

Stanislav Krapivnik: Breaking: US attacks Iran - Russia: No Deal Coming

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Hi everybody, today is Tuesday, June 9th, 2026, and our dear friend, our brother Stanislav Krapivnik is here. Krapivnik is here with us. Welcome back, Stas. Always a pleasure. I want to start, Stas, today I talked with John Helmer here, and his take on the situation in Russia. He says that the people—I don't know if we can call them the majority of the people in Russia—are so frustrated with the way the war is going on. And he says that people in Russia are asking the Putin administration to escalate, to do it on the battlefield, to do it as soon as possible, because they don't want to continue with these sorts of attacks on Russian soil with the drones and these sorts of, you know... And what is your understanding of that, and how much of that message is getting to the administration?

#Stanislav

It's hard to say. The message that most people want this over and over, viciously, with extreme prejudice, is obvious enough. I mean, that's not something... You know, these attacks on Russia, they don't make people scared. They make people angry. And the anger is already pretty damn high as it is. The Ukrainians, these modern Ukrainians in the West, have done something that hasn't been done since 1941. They've taught Russians how to hate again. Russians don't hate other people normally. But the West has done a very good job of it.

And the Ukrainians, you know, some of the Azov guys that surrendered, they started talking, getting witness statements, and one of them, I remember, was saying that, you know, we got an order to murder POWs, mutilate their bodies, and take videos of it. We got that order from Kyiv. But you know, Zelensky, by the way, Zelensky may still be a Russian citizen. I don't know if he's ever given up his Russian passport. He may be a traitor on top of everything. But Zelensky should know who Russians are. He's lived long enough among us. So it probably came from America or Britain, those kinds of orders. But that was supposed to break Russian morale. That does not work. That does the exact opposite.

Every terrorist action, every attack, every one of these little crossings of the border, all it does is bring in a lot more volunteers. It has the exact opposite reaction on Russians. It just pisses people

off even more. And, yeah, the common question is, you know, why is Kiev still standing? Not the center of Kiev, okay, got some of the government buildings and the military buildings. Why is there still a Kiev? I mean, the people are angry. They want the Ukrainians destroyed at this point as a military force, as the, you know, the Nazification in Kiev keeps going, and they want that cancer cut out. So how much is the Kremlin going to change its policies? I don't know. I mean, let's be honest, just like any major government in the world, there are different factions inside the Kremlin, just like in any other government.

It's pretty rare to find a government above, you know, some village hitman, where there's only one faction, everybody's on the same sheet of music. There are hardcore factions that say we should have been burning Paris and London to the ground by now. And we've heard some of them before. Obviously, there are lesser hardcore factions that say, you know, we should have leveled Kyiv by now or should be doing a lot more on the battleground. And there's all the way to the other side, hey, let's make a deal and go back to 2012. Yeah, there are different factions, they're very different, and sometimes conflicting signals come out of the Kremlin. So to say, honestly, have they decided to go all in?

I don't know. And people are going to tell you that, who know, unless they're sitting in the Kremlin, because from my sources that are around, they don't know. And they're much more connected. Nobody knows exactly. It's hard to tell. That there's an escalation is beyond a doubt. Will this escalation go finally to where it needs to go? I don't know. I don't know. I mean, look, the bridges over the Dnieper, for example, are still standing. Why are they still standing? They started talking about, well, maybe we're taking the bridges out. But they're built by Soviet engineers, by Soviet standards. It can be very hard to take them out. Very hard to take them out doesn't mean they can't be crushed. Anything can be destroyed, just how many shells.

But from a military standpoint, from a professional military point of view, that's the first thing you need to take out. You cut the logistics. I mean, if you're fighting on a platoon level or a section level or a company level or a battalion level, sure, you know, you're busy figuring out tactics and how to take the guy out who's sitting in that fighting position over there. But if you're talking on a corps level or on a theater level, you're talking about how do I cut his logistics? I'm not going to worry about how I kill him in the hole. I worry about how I cut him off from everything. And then I can worry about how he's going to get killed in the hole or whether he's going to run out of food or what have you.

That's a different—it's an entirely different view of things. You're looking from above, and it's like, you know, when you're killing the guys up front and they're still getting new guys in, that's not good. You cut off everything so they can't get anything in. You know, an army fights on its stomach and travels on its stomach too. You can't feed your guys, you can't rearm them. You can have the best heroes in the world, and they're all going to be dead and pointless. But, you know, we're still not

seeing those bridges hit. They're hitting the bridges south of Odessa. Again, they were damaged before—railroad bridges. I guess they got repaired. Why they weren't taken all the way down, I don't know. There are a lot of things from a military standpoint that I can't answer.

And I don't know anybody who can. It's political decisions, and unlike what some Western press says about me, I do not have breakfast with Vladimir Vladimirovich on a weekly basis. He does not give me a bag of money. The things I learn about myself sometimes—I don't come out in those articles too often, but when I do, it's always interesting. But I don't know why. Again, from a military standpoint, that makes absolutely no sense. From a political one, you know, you don't know what the wheeling and dealing behind the scenes is. So I don't know. I would hope we would finally take those bridges out. You know, the people that say, oh, some of the excuses I've heard—and from Westerners too, and some from Russians—oh, those bridges are there so that more of the enemy will come to you.

