

Nima R. Alkhorshid: Iran LAUNCHES Immediate Retaliation: Explosions Rock Bahrain

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Hi, everybody. Today—I want to say today, but it's tonight. Tonight is June 9th, 2026, and I'm here to talk about what's going on between Iran and the United States. Today, we've learned that an American Apache helicopter was hit in the Strait of Hormuz. It was reported by mainstream media in the United States. Donald Trump posted on his social; he said that they attacked one of our helicopters in the Strait of Hormuz. The helicopter, this Apache helicopter, was there to patrol the region. The region means the Strait of Hormuz, basically. The Strait of Hormuz is part of the Iranian and Omani territory, and the United States is there to patrol.

I don't know what the main point of the United States being there is. And here, looking at the Strait of Hormuz, you see this is the Strait of Hormuz. And then what we've learned from CNN—it was reported on CNN that the helicopter was hit by a drone, a Shahed-136 drone. So the whole story about the helicopter was so suspicious, and many were asking, what was the point? And there is no footage of that helicopter. And Donald Trump argued that he said the two pilots are safe. You know, the helicopter was hit, but the two pilots are safe, and they're not injured or have any sort of problem. So everything's fine, but we're going to respond.

This is the main point, that we're going to respond. Later on, he said that no, it wasn't that. That it wasn't a big deal, and we don't need to respond to the Iranians. Then later on, on NBC News, if I'm not mistaken, he said that the reporter asked him, are you going to respond to the attack? Because in the attack, they hit one of our helicopters. You have to respond to that. He said, I may respond. Let's see what happens. Then later on, I think with the case of the helicopter, there is nothing out there—footage, photos, nothing of that helicopter being shot, or the wreckage of the helicopter, or those two pilots that Donald Trump is talking about.

Nothing, nothing in the news, just reporting that, you know, the helicopter was hit by an Iranian drone. And if they hit the, you know, our friend Larry Johnson mentioned on RT, he said that if the helicopter was hit, there is no way to save those two, or it's too difficult to save those two pilots. So

the whole concept of the helicopter being hit by a drone is somehow unbelievable. Then we've seen tonight, we've seen three waves of attacks on Iran. And here is what we've seen. They attacked three islands. One of them is Siri Island here. Here is the map of Iran. You go there, you can find Siri Island.

Based on the reports coming out of Iran, it says that the United States hit a telecommunications tower on this island, and two water tanks were hit as well. So some parts of this island are without water right now. And then later on, we've learned of some targets on Qeshm Island. And then coming down here in, yeah, in Jask, Bandar-e-Jask, the Jask area. So they literally hit the targets here—three targets, three islands. Jask is not an island, it's a port. So Jask and then two islands, Qeshm Island and Sirri. The targets, it seems, are three waves of attacks by fighter jets because they used a combination of fighter jets and drones.

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All of, basically, most of the drones were hit. At least two of them were confirmed by the Iranians, by the IRGC. They said two of them were hit, or they intercepted two of those drones. But the attacks from the fighter jets, they could hit the targets, some of the targets. From the official report of the Iranians, they said one telecommunications tower and two water tanks were hit. There were some reports that in the eastern part, in the western part of Iran, in a city called Ahvaz, there were some sort of attacks, but no confirmation that anything has happened in that city, in the city of Khuzestan. Khuzestan is in the western part of Iran, and the capital of Khuzestan is Ahvaz.

They said that the city was hit, but there is no confirmation. And basically, they hit Sirri Island, Qeshm Island, and the port of Jask. This is what has happened with the United States. What was so strange, then later on we learned there was something going on. The IRGC came out and said they hit the targets here. We responded to the United States. We attacked Qeshm and the Fifth Fleet in Bahrain, the American naval base in Bahrain, at 2:30 a.m. But there was no report of any attack on Bahrain. So many people were asking, what has happened? There are no footages, nothing coming out of Bahrain. Nothing is happening. They said, we hit the targets. So if the United States starts attacking us again, we're going to respond.

