

Nima R. Alkhorshid: URGENT: Iran's RETALIATION Begins – Missiles Hit Jordan

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Hi, everybody. Tonight is Wednesday. Today is Wednesday. Tonight is Wednesday, June 10th. Still, on the East Coast of the United States, it's 11 a.m. Here in Brazil, it's midnight, and we're getting to June 11th here. And what has happened so far with the case of the war between the United States and Iran? The United States started attacking Iran yesterday. And the targets—what we've learned so far from the targets—let me bring the map here to describe what has happened so far. Going here, they started with this location in the Strait of Hormuz. They started with Siri Island, then Qeshm Island here, and the city of Bandar Abbas got hit. We had two strikes, at least, in Bandar Abbas.

Then the targets, the other targets, were here in Bandar Kangan, here in this location. They call it Bandar Kangan. The other attacks in the first wave of attack, they attacked these targets close to the Persian Gulf. And they tried to attack Asaluyeh. Asaluyeh is here. Look at Asaluyeh here. And one of the most important petrochemical plants in Iran is here in Asaluyeh. They tried to target it with a cruise missile, and the cruise missile was intercepted. So what we've learned later on, CENTCOM said they didn't attack it, but it seems they have footage that shows they attacked it, but the cruise missiles that were used were intercepted by the air defense system in Iran. Later on, it was a huge first wave in the Persian Gulf.

Then a minor attack in the northern part of Iran. And they tried to hit some targets in Karaj. Karaj is a city close to the capital of Iran, Tehran. There were two, if I'm not mistaken, two attacks, explosions in Karaj, at least two explosions in Karaj. And in the city of Bandar Abbas, in the southern part of Iran, as I've shown you on the map, we had some explosions there. And they hit some targets there. And then they said, Donald Trump said that I talked with Iranians, they're begging to end the war and they're asking me to stop attacking them. So I'm going to stop it. And later on, after a few, I'd say after 30 minutes, we've seen that CENTCOM said that the attacks have been concluded or they're done with their attack.

And the Iranian attack just started minutes ago. It's something like 20 or 30 minutes ago. And they started again with the same sort of strategy as we saw last night. What they've done is they started attacking, sending missiles to Jordan together with drones. Then they started attacking Jordan again. After that, after firing those missiles at Jordan, they started attacking Bahrain and Kuwait. Basically the same strategy. But this time it seems that they're hitting some other targets in Jordan — in Amman, for example, some targets in Amman. I don't know what those targets are. There is no information concerning those targets. But from what we've seen so far, here is the Muwaffaq Salti Air Base in Jordan, which was hit by Iranian missiles.

You see here the smoke in the air. It's not that good, the footage, but at least it shows that they hit the targets. Iranians hit the targets in Jordan. And it was something else. There are new projectiles that have been used, some unidentified projectiles that Iran has used in Bahrain. And here is the footage of that projectile. Nobody knows what that is. It's some kind of drone. It's a missile. It's more like a missile. And just moments ago, we had the Shahed drone over Kuwait. And these are the footages that we've seen so far. What are the targets? We have a new announcement from the IRGC. It says that in response to the missile attacks by the United States Army in the area, a manufacturing complex and an area around Karaj and Nazarabad, and a local IRGC base in Peshawar County.

And so the attacks, the hitting, they're talking about in Karaj, in Nazarabad, which is close to Karaj, and in Peshawar County. I don't know where, because I have never heard of Peshawar County. And they said the targets were there, basically. They hit the targets there. And in response to that, the Iranian army has fired 12 ballistic missiles at the location of the American F-35, F-15, and F-16 fighter jets, as well as important installations of the United States Army located at the Al-Azraq Air Base and Control Center. They said that they destroyed those installations. And this is the latest sort of statement by the IRGC. And I think the two sides, what is happening right now, the United States attack, consider all of these attacks.

Looking at the footage so far, what has happened in Iran, I don't see a significant sort of move on the part of Donald Trump or an attack that could put pressure on Iran. What was happening during the American attack on Iran, there were, you know, while the United States was attacking Iran, Iran was attacking these Kurds, you know, in Erbil in Iraqi Kurdistan, because they thought that these terrorists were going to get in from the borders with Iraqi Kurdistan. So, the United States was attacking Iran, Iran was attacking Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan. And I was somehow confused. And then later on, we learned, at least from the Iranian media, that the Iranians were concerned about some sort of invasion, that the United States was trying to make some sort of chaos.

And they tried to capture some island, maybe in Iran, going to Hormozgan, as it was mentioned in the IRGC statement. They said they tried to do some sort of invasion, which was, you know, responded to by the Iranians. In the reports, we've learned that Iran has used a hypersonic missile to hit a U.S. warship. It was reported by Israeli media; it wasn't by the Iranians. I haven't seen any sort of report in the Iranian media about the attack on the U.S. warship. Then later on, CENTCOM

said that didn't happen, nothing of that sort is happening. As an outcome of this war, the American attack on Iran, they said that the Strait of Hormuz is fully closed.

And the closure is a total closure of the Strait of Hormuz. Nothing is going to get through the Strait of Hormuz because before that we had something like 10 to 30 ships or vessels, whatever—oil tankers, bulk tankers—passing through the Strait of Hormuz by paying tolls. And those sorts of movements are not happening right now as we talk in the Strait of Hormuz. It's totally closed right now. But CENTCOM again came out and said that the Strait is open and the vessels are passing through the Strait of Hormuz. That's a huge lie. At least I can say that. That's a big lie. And the Strait is totally closed and they're controlling everything.