Well, actually, you kind of don't want the enemy to come to you like that. It's one thing if they're all going into a nice trap, but this isn't a trap. This is a front-line contact line that's over 1,000 kilometers long. So you really don't want them to have an easy time getting people in. You don't want them to be able to get extra tanks and equipment in. You kind of really don't want that. You want whatever forces are there to get starved and destroyed. It would save your own lives. Second of all, the other, oh, those bridges are going to be there, the Russian army is destroying those bridges because they want to use them. Well, it would be great if we were moving, you know, 50 kilometers or 100 kilometers a day, advancing like people advanced before drones.

But the rate of advance and everything else—they blow those bridges themselves before you ever get to them, long before you ever get to them. So that's a pointless excuse. You know, we're not going to capture those bridges. When we have to cross the Dnipro, it's going to have to be on pontoon bridges and on amphibious equipment. That's just going to be the reality. So... there's been a lot of different excuses or a lot of different reasoning. I'll flat out say, I don't know. I don't know. Like I said, from a military standpoint, that makes absolutely no sense. From a political standpoint, particularly since... I don't know what the spirit of Anchorage was. Nobody does, except the people that were taking part in it. We don't know. Lavrov said that.

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Lavrov said that there is no sign of the spirit of Anchorage.

#Stanislav

But what was the spirit of Anchorage? Lavrov never said that. Nobody's ever said that. Amazingly, even the Trump administration didn't brag about anything, which—they normally let all the cats out of the bag. They don't even hold a bag. They can't wait to brag about it. But nobody said anything. So I don't know what was discussed. Nobody knows except the people that discussed it. Anybody

that's telling you otherwise is either guessing or he's full of crap. So that's reality. So, I mean, all I can do in this case—I mean, I know my training.

I know my education. And then I just observe. Because, unfortunately, you know, I talk a lot. And the people in the front, they don't know. Nobody knows. This is on a political level. So we'll wait and see what comes out. Nobody wants a deal. I'll say this much: in the Russian military, nobody wants a deal. The only deal they want is the capitulation by Kiev—maybe by NATO too—but definitely no other deal. That I can tell you straight up. The Russian military is in a fighting mood. In a very angry fighting mood. So... there's that.

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I think the difficulty, Sas, is that they have changed the reality of the war somehow—Europeans together with the Ukrainians—because they know they don't have the manpower. They don't have the weapons they had when this war started. It's all depleted. Then they shifted to these drones, and they're using these drones to put pressure on Russian society and the Russian people, and to do something with the internal policy of Russia. I think one of the points that I mentioned to John Helmer today was that.

And the other point is, one of the points of not escalating, not going to the western part of Ukraine since the war started, is because many people are arguing—you know, the military analysts in the West are arguing—that Russia hasn't moved an inch since the war started. And this is the argument on their part. I want to play a clip, by the way, from an analyst on CNN, because there's a show with this guy, Fareed Zakaria, on CNN. The guy said that Ukraine is somehow turning the tide against Russia. And here is what this retired Major General Mark McCauley said on CNN.

#Speaker 03

Well, I think the best measurement is a measurement that is taken on the ground, because at the end of the day, war is fought ground up. What you've described in the last couple of minutes, of course, is what we call the standoff war, where both parties, Russia and Ukraine, shoot their arsenal, send that barrage of missiles, ballistic missiles, and drones across borders. But when we assess what has taken place, the Russians have been unable to move that line of contact for any significant distance for the last six months. And that is significant. That registers as a great challenge, a success on the part of the Ukrainian ground forces. That's why I think it's legitimate to say that the Ukrainians are performing much, much better in 2024 than they did last year. Yeah, you've heard what he said, and I didn't get the video from my side, it's still loading.

#Stanislav

So you can paraphrase what he said. No, no, I got the little circle going, going, going. That's happened before. I was with Rick Sanchez, and he was running a clip, and I was like, yeah, that's what he said. Yeah.

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He said there was no... In the last six months, the Russians couldn't move forward toward the western part of Ukraine. So the Ukrainians were much more successful this year, in 2024, better than they were in 2023, because the Russians are not moving toward the western part of Ukraine. That's a sign of victory for Ukraine right now. I don't know what that means for the United States, but... When it comes to these sorts of arguments, what do they have? Because by pointing this out, they're saying that Ukraine is turning the tide. What is that stuff?

#Stanislav

It's Ukraine last week saying, you know, we may have to pull out of Maryinka. You know, Maryinka that was surrounded and wiped out six months ago. Oh, we may have to pull out of Maryinka. It's manufactured reality. Look, never mind, most Westerners will never find Maryinka on a map or any of these other areas. The fact is, Konstantin, what are they not saying? They'll tell you anything and everything. You know, the Russian economy is collapsing, Crimea has no gasoline or petrol. Well, you know, they do have limited because they're hitting the roads and they're remote mining the main roads. But Crimea has a limit of 20 liters per person per day, which is half a tank of petrol per day per person, which isn't that little for the average guy.

In two days, you'll still fill up a full tank, unless you're driving a lot. But the point is, I mean, that's an inconvenience. What you're not hearing about, while you're hearing about Vladimir Vladimirovich either dying simultaneously from ten different diseases or having spent \$58 billion on longevity treatments—he's going to live forever—from the same Telegraph, by the way. What you're not hearing about is Konstantinovka is on the verge of falling. About 80% of it is already in Russian hands. There's a big, on the southeastern side of it, there's a big cauldron of Ukrainian troops surrounded, another cauldron to the north.