That was the message. Then later on, they came out and said, we hit two MQ-9 drones, and we hit them, we intercepted them. And there is footage of those drones that were hit by the Iranian air defense system. Later on, just after 30 minutes, we learned that new missiles were going from Iran to somewhere. Nobody knew what was happening or what the target was. Later on, because they published this footage here showing—let me bring it up here—showing at least four missiles were fired from Iran to somewhere in, you know, maybe one of the GCC countries or Jordan. Later on, since it took too much time to have some sort of report from Jordan, it seems that these four missiles were fired at Jordan.

It took too much time to get there because after firing these four missiles, we had some reports from Bahrain that the American base in Bahrain was hit. And here is the footage, the American naval base. Here is the moment that shows that explosion. And let me bring up the photo here that shows exactly where the explosion is. When you look at the picture, you may find out here—yeah, it shows the hit. And the other reports from local people in Bahrain said at least a dozen explosions happened in Bahrain, huge explosions, based on the reports coming out of Bahrain. This was what was happening in Bahrain. Later on, we learned that—let me just bring this up—here is the explosion.

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Yeah, look at this picture. It shows the moment that the Fifth Fleet, the naval base in Bahrain, was hit by an Iranian missile. So we're talking about Bahrain, and because Kuwait is so close to Iran and they can hit it in a couple of minutes or five minutes, they're gonna hit the targets in Bahrain. Later on, we learned there were some targets in Kuwait. The missiles are hitting some targets in Kuwait. Based on what the IRGC reported so far, they said they targeted four important targets at the American Muwaffaq Salti Air Base in Jordan, including F-35 jet hangars and a command and control center in Jordan, based on the report, what the IRGC said.

And the other point that they mentioned, it was reported by Force News that at least 21 targets were hit because it was a combination of missiles and drones. They sent the drones—based on the footage that I've seen, it seems that they sent drones to Jordan together with missiles. Then it took time to get to Jordan and hit the targets. Then they used the drones against Bahrain together with missiles. And as we talk right now, there are some reports that in Kuwait, they're hitting some targets in Kuwait. So basically, the two sides are attacking each other. And what amazes me is the way that this war started.

This new round of war, this new round of retaliation—attacks and retaliation—are happening. Nobody knows what's going on with the Trump administration. They're so strange. Today, two times—yesterday and today—we learned from J.D. Vance that the United States is so close, you know, to making a deal with Iran. Donald Trump's saying the same thing. Maybe in the next two days, maybe in the next, you know, two weeks—he said two weeks, then later on he said in the next two days—we're gonna have some sort of agreement. After attacking Iran, he said, you know, the ceasefire is still there, and we're gonna have some sort of deal with Iran, and everything is going just fine.

Everything is perfectly going on between the two sides. This is just ridiculous. This is a show. I don't know who's going to buy these sorts of arguments on the part of the Trump administration. Who's going to believe them? And the whole case is so fake. You're talking about the helicopter being hit, and you hit many targets, and nobody was injured, nobody was killed in that attack, and there is no

footage, there is no photo, nothing. Just an argument that one of these Apache helicopters was hit. That's all. And they started the war. So the Iranians, so far what we've learned, Iran has hit targets in Jordan, in Bahrain, and in Kuwait. This is the retaliation from Iran.

And in the initial hours that the United States was attacking Iran, there was some sort of news that Israel was attacking Beirut, which later on we learned was false. That didn't happen. So it seems that the whole case is getting out of hand in the United States. I don't know who's running the show in the United States, and what is the main objective of this sort of tit-for-tat? Because this is the problem: Iran is defending itself, the United States is attacking Iran, and they're using the Strait of Hormuz. There is no reason for the United States to be in the Strait of Hormuz, because the Strait of Hormuz is part of Iranian territory. It's part of Omani territory.

Who's the United States to be there? If they get hit close to the Strait of Hormuz, this is not international waters. That's the main point. Based on international law, they cannot claim anything. So it seems, in my opinion, my understanding is that Donald Trump is under tremendous pressure in the United States. He's part of this Israeli agenda. He cannot get out of this. And as time goes on, you may, you know, he can argue that he's more than—I think in the last three months, he literally argued more than 50 times that he's getting close, he's making a deal with the Iranians. It's all about manipulation of the market. He wants to keep the price of oil low.

