's see what would happen. Tomorrow we're going to discuss a lot of things. I think we're going to have much more information about what has happened in the recent hours. Thank you so much for being with me today, tonight. It's too late here, and I have to go to bed. Tomorrow I'm going to go to university. I'm going to have two podcasts, go to university, give my lectures, and come back to the studio to talk with my guests.

It's going to be a long day for me. But let's hope that there could be some sort of sanity coming to the region. Let's hope for that. I am the guy, see, my understanding—when I use hope, my understanding is that there is no hope when you're dealing with Israel. There is no hope. You have to hit them hard, because the only way that Israel understands what's going on, you have to respond the way they're attacking other people. If they're attacking you, you have to attack them. If you try to negotiate, that's a sign of weakness. Not only Israel, the United States is the same. Let's see what would happen tomorrow. I hope, again, some sort of sanity would prevail. See you tomorrow. Thank you so much.