What you're not hearing about is Russian soldiers are about five, six kilometers away from the eastern side of Druzhkivka, Kramatorsk, Sloviansk. So they're coming up on that. What you're not hearing about is in Zaporizhzhia, Orikhiv is already under tactical encirclement. Russian soldiers to the east and the west are about six, seven kilometers away. And Malotokmachka is being invested by Russian soldiers. So Orikhiv is the last big fortress city south of Zaporizhzhia. You're not hearing about any of that. You're not hearing about how the big Ukrainian counteroffensive in the western portion of central Zaporizhzhia has ground to a halt and is now being pushed back.

Ukrainians are good at grabbing ground better than Russia for the simple reason they don't give a damn about casualties. But the problem with that strategy is once you've grabbed that ground, you've got nobody left to hold it. And then the counter tide comes and they get rolled right back up. But it makes good PR for a certain amount of time. And then you just don't talk about the fact that everybody you sent in there is dead and you've lost what you grabbed back. So you're not hearing about Russian soldiers being about seven kilometers north of Sumy, infiltrating through the wood line right up to the edge of Sumy. Because it's thick enough forest, they do a good job of blocking drones.

One, they make it difficult to spot troops moving in the forest. And two, you know, it's just hard to get at them when you have trees and branches. Drones don't fly too well through trees and branches. So you're not going to hear about that, obviously enough, because that doesn't fit the patterns. You're not going to hear about Russia having liberated Kupiansk fully. It's gone back and forth. Not that much of a city left at this point. But yeah, that's not what you're going to hear about, especially not on CNN or Fox. Especially from a general that's reading a pre-prepared script and getting his millions of dollars for it. That's what you're not going to hear. Never.

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I think the key issue you've just mentioned, the key issue for the administration, for the political sort of decision-makers in Russia, is if they try to escalate, what would be the rate of casualties on the part of Russians? Because they were so cautious since this war started. You remember those days of Prigozhin. Prigozhin was asking, you know, somehow to do something. But it was all about the administration knowing that any sort of escalation going deep into the western part of Ukraine would bring huge casualties for Russians. This could be a trap. And what is the point of going to the western part of Ukraine, by the way? Is there any sort of, you know, objective to go to the western part of Ukraine, in your opinion?

#Stanislav

Yes, there is. And I'll say this. Well, first of all, Prigozhin—just understand with Prigozhin, that little, that traitor—Prigozhin, you know, he was recruiting from the prisons. He was banned from recruiting from the prisons. Nobody talks about that. And the reason is, he wasn't giving any training to these guys. These guys got absolutely minimal training, and he was quite literally using body waves. And then he was posing in front of their corpses and going, "Oh, see, if I only got enough of this and that." And he was getting plenty of ammunition, plenty. He was getting more than anybody else. And the reason—and again—the Ministry of Defense banned him.

And again, when they're getting people from the prisons, they're not getting serial murderers and rapists. They're getting mostly people who are in for—they may have killed somebody in a bar fight, things like that. Thieves, people like that. They're given a chance to pay society back. But yeah, he

suffered 18,000 casualties, and that was huge, all things considered. He went—yeah, he went faster than the Russian military went, but at massive casualties in comparison. So that was when the military said, and the government said, no, that's it. You can't recruit. We're banning you from recruiting from the prisons because you're just throwing people away. You know, there were a lot of other issues.

And Prigozhin's main moneymaker was providing provisions to the military—food. And I think they're still trying to figure out where all the money went with him because he was stealing quite a bit. So that was that. And that's why everything else has gone slower, because they're conserving manpower. Now, having said that, the Ukrainians are really bad on the manpower point. Russia has 350,000 troops sitting aside. The battalions get rotated through, so they'll spend a couple of months in theater fighting, and then they'll get pulled back, reconstituted, and the next battalion comes in. And they're all getting combat experience, which is a lot more than you can say for Europeans, for obvious reasons.

They're not Russian Europeans. Well... why would you go to Western Ukraine? You see, the original concept that America and the British had for Ukraine was: Russia comes charging in, grabs everything, and then we start a generational guerrilla war, and we bleed Russia dry. That didn't quite work out. And what happened with this attrition warfare is most of the people that you could have recruited to do the guerrilla warfare, the partisan warfare—they're dead. They're dead. Most of the guys that went in, and under what conditions I'm not going to say, but when the combat actually ends, most of those guys are not going to become partisans. They're going to be thrilled they're still alive and still have all their body parts attached to them.

You know, a bunch of partisans on prosthetics and things like that are not going to happen too often. So that's the reality of it. Why would Russia have to go into Western Ukraine? Sorry, it's a little bit of a cold still up there. They prefer not to have to do that. We prefer the Poles to go into Western Ukraine. We prefer the Hungarians to go into Western Ukraine, the Romanians, the Moldovans, the Slovaks. Go grab your lands back. Go take them, by all means. And then deal with those Nazis you helped create yourselves. The problem is, anything that's left of Ukraine—I mean, there is no good end to this. If Russia took back only the Russian, purely Russian lands, that would be, you start at Kiev on the western side of the Dnieper, and you just keep going down to Odessa. That arc, that central Ukraine and eastern Ukraine, that's all Russian.