He wants to, you know, not shock the market. And it works, by the way. How long is it going to be this way? And is that going to help Israel? I think the calculation that Iran has defined for the region is still in place. Because you attack us, we're going to attack you. The United States is not part of the region. They have to get out of the region. It was repeated by Iran and the foreign ministry. They said, you don't belong to the region. You're here, and if you attack us, if you try to invade our territory, you're going to get hit by Iranian missiles or drones. This is the concept on the part of the Iranian government.

GCC countries, they're somehow, you know, every time the United States or Israel attack Iran, Iran attacks the United States and Israel. They're going to, you know, they're so... I don't know how to explain the situation they're in. They're between the two forces. And every time one attacks the other side, they get a slap in the face. This is disastrous, what's going on for GCC countries. And you see no movement, no sort of activity, no sort of understanding, no sort of learning curve in these countries. They have to come to some sort of understanding. They have to put pressure. How is Israel that capable to put pressure on the United States?

You have all your money in New York, and all the money you make is in American banks. How come you cannot put pressure on Donald Trump? Basically, they're running out of everything, these GCC countries. The situation is so desperate, and it doesn't seem that they're willing to help themselves. The UAE is a totally different scenario. They're just getting out of everything, and they're getting

closer to Israel. I don't know what the future together with Israel would be for them. But the other countries like Saudi Arabia and Qatar—Saudi Arabia was hit during the Iran attack on Israel, the Israel attack on Iran, after the attack on Beirut. They attacked Saudi Arabia. They said it was Iran.

Iran attacking Saudi Arabia. Later on, we learned that Iran said, we didn't attack Saudi Arabia. Yemen said the same thing because they put the blame on Yemen later on after putting the blame on Iran. Then they said, yeah, it was Yemen. Maybe Yemen hit them. But there is something going on in the region, and I don't know why there is no report from Saudi Arabia. There is no statement, nothing. Who hit you? You have to put something out, a statement. Tell us, who is hitting you? Why are you so silent about this? If Iran is attacking you, tell us, put a statement out. They don't know. I don't know what is the meaning. They have a defense budget more than nine times the Iranian defense budget.

But they're incapable of reporting, you know, even telling us who's attacking them. Not defending themselves, not using the air defense system, not using their fighters, those beautiful fighter jets, weapons that they bought from the United States. Nothing is happening with these GCC countries. That's why Iran doesn't know what to do. They're basically dealing with these countries who don't have any sort of understanding about their security, the peace, the prosperity of the region. They wanted to have a prosperous region. MBS said it over and over, that "I want something good for the region." Is this the way that you can achieve that? So, are you going to help Lebanon? How do you see Lebanon today?

These are huge questions for all these countries. It's not just Iran. Why should Iran, because when it comes to acts of resistance, when it comes to Palestine, when it comes to Lebanon, nobody is doing anything. You can come together. You can do something meaningful. I'm talking about you, meaning Iran together with GCC countries, together with Turkey. You can do something about it. But nothing is happening. Unfortunately, nothing is happening on that front. So Iran is alone, together with the Yemenis, the people in Yemen, together with the Iraqi resistance, together with Lebanon and Palestine. And they're together, right now they're unified. And they know how to defend themselves.

I think one of the outcomes, one of the most important outcomes of this war, is the way that Iran has found something in itself to defend itself and defend acts of resistance. Because if there is no understanding of that, even in Iran, who's going to do that? Yemen, they do everything. They sacrifice everything for the acts of resistance, but they don't have the capabilities. The only country that has that, that can do something about it, is Iran. And of course, we have Turkey that is so capable. We have GCC countries that can cooperate with Iran and Turkey, but they're not part of the game. And they want to find their own way to coexist with this sort of behavior that the Israelis are showing in the region.