Western Ukraine, I mean, yes, once upon a time that was Russian. Back then, even Galicia was Russian up to about the 1400s. But we lost those territories, and those people have been mixed and remixed with other nations. So fine, keep those. But the problem is, they're full of Nazis. They still are. And if there's anything that's there that's a, quote, independent Ukraine, all that's going to be is a hotbed of terrorists, of Western-backed terrorists, and endless headaches that way. Officially, you're not at war with it anymore, so that could be the only reason to go into Western Ukraine.

Russia's not too thrilled with that idea. That's what the West wants, so that the Ukrainians can keep bleeding for the West for generations to come. Like I said, we'd prefer the Poles to go take those lands back, and the Hungarians. By all means, grab them.

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Just breaking news here: the United States is attacking Iran as we speak.

#Stanislav

I just recorded with Larry Johnson. We're like, yeah, in about five hours, they'll probably do it.

#Nima

The attack is happening, just announced moments ago. CENTCOM just announced the U.S. is carrying out attacks on Iran in response to the attack on American troops. Yeah, the F-18 helicopter—you know what happened with that helicopter. It was in the Strait of Hormuz that Iran attacked the helicopter by drone, and it was confirmed by CNN that it was a Shahed-136 drone that hit the helicopter. And the pilots are alive, they're safe, as Donald Trump mentioned, and he said that the attack is coming and the attack is happening as we talk right now.

And it seems that the attack is on. Yeah, there are reports of explosions in Bandar Abbas and Sirik, the two islands close to the Strait of Hormuz, in the Persian Gulf in the southern part of Iran. I don't know what the main goal is. Is it going to be a limited attack on Iran, or how is Iran going to respond to this attack? This is insanity that's happening, because we were talking about it — that this blockade is going to bring more escalations. Your understanding of that?

#Stanislav

Yeah, yeah. Well, look, there was no ceasefire. Let's just erase that idea. It went from a high-intensity conflict to a low-intensity conflict, but there was no real ceasefire. Second of all, as I was talking with Larry — that video will come out a little bit later, maybe tomorrow morning — I'll put that video out. But as I was talking with Larry, I was enlisted in an Apache attack battalion when I was in the Guard while I was still in university, first time around. This is bullshit. I mean, I'll tell you flat out, this is bullshit. Trump — this is the sixth time Trump is walking away, pulling the trigger, walking away from having a peace deal with Iran. Sixth time. Starting with, you know, back in, what was it, last summer, when the Israelis pulled their crap. I mean, to include the 28th of February.

There was a deal on the table, and he pulled the trigger and started the war, right? Let me show you an Apache helicopter. So if the engine goes, if the main engine goes out on an Apache helicopter, guess how it lands? Like dropping a brick. It just goes down. This is a helicopter. They don't glide. The moment those rotors aren't — the main rotor isn't spinning — it falls like a frigging

rock. If its motor is still spinning, if the top blades are still spinning, it can do some kind of a controlled collapse. If its back rotor is taken out, it just does this as it goes down because it can't control, it can't stabilize itself. It's just going to start counter-spinning to its rotors. Helicopters are a bitch to survive when they go down. Just plain — it's not a soft landing.

You're not ejecting out of an Apache. Why? Because you're going to go right through the rotors. There are no side doors in an Apache to get out either. When that Apache lands, the only way you get out is popping the canopy and climbing out as it's sinking. This Apache could have come down, suppose like from 500 feet or so, and nobody got killed, nobody got injured. Bull crap. Total crap. So I don't believe for a second, "Oh, the pilots weren't injured." I don't believe the Apache even happened. And if that's one — because Trump — how many witnesses are there to this Apache? Have you seen photos of it? I haven't seen anything. We got words. We don't have video. We have words. Apaches don't normally fly — well, I guess they could be flying over the Gulf to shoot at, I don't know what, to shoot at rowboats?

#Nima

He said that he was patrolling the Strait of Hormuz. I don't know what it was doing there, because the Strait of Hormuz is not part of international waters. Exactly.

#Stanislav

You're not going to put an Apache in the Strait of Hormuz. I mean, you could, I guess. I mean, out of Trump, you can expect anything out of Trump. And some of the generals and admirals around Trump that are still around there are yes-men. But why would you put a freaking Apache into the Strait of Hormuz? That's past stupid. Second of all, hit by a drone? It could be hit by an Iгла II. An Iгла II reached up and touched an American fueler. It came down in pieces over Iraq. I mean, an Iгла II is basically like an upgraded shoulder-fired—it's a MANPADS. Stinger missile, that's the word I want to say. So it can go up pretty far. I mean, that's what you usually use to take aircraft out, not a drone.

And a Shahed drone is not exactly a very fast-moving drone. Not the old Shahed drones. So... why would you put an Apache out there? I have no idea. It just sounds like crap. You just want an Apache. They normally... all these... you know how normally Apaches are used in combat? How they're supposed to be used in ground combat? They're a sniper platform. Especially when they have the radar dish on top of the... above the rotors. The upper rotor. So what you do is... you fly the Apaches in, they hide behind at least one, preferably two, terrain features—hills, forests. They're hovering down, the radar is above, and they're sitting there, and they're just hovering there.

And they're watching, say, a tank column coming up. They pop up, fire off the Hellfires, pop back down, and get the hell out. And if you're a tanker, you know when an attack helicopter is around because something just blew up. Like, oh, okay, there's helicopters. But helicopters don't engage

directly. Why? Because particularly American Apache helicopters, there's no armor on them. There was a battalion of American Apaches that just tried charging by themselves and destroying an Iraqi Guard battalion. They got chewed up. No, they killed a lot of Iraqis, but the Iraqis opened fire with what? With AKs and machine guns. And they chewed the battalion up because there's no armor on these things.

A round punches right through an Apache—well, I can't call it plate. It's the skin on the helicopter. So you normally wouldn't put one out there. But it makes a good excuse if you want to get out of having to sign something. I mean, Trump was just talking. First of all, of course, some of the conditions Trump was saying are like Iran agreeing—if the conditions he said Iran agreed to would be like Iran agreeing to be gang-raped. It's, oh, we're going to give up enrichment of uranium for 15 years, we're going to close down all of our nuclear sites, we're going to take spot inspections, we're going to give up our highly enriched uranium. Bullshit. I'm sorry. This has gotten to such a point. He knows that he's not going to get it.

#Nima

Of course he's not going to get it.

#Stanislav

He's talking about it. I don't know if that was even the offer. With Trump, you don't know what's real and what his demented mind just came up with. Have you ever known a pathological liar? You ever been around one?

#Nima

No.

#Stanislav

Well, I have. When I was enlisted in that Apache unit, my sergeant—my staff, I mean my staff, my buck sergeant, so E-5—was a pathological liar. The problem with pathological liars is they always pass lie detectors, because a lie detector can't detect a lie. It detects bodily functions like nerves, sweat, pulse. And it detects it because normally people get nervous when they're lying. You know why you can't catch a pathological liar? Because they believe their own crap. They fully believe the idiotic—no matter how stupid, no matter how idiotic the statement that comes out of their mouth—they fully believe it. I mean, this guy, you know, this guy was maybe about 155, 160 centimeters. For the American audience, he's like 5'5".

And he was telling a scrawny guy, he was like, yeah, I can bench, you know, 200 pounds, 100 kilos. No, you can't. Oh, I can do it. Like, no, you can't. And he'd get on there and he can't, obviously,

because he's a scrawny guy, right? He's like, oh, these are fake weights or whatever. They start rationalizing because they can't... It's not that they can't admit that they lied. They believe their lies. So, you know, you don't know what Trump's saying. I think he's got at least a little bit of... It's not just narcissism. I think there's pathological lying in there. So... Again, anything he says, don't take it with a grain of salt. You could get a whole salt lick. It's Trump. God only knows what the real truth is at this point.

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Here is the list of the targets: the Sirik Naval Base, Jask Naval Base, and an air defense site in Bandar Abbas, in the city in the southern part of Iran. These are the targets so far. And it seems that Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, and the UAE are getting prepared for Iranian attacks, and they're expecting that Iranian attacks are coming.

#Stanislav

And why shouldn't they? Because they're allowing their airspace and their land to be used for these attacks. They're part of this war. You know, if they didn't want to get counterattacked, they'd say, "Nothing flies out of this," or, "Get the hell out of our land."

#Stanislav

They deserve what comes their way. They're part of this conflict.

#Nima

Yeah, here is Iran announcing that a retaliation is coming. They want to immediately attack. I would assume they're going to attack again, Kuwait, because they hit some targets. In the recent missiles to Israel, fired at Israel, they hit the bases in Israel. And today we've seen some of those bases that were hit by Iranian missiles. And I think the war is somehow coming back. I don't know how far it goes, but the situation is so, so... Look, there are no negotiations. There is no any... And Donald Trump coming out, you see, J.D. Vance came out yesterday, and today we've learned that he did two interviews, one after another. He said that we're going to have some sort of deal in two days, maybe this week, and... It's all for the market. I think nothing else matters for this administration. They just want to manipulate the market. They say Donald Trump said to Benjamin, I know this and that.

#Stanislav

Yep. Look, I mean, why would you say that? Just because Trump has had 3,000 stock movements that earned him \$4 billion over the last year and a half? I mean, why would you make those kinds of accusations? Nima, you're a conspiracy theorist. But Trump did get fined. He did get fined \$200. That's like a tip. Here you go. Leave me alone. Go buy yourself a shiny something. Yeah.

#Nima

You know what's amazing? If they attack Israel, if they attack Ben Gurion Airport, there's a lot there to be hit. I don't know what the response of the Iranians would be. Let's see what they do.

#Stanislav

Look, they're trying to keep it limited. Iran is going to strike back hard. They're going to have to escalate themselves. And the U.S. runs out of standoff munitions in about two weeks. Is that right? And then what? Fly bombers over most of Iran to drop a bomb on Tehran? You know, how many fighter-bombers are you going to lose along the way? Yeah. So...

#Nima

Because they were hoping, by the way, Stas, that with the Israeli attack on Iran, without refueling, the fighter jets of Israel are not going to be able to get close to the Iranian borders, hit the targets, and get back without refueling those jets.