Looking at what is happening in Syria. And Turkey is there. Turkey knows what Israel wants. And they're not doing anything. Just talking, talking, talking. Nothing out of the talks. When it comes to

doing something, nothing comes out. But in my opinion, what Iran has achieved so far, it's so... not only the Iranian government, they're so united in Iran right now. Right, left, middle, you know, everything, everything. All of them are together. And the attacks on Iranians unified all the society together with the government to say people are, you know, when the war began before, I was in Iran in December 2025 and January 2026. Many people were so afraid.

They were asking, is the attack coming? Is the United States going to attack us? What would be the outcome of that? Ordinary, I'm talking about ordinary people. On the streets, I talked with many people. I wanted to know what the situation was there. I was just walking in the streets to talk with people, to know what the atmosphere was. I wanted to know, after 12 years, I wanted to know what's going on in Iran. And many people were worried. They were worried about what was going on with the American attack. So the attack has happened, and Iran has found its way to defend itself. And right now, they're expanding that umbrella of resistance, that umbrella of protection.

Not only Iran, it's going to be the whole axis of resistance. It's going to be Lebanon. It's going to be Palestine. And all of them are going to be together. They're more united today. They have learned. The American attack on Iran was a huge experience for them, considering the military aspect and considering the psychology of what has happened. Because you have to be prepared. Iran has never been attacked since the Iran-Iraq war. So the people were not prepared for that. But they have experienced what has happened—attacking the children, killing kids, killing adults, killing women, hitting universities, bridges, hospitals. They know what war is, what war is today.

And that's why I think this is a huge change, that change would help the government, that would help the military, the IRGC together with the army. Somehow they're supporting them for more than 40 days. You know, since the war started, it's 80 days, something like that, three months, something. There are people, Iranian people, on the streets every night supporting the government. And this is huge for Iranians. And it's not just about Iran. They're asking to do everything. The United States has to get out of the region. They're asking the government. It's not the IRGC telling the people, no, we have to get rid of these American bases or the American prisons in the region.

The people are asking for that because they don't see the United States as a country. They see the United States as a proxy of Israel, unfortunately. This is the way that everybody sees the United States today. That's why when you're talking about Donald Trump coming out and saying that, no, we are reaching a deal, everything is fine, they say, don't listen to what Donald Trump is saying. Just listen to what Benjamin Netanyahu is saying, what Israelis are talking about, what those people, those Zionists in the United States are talking about. This guy is so... he needs these people around him to say that you're big, you're doing everything, you're so good.

He needs these sorts of compliments from the people around him. So the people around him are basically Zionists. And what is the outcome of that? His personal life, I think, is getting better. Looking at the Trump family, he's getting better. His personal wealth is something like four times what he had before being elected in the United States. Right now, his family is doing great. But the

country is under huge, tremendous pressure—on the American people, on the global economy. I'm not talking about the same cases happening in Iran. The country is under tremendous pressure economically. But the difference between Iranians and Americans, and Iranians and Europeans, is they don't know what sanctions are.

They don't know what the meaning of sanctions is, to be under sanctions. That's why when Iran started with this blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, many people in Sweden, for example—Sweden was part of this regime of sanctions. There is a disease called butterfly disease, where the skin becomes very sensitive and people have serious problems with their skin. And Sweden was part of that sanction. They said, we're not going to give you the remedies or the medicine for that disease. When they're talking about sanctions, medicine is not supposed to be part of the sanctions. But since you have to pay, you have to use this sort of payment system, and it's all dominated by the United States, they're not going to get it from Sweden.

And right now Sweden is under tremendous pressure, and they're asking, they're begging Iranians to let them use the Strait of Hormuz. And Iran says, you remember what you did to us. Just imagine, for decades these people were putting pressure on the Iranian people with these sanctions. And right now they're begging to get back to what it was before this war started. But it's not going to get back. The Strait is gone. It's going to be under the control of the Iranian government forever. And the United States is not going to change anything in the Strait of Hormuz. It doesn't matter how many arguments they're going to make with these helicopters.