#Speaker 03

Yeah.

#Nima

And they said, the Israelis said that the United States was not helping them in the attack, only in the defense. They were somehow helping with the defensive part of the operation. But you're just making noises, in my opinion. That doesn't make any sort of sense to anybody who knows the reality of the Israeli army and what their capabilities are.

#Speaker 03

Yeah.

#Nima

I don't know.

#Stanislav

I'm at a loss for words for Trump. I mean, okay, hell with Trump. The people around him, some of them at least know what the hell is going on. At what point do you go, okay, this has gone too far? We're going to lose. Look, the U.S. has basically been kicked out of the Persian Gulf. Everything the U.S. has built up for 30 years. What, \$200 billion worth of damage? Those are some of the later estimates. The U.S. ain't got that money to fix it up, and who's going to let the U.S. back in at this point? I mean, and if this escalates all the way to "let's take out everybody's electric power grids," you know, those American allies, they cease to be countries. No power, no water.

#Nima

Yeah.

#Stanislav

There's not going to be a land invasion. I mean, for God's sakes, it's 50 degrees. That's about 120 for the American audience. I mean, they're not going... In body armor, you're going to do combat operations at 120 degrees. Right. Yeah, that's going to be... Your core temperature is going to... If it's 120 degrees or 50 degrees Celsius outside, put body armor on, and, man, it might as well be 60, 65. Try moving in that. Try doing anything in that. And that's never mind equipment. You know, I mean, I was a consultant in 10. I mean, I've been to Dubai during the summer. That was miserable. But we were mostly in air conditioning. So that's aside.

But, you know, I was a consultant there in Tengiz oil fields, gas oil fields, and that's in western Kazakhstan, central-western Kazakhstan, near the Caspian Sea. And while the winter temperatures were minus 30 with wind blowing, the summer temperatures on average were about 45 to 50. And at 50-55 degrees, work stops. Never mind, you know, you get 30 minutes of work, one hour of rest. I mean, that's the only way to keep people from dying. But work stops at 50-55 because even with thick leather gloves, you can't touch the metal because the metal is so damn hot. It'll burn you through those gloves. They're padded leather gloves. I mean, people who've never been in that kind of heat, they don't understand that. And then the humidity in those... I mean, the Straits of Hormuz is gonna be about 100% humidity. There's not gonna be a land invasion. There are gonna be massive casualties. I mean, just the environment will kill people off left and right.

#Nima

I think what's dangerous to us at this point is that there are no targets in the GCC countries, basically, and they have to do something beyond that. There are going to be some targets in Israel. Maybe they're going to attack, I don't know, the aircraft carriers or destroyers. Hold on.

#Stanislav

The aircraft carriers are going to be 1,000 kilometers away, making big circles in the Indian Ocean again, except instead of one here and one there.

#Nima

None of them are in the region anymore.

#Stanislav

Yeah. No, they're pointless. They can't do anything. You bring them into combat range, they get sunk or damaged anyway. So, did you see the videos from the Ford on that fire?

#Nima

No.

#Stanislav

Oh, yeah. There were some videos that got leaked from inside the Ford. Oh, I'm also saying that was, huh?

#Nima

What was that, the reason for the explosion?

#Stanislav

Oh, the official reason is still that it was a laundry fire. That does not look like a laundromat fire. I'm pretty sure they got hit.

#Nima

I saw the pictures. I didn't see the video, by the way. I saw the pictures, and it was huge. I don't know what sort of fire that was. It was just huge.

#Stanislav

Well, you've got to figure, you know, an aircraft carrier has several thousand airtight compartments, sections. That's what keeps them from sinking, right? So if you had a laundry fire, fires around there, you could seal them off. Theoretically, you can just seal them off and starve it of oxygen. But for 30 hours of battling, I mean, that's massive damage from those videos. So, yeah, that was... I think they got hit. I don't know if they'll admit to it, but...

#Nima

Israel is using the opportunity to hit targets in Beirut. It seems that explosions were heard in Beirut, and Israel is using this opportunity to fight between Iran and the United States. And the latest news is that Qatar and Kuwait have closed their airspace. I don't know where this insanity is going right now.

#Stanislav

Well, if it continues, like I said, the U.S. runs out of standoff munitions relatively quickly. Then what?

#Nima

I think they have to continue it, because there has to be some sort of solution for that. You cannot let them keep bugging you over and over and hitting you. This is a recipe for disaster.

#Stanislav

But have you noticed that Iran's stance has changed?

#Nima

Yeah.

#Stanislav

Iran's a lot more assertive. It's no longer in survival mode. It's now like, let's see, what do we want now? That's Iran's mode. And that tells you that, you know, throw what you want, we can handle this. They don't have that nervousness that they had at the beginning of all this.

#Nima

No, they don't have it. They don't have it. And the society is somehow moving, putting pressure on the government: you have to fight, you have to go after them, not let them get away with what they did against Iran.

#Stanislav

So the Russian society. This reminds me of Russia and sanctions. Because when the threat of sanctions was hanging over Russia's head, the big sanctions I'm talking about that came in '22, the ones that were well-prepared, people were scared. Wow. What's going to happen? Is society going to collapse?

#Nima

You have no idea what the outcome of those moves would be.

#Stanislav

And then sanctions hit. And there were people paranoid. There were some people that were stocking up and this and that. It didn't help that there were some podcasters who were stoking it. One of them was caught by a security camera. He's clearing a shelf with one thing out there. It was like,

#Speaker 03

The shelves are all empty. Oh my God.

#Stanislav

He got arrested for that. There's a video camera behind him just watching him do all this. Like, how stupid can you be? Wait, hold my beer. Let me show you how stupid I can be. But within like two months, three months, people are going, really? That's it? And, you know, nobody's afraid of sanctions. Nobody gives a damn. Nobody even notices how many sanctions packages—yes, the average Russian—how many sanctions packages has the EU put on you? I don't know. I don't care. It's the same thing with Iran. I mean, this is a little more dangerous, obviously, with explosions. But I think it looks like the same thing with Iran. They're like, yeah, OK.

#Nima

There is no other option for Iran. They have to fight back. I think negotiations—nothing of negotiations, nothing of—the Trump administration is just incapable of talking. They don't—they're afraid of talking. That's why they're sending messages to Iran.

#Stanislav

It's like second grade, you know? Hey, give this girl this note—hey, do you want to be my girlfriend? Check yes or check no. Yeah, this is the same level. This isn't serious, this is ridiculous. No, but what do you think Iran's gonna demand at the end of this?

#Nima

I think what they're going to do right now is that they have changed their policy. They want to protect the whole axis of resistance, and they're going to act together right now. They're not going to be separated. They're not going to be able to separate Yemen from Iran, Iran from Yemen, Iran from Iraq, Iraq from Lebanon, Lebanon from Palestine. They're going to get, you know, the

outcome—in my opinion, one of the main outcomes of this war is they have united the axis of resistance in a way that we haven't seen before. Yep, yep, I agree. And that's why you see Israel is waiting for the United States to attack Iran, then attacking Beirut, because they know if they attack Beirut, they're going to get hit by Iranians. And they don't want to accept, by the way, Israelis, they don't want to accept the new equation in the region.

#Stanislav

Yep. Well, I really hope, because the Iraqi resistance militias, they've warned Al-Jolani, step off or we're going to turn Syria into a battleground. I really, really hope that when this is over, there's going to be a counter-invasion of Syria.

#Nima

Sorry for interrupting you. Right now, we've learned that there were no explosions in Beirut. It was some sort of other—I don't know what that was—but it says that there was no bombing of Beirut. Go ahead.

#Stanislav

I very much hope that one of the things that are going to come out of all of this is that the Shia militias, and the Shia—at least the Iraqi Shia forces—are going to go into Syria to clear Al-Jolani's crowd out. You've still got the Alawites fighting. You've still got the Christians fighting. You know, there's still Shia there fighting. So they need the backup. And I really hope Al-Jolani and his head choppers, the Salafists, get wiped out and get pushed out.

#Nima

Yeah.

#Stanislav

So I hope that's going to be part of that blowback.

#Nima

Yeah. Here is Fox News quoting a U.S. official: airstrikes against Iran continue, targeting air defenses and radar facilities in Iran. Most of these radars and air defenses are mobile. They can go on. How are they going to be able to get them? Let's see.

#Stanislav

Well, you know, with translation, what they're doing is more likely they blew up some of the entrances into some of these underground cities where the anti-aircraft systems were coming out, shooting, and then going back underground. They're probably just aiming back to blow up those tunnels again—the entrances. There are multiple entrances. I doubt they took out a large percentage of them. And you don't normally use all of them at once. You use them in rotation so they keep the enemy guessing where to come from. More likely, they're just going back after the targets they've hit before. They've been fixed up. It's not that easy to find unless they're advertising, "Here I am," you know? They're not exactly out in the open, "Here's the entrance." So more likely they're just hitting what they've hit before. And they don't get close to the Iranian borders, by the way.

#Nima

Dig far away from the Iranian borders and hit the targets, trying to hit the targets.

#Stanislav

And you can do that with Tomahawks because they've got the range. The problem with air-to-ground missiles from the fighter bombers is they've got about a 200–250 kilometer range. Some of them have longer ranges, but, I mean, Iran is a big friggin' place. I mean, and Tehran is on the other freaking side of the country. That's a long way to get to, especially if you can't fly through Turkey. They shoot from at least that edge or from Azerbaijan. So, I mean, coming from the south or the southeast, and the Iraqis will shoot what's flying over. So Iraq's no longer a guaranteed safe flight zone. Yeah. They can't do a lot of damage. They can only do peripheral damage.

#Nima

The reason Iraq is this way is because they were preparing for this attack. The Iraqi government doesn't have any sort of air defense system. They don't have an army. They don't have anything. That's why you see these people of the Axis of Resistance being the Hezbollah forces. I'm talking about Iraqi Hezbollah. They call it Kataib Hezbollah. I think one of the main points for Iranians would be to provide an air defense system to the Iraqi government.

#Speaker 03

They need that.

#Nima

They need that to protect their airspace because that's part of Iranian security. That's part of the security of the region. Iranians know that they cannot control GCC countries and their airspace.

They're going to use them as none of those weapons, beautiful weapons, if they decide. Let's assume there is some sort of sovereign country among those within there. There is not that kind of country in the GCC countries. If they want to use those weapons, they're not going to be able to use them without the permission of the United States. This is the problem, if they decide.