Later on, you may hear that a fighter jet would hit over the Strait of Hormuz. It doesn't matter. They're going to hit back. You attack Iran, they're going to hit back. Some people may argue that Iran doesn't need to go along with the ceasefire that Donald Trump is announcing. Iran needs to attack Israel. I had, for example, Paul Craig Roberts. He says that Iran needs to continue the attacks on Israel. And since the United States is not capable of defending Israel the way it was before this war started—interceptors, missiles—they have depleted many of these interceptors. Israel is not the way it was before the war started, militarily, psychologically, economically, geopolitically.

That's why they're so desperate in the southern part of Lebanon. They're advancing. What they're telling us is that they're advancing in the southern part of Lebanon while they're backing down in the northern part of Israel. It's just a tragedy what's going on. The guy doesn't understand. Benjamin Netanyahu doesn't understand. Nobody knows what this is about. It's all about grabbing land from other countries. This is the main concept. But how can you grab land in the southern part of Lebanon while your people cannot go to the northern part of Israel and live there? It's not about those people who are arguing that the axis is weak. That has changed. That has totally changed. This is the outcome of the American-Israeli war on Iran.

I think the time is not on Israel's side. It's not on America's side. The time is on the side of the axis of resistance. And they have a lot of patience. They can stay, you know, they can wait. They can let time go by. They're going to be there. But the United States doesn't have those beautiful bases in

the region. You know, tonight when Iran wanted to attack, I would assume when they wanted to attack GCC countries, what would be the targets? There are no targets anymore. So let's hit some other buildings that are a command center. It's called a command center. Nothing is there. Some, I don't know, maybe some computers or something like that. Because they basically destroyed everything. Maybe in Jordan they have something. That's why Iran is attacking Jordan.

It's far away from, you know, compared to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and the UAE, it's far away from the Iranian borders. But after all, they're going to—I think the way that it's happening right now, it was all fake. They have created this sort of fake conflict. They started attacking Iran, I assume because Israel was not able—because Israel attacked Dahiya. Then Iran attacked Israel. Israel responded to Iran as some sort of—it was nothing, you know, the attack was nothing. There was no considerable outcome of that attack for Israel. Then Iran attacked Israel again. They hit the bases in Israel, and we've seen the footage of that. So why does the United States need to attack Iran? Because Israel couldn't attack Iran the way it wanted to attack Iran.

They wanted to hit many targets. They couldn't do it because they're incapable of doing this without the United States. That's why the United States entered the game. They started this attack to hit the targets to retaliate for the Iranian attack on Israel, not because of that helicopter. This is the whole game. The United States is the proxy of Israel. We have to accept that. For four years, we were talking about Ukraine being the proxy of the United States and NATO. But the Trump administration is willing to diminish a country, a superpower, to the picture of a proxy of Israel in the region. And believe it or not, these GCC countries, all these governments in the region are just watching it. They're just amazed at what's going on.

They're not talking about it. But when they get back to their homes, officially they're not talking about anything. But they talk amongst themselves, and they say, what is going on with the United States? Yeah, this is the Trump administration under Israeli occupation. They have occupied the presidency of the United States—basically occupied. I remember once, you know, I remember Joe Biden, when he was so young, he said, I am a Zionist. If there was no Israel, we would have to create an Israel in that region to dominate the region, to control the region. But when he was in power before Donald Trump, he didn't go that far as we're witnessing with Donald Trump. It means how good is Donald Trump for Israel? And who's running the show? Stephen Miller together with Jared Kushner?

These are the people we're not hearing from, basically, but they're running the show, in my opinion, in Washington. J.D. Vance is nobody in Washington. J.D. Vance is nobody, basically nobody. Tulsi Gabbard is out. Pete Hegseth, he's just... look at the guy. Nobody would believe that this guy, the opinion of this guy, would matter to anybody in the administration. When he talks, Donald Trump is just taking a nap. Or Marco Rubio. And there is footage—Marco Rubio is talking, explaining everything, and Donald Trump is taking a nap. So this is the reality of the administration. It depends who's talking, who's more influential in the Trump administration. I think nobody is more influential than Jared Kushner and Stephen Miller.

These two guys are running the administration. You may argue that Ratcliffe, CIA, these people are. At least we haven't seen any sort of move on their part. Avril Haines, the head of intelligence, what she said, the last report, it was about the Iranian nuclear program. She said that there is no evidence, no sign that Iran has decided to pursue a nuclear bomb. No sign since 2003. Then Donald Trump came out and said, I don't care what she's talking about. I decide based on my judgment, not what Avril Haines is talking about. This is the reality. Welcome to the reality. I think the problem for Iranians, they have to decide what they want to do. They cannot continue with this sort of tit for tat. They have to do something substantial.

They have to do something to bring a permanent sort of peace to the country. It's going to come out of a war, a full-scale war. People are going to, at least from what I've seen so far, what I've learned so far, the people in Iran, the society is all prepared for that. And they have the capabilities. They know how to defend themselves. And right now they know how to defend Lebanon. They know how to defend Palestine. And this is the reality that Donald Trump is facing right now. Let's see what would happen. I think looking at the situation right now, based on the latest news, you know, a U.S. official denied to the New York Times that the IRGC conducted 21 attacks against American bases in the region, because the IRGC said, "We hit 21 targets in the region."

Then the two sides, this is a game. But after all, let's see what the outcome of this sort of escalation is. In my opinion, what is important right now is the escalation, and how this escalation is going to go and change the face of the conflict. When you're arguing that you're negotiating and then attacking Iran, this is just going back. Just remember what has happened. Two times they were negotiating with Iranians and they attacked Iran — in June 2025 and on the day of February 2026. Two times they were negotiating with Iranians, then they attacked Iran with a surprise attack.

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The first one was a total surprise, a surprise attack. The second one was when they were somehow preparing, sending a lot of weapons, and Iran knew that the attack was coming. And right now, the reason they decided to start this ceasefire is because they were running out of ammunition. They don't have it. Yeah. I don't know why Iran is not continuing the war. Hit the targets in Israel. Israel wants to be the big guy in the region? Let's do it. They want to attack, they want to kill civilians, they want to kill children, women in Lebanon. This genocide is happening. Today, yesterday, the day before, they're killing people, civilians. There has to be some sort of solution.

The solution is not going to come from the United States. The solution is not in Israel. The solution is the way that the acts of resistance are going to respond to Israel. I think they're getting there. You have to, before starting something, the mindset should get there. Psychologically, you have to be prepared to do this. I think what is more important with this war is that the acts of resistance,

psychologically, are more prepared. And they know strategically they're more prepared to go against Israel. And this frightens Israelis. They're so scared. Netanyahu is so scared. The moment that the United States leaves the region, that's going to be so scary for Israel.

But that's why I don't think that the United States is going to leave the region. They're going to stay there. They're going to get attacked. But those beautiful, you know, big weapons of Donald Trump, aircraft carriers, they're not going to stay there forever. You remember what has happened to the Gerald Ford aircraft carrier. The people who are on these aircraft carriers, it's literally like a prison. Many of those are 5,000 people on this aircraft carrier. They cannot stay there forever. Are they going to get back to the bases? No, in my opinion. If you're rational, if you're logical, you're not going to get back there.

Because you know that Israel is not going to behave the way it should behave, in my opinion. And then the attacks, these sort of attacks, come back and forth. They're going to hit, they're going to destroy those bases again and again and again. That's why I don't see any reason that the United States is going to get back to GCC countries. Even those GCC countries are getting to that point. We know that they're so dependent on the United States. But there is no point in having American bases on their soil. There is no basis for that. If, let's assume, they're learning something, it's because they have to pay for everything.

I would say if the United States decides to put the bases back in their countries, they have to pay for everything. Everything. I wouldn't be surprised if Saudi Arabia pays for those radars that the United States is going to put on their soil to protect Israel. I wouldn't be surprised because these people are so delusional. They lost their minds. They don't know what they're doing. In the public opinion in these countries, I think the whole West Asia is united, because before Gaza, before all this madness happening, it was all about Shia, Sunni, different sects, and they created ISIS. For many years they were killing Shia, Sunni, everybody in that region. Those days are gone. Those days are gone. And Shia and Sunni are coming together.