#Stanislav

Here's a question for you. Do you think Kuwait is still going to exist at the end of all this? I mean, as a political entity. I mean, this is the 19th province of Iraq.

#Nima

I would say Bahrain too.

#Stanislav

Bahrain would probably have a revolution. I mean, it really kind of is. But Kuwait was formerly part of Iraq until the British drew a nice new line and said, ah, this is now Kuwait. You know, I think Iraq might take it back. Could be. Yeah. And who's going to stop it this time? Nobody. Nobody. It's 1991.

#Nima

Nobody.

#Stanislav

They might finally take revenge.

#Stanislav

Thirty years later, or you know, 35 years later. So yeah.

#Nima

It seems that the latest report is that no additional U.S. strikes have taken place so far. And we have to wait to see what would be the Iranian response. Then, you know, tit for tat, tit for tat. And yesterday I was talking with Paul Karagava. He was bringing up some important point. He said, what is that? Why does Iran need to go tit for tat? Go and put an end to the war and do it. And just, you know, there are people who are arguing. I think they have the logic behind their arguments. I agree. I don't know.

#Stanislav

Well, Iran, they have—I don't know if it's an official policy—but they've had a policy basically of 150% response. They will escalate. They won't escalate all the way, but they will escalate back, which is the right thing to do. Because if you do tit for tat, that's the American strategy. Tit for tat is death by a thousand cuts. But it's death at the end anyway. So if this one guy is going to cut you in the chest, you chop his hand off. There's your response. Want to do another one? Cut me on the other side of the chest, I'll take your other hand off. Sooner or later, it's going to make it very hard for the other side to continue doing the tit for tat.

And Iran did the right thing. I mean, look, they said they were going to strike those bases. They said they were going to close the Strait of Hormuz. The problem is, the West is so used to lying about everything. When you tell them the truth, they don't recognize it. They wouldn't know the truth if it jumped on their face and did a jig. They're incapable of understanding the truth. When you worship the master of lies, you expect everybody else to be lying just as well. And when they tell you the truth to your face, you know, there couldn't be—no, nobody tells the truth. Well, you know, actually they do. So there you go.

#Nima

Yeah. Here is the latest news: the U.S. attacks on Iran are over, according to an official.

#Stanislav

Yeah, and then begin the Iranian attacks on the U.S. and U.S. allies. The cycle is going on. By tomorrow morning, I'll wake up. Exactly.

#Nima

We're going to have seven rounds of attacks on both sides.

#Nima

The people are just tired of these attacks. They want to put an end to this war permanently. If it takes them going underground, fighting underground, going in the air and hitting targets in Israel—whatever it takes—they're prepared to do that. And the government knows that.

#Stanislav

Yeah. I think, you know, I started calling Israel a war crime masquerading as a country. And as far as I'm concerned, you know, could Israel go back to being a normal country? It could, but it would have to be a serious psychological reset. I don't know if they're capable of doing that psychological reset without leading to their own destruction beforehand. You know... and the worst part is, Netanyahu, as evil as he is, his opponents are even worse.

#Nima

Exactly.

#Stanislav

There's no sanity. I mean, the sane people in Israel don't have a voice in the government. It's just a train of psychopaths. And unfortunately, Trump is absolutely in their hands. They have him. What can you do?

#Nima

Nothing, I think. Nothing. The whole administration is under the thumb of the Zionists. Zionists in the United States and outside the United States basically run it by, you know, the whole entity is run by Benjamin.

#Stanislav

Yeah, it's... I mean... it's incredible. It really, really, really is incredible at this point. Historians are going to be pulling this apart and going, you know, hey, read some of this if you want to laugh, you know, at the insanity. That's what historians are going to be saying in 100 years, if we're still here. Yeah. Yeah. This makes the train wreck that led to World War I look rational.

#Nima

Exactly. I'm watching the footage that shows Iranian drones heading toward some targets, maybe to Israel, but they're passing over Iraq. Iraq.

#Stanislav

You know, I got this video from the very beginning of the conflict. It was just an impressive video. So it's in Bahrain, and these cars are driving in the middle of the night, right? And they're videotaping. And, you know, I'm not quite sure how many—it's a couple hundred kilometers from Bahrain to Iran.

#Nima

Yeah, something like that. The entire horizon.

#Stanislav

By the way, uh-huh, but the entire horizon is missile trails going up. So yeah, that's from the Iranian side, from a couple hundred kilometers, but it's all missile trails streaking up in the middle of the night sky. It's just missiles. It's like, yeah, that's impressive.

#Nima

Let's see what the Iranian response would be. I think they're going to learn the hard way. But let's see what that will be. Thank you. Thank you, sir.

#Stanislav

Go. Trump's walked away from six other possible peace deals, or five other peace deals. This is the sixth time he's walking away from doing this. He's not serious.

#Nima

No, no, not at all. Nobody believes that, I think. Let's see.

#Stanislav

Let's see.

#Nima

Thank you. Thank you so much, Seth, for being with us today.

#Stanislav

Thank you.

#Nima

Great pleasure.

#Stanislav

Always a pleasure.

#Nima

Yeah. See you soon. Yep. Bye-bye.

#Stanislav

See you soon.