I'm talking about people. I'm not talking about the governments. The people are coming together. I wouldn't be surprised if tomorrow we learn that the people in Kuwait want to join Iraq or be part of Iraq, or Iraq joining Kuwait, and Iraq and Kuwait joining and just kicking the leadership of Kuwait out. I wouldn't be surprised because huge changes are happening, you know, within the society. Bahrain is one of the most important cases in GCC countries. The majority of the people are Shia Muslim, against the leadership that is Sunni. But the name, we call it Sunni, but it's not. As I said, there is no difference today between Shia and Sunni. They are coming together. And this is a huge loss for Israel.

Because they have invested for such a long time in this sort of division between Shia and Sunni, separating one from the other and making this sort of argument. And you believe in that. I believe in this. We are different. We are not the same. And those days are gone. Those days are literally gone. The region is getting more united. That's why I don't see a bright future for Israel. I don't see

Benjamin Netanyahu—his legacy is going to be forever. He's the architect. I would say he's the main designer of the collapse of Israel. He did that to Israel. And he's not going to back down until everything is destroyed. Everything is destroyed. The guy cannot send his people to the northern part of Israel, but he's not coming out of Lebanon because he says that we're going to get more land from Lebanon.

We're going to create a buffer zone. Dude, the northern part of Israel is becoming a buffer zone. You're talking about making a buffer zone? I don't even want to talk about Syria and what's going on in Syria because the government—there is no government in Syria. And this huge chaos was created and facilitated by the government in Turkey. And GCC countries somehow thought that it's going to be good for Syria. Nothing of that sort is happening. I know many people in the West, many people from those regional countries who are not living in Syria anymore, or in Europe, in the United States, here in Latin America, in Brazil—I know some of them—they thought that the fall of Assad was going to be beautiful for them.

So, what is happening today to Syria? That's why I think Assad is gone. But the acts of resistance—there is an important connection between Iran and Hezbollah. They thought that the fall of Assad was going to disconnect Hezbollah from Iran. That's the end of Hezbollah. The assassination is going to be the end of Hezbollah. No. You cannot occupy the territory of the people and expect that they're going to accept it. No, they're going to fight back. It's not about—even if Iran doesn't help, doesn't support Hezbollah—that doesn't mean that Hezbollah are going to back down. They're going to fight back with everything they have. They're going to create their own weapons. They're going to do their own, what Hamas was doing. Hamas is doing the same. They're making handmade guns. They're fighting Israel this way.

You remember the final moment of the Yahya Sinwar. You remember what has happened. They were talking about Yahya Sinwar. All these leaders of Hamas are living in Qatar. They're living a fancy life there, and they don't have any understanding of the people who are getting killed. And later on, we learned from the Israelis—they published that footage of the Yahya Sinwar war, fighting to the last moment. Fighting to the last moment, that was a huge lesson for all those people in the region—Shia, Sunni, everybody—the acts of resistance. This is what Israel is producing. They're making people stronger. And that is not going to benefit them in the long run, in my opinion. Let's see what would happen, and let's see what would be the reaction of the United States to the Iranian attack.

I hope I tried to give my understanding of what's going on. And it was a great pleasure to talk to you. It's too late here in Brazil. It's almost, you know, midnight here. And thank you so much for being with me tonight. And tomorrow I'm going to talk with Leith Marouf. I'm going to talk with—you know, I have many guests tomorrow—Michael Hudson and Richard Wolff, Andrei Martyanov, many, many guests tomorrow. We're going to have four or five podcasts. Again, thank you so much,

and I hope everything goes well. And we can hope, but the reality is different because Donald Trump is the president of the United States. Remember that. And with Donald Trump, nothing's going to go well. Good luck, and thank you for being with me tonight. See you soon.