So the attack was not that significant so far from what we've seen, because we don't know what exactly has happened. But from the footage, and we know the internet is back in Iran, people are just filming everything and sending their clips and their videos out, and we can see what's going on in Iran. At least if something happens, we can find it out, we can see it online, on social networks, on various applications. But so far we've seen some explosions in Karaj, close to Tehran—nothing in Tehran itself, the city, the capital of Iran. Nothing has happened, no footage came out. And it seems some targets were in Siri Island and in Bandar Abbas.

These are all the explosions that we've heard so far, we've seen so far, and that were reported in the mainstream media or alternative media so far. The Iranian attack is happening as we talk right now, as I said just moments ago, and they're hitting the targets. What is the strategy on their part? It seems that when it comes to Jordan, they're just somehow increasing the targets—some targets in Amman, some targets in other parts of the American bases. And we don't know about the new targets. As it was mentioned in this newest statement, they're talking about, you know, the location of F-35, F-16, F-14, and these fighter jets. This is the whole case. This is the new report on the part of the Iranians.

But looking at the situation, after all, what's going on? I don't know, is this a comedy show? Is this something that Donald Trump is trying to make? I don't know what the point of that is. He said that he's attacking Iran because he's trying to force them to, you know, they have to submit. This is the way nobody would submit. Dude, you were in Afghanistan for 20 years and you couldn't do that. And you think that against Iran you can do this? But these sort of attacks, and they're going to respond. And they're responding as we talk. And that's why I don't understand what's going on. It's unbelievable somehow, looking at what has happened so far.

The Israeli attack on an empty building in Dahir, which nobody knows what the necessity of that was. They couldn't kill anybody in that building. Let's assume that they had false intelligence from the region. They thought they were going to get somebody, they were going to kill Hezbollah forces. So they failed. Then the Iranian response to the Israeli attack—because Israelis, on one side, maybe

they wanted to attack to kill Hezbollah forces. On the other hand, they wanted to test to see if Iran would react to that, if Iran is bragging or is telling the truth, or if they really want to defend Lebanon. So Iran didn't—you know, Iran immediately responded to the Israeli attack.

And they attacked the northern part of Israel, as you know what has happened in the northern part of Israel. Then we had the Israeli attack on Iran. And what has happened in the second attack, in response to what Israel did in Iran, was not significant at all. Iran attacked the northern, central, and southern parts of Israel. It seems that their attack, those missiles or drones, were so effective in hitting the targets that it put Israel in some sort of desperate situation. I think that is the main point here. Israel thought that—so what would be the response on the part of Israel? Because they didn't respond to the Iranian attack. So then the United States came out.

Donald Trump, all of a sudden, out of the blue, tweeted that Iran had attacked one of our Apache helicopters in the Strait of Hormuz, which was patrolling the Strait, so we're going to attack Iran. Then he said, we may not attack then. The attack happened. So we thought that—we really thought that it was an Apache helicopter in the region that was attacked. And later on, you look at it, nothing came out so far. It seems some sort of mystery. You remember the attack in the southern part of Isfahan with that ground operation where the United States tried to grab the enriched uranium bomb in Isfahan. They tried to do some sort of invasion and grab—you know, they wanted to grab the enriched uranium in Isfahan.

So they went there with a lot of C-130s, you know, Black Hawks, Little Birds, everything. You look at the aircraft in that operation, it's unbelievable. They sent a lot of weapons, everything there to do some sort of ground invasion to grab the, you know, to steal, or to get the 60, you know, that enriched uranium in Iran. They thought they could do it, but it totally failed. But before that happened, it was all about rescuing one of the pilots of an F-15, if you remember that, while the F-15 was hit between two provinces of Iran. Let me show you on the map. What happened, you know, when the attack happened, you know, that F-15 was hit here. Let me bring it. Here, between Khuzestan—yeah, I'm just getting confused here. Yeah, in this area.

In this area, they thought between Khuzestan and Kohgiluyeh. Then what they did, they went to Isfahan here, in this part, in the southern part of Isfahan, and they said that the pilot was there. It was impossible for the pilot, for an aircraft, a fighter jet, to be hit between Khuzestan and Kohgiluyeh, two provinces in the western part of Iran, and then you go to the central part of Iran to rescue the pilot. That was a huge lie. You remember Donald Trump came out and was just trying to make a story for more than 30 minutes. If you remember that briefing, Donald Trump, together with Pete Hegseth and General Keane, was talking about how successful that operation was. And the case of this Apache helicopter is the same, in my opinion.

There is no basis. There is no foundation. There is no reality behind it. They just made it up to attack Iran because Iran hit Israel so hard that Israel couldn't respond the same way. So they needed the United States to get involved. You know that when Bibi asks something from Donald

Trump, he has to follow. And nobody knows what that mystery is. We may speculate on what's going on between Bibi and Trump. Maybe that's related to the Epstein file or something like that. Nobody knows how deep that is, how deep the leverage of the Israelis on Donald Trump is. But it seems they somehow convinced Donald Trump that the United States has to do something about it, because Israel was attacked. And here is Donald Trump coming back to the war while he's negotiating.

He's saying that we are two days away from making a deal with the Iranians. We are three days away, making these sort of jokes, and he is so good at manipulating the market, the oil prices, because he's been doing this for three months so far. For three months, he was just manipulating the oil market, which, by the way, is not the real price of oil, as was mentioned by the head of the Iranian parliament. He said it doesn't matter what the price of oil is—you know, you go to those websites, the price of oil is not real. It's something... really, the price of oil, if you go there, he said it's going to be, as was mentioned—by the way, it wasn't just the head of the Iranian parliament—Robert Kagan said the same thing. It's \$150. \$150.

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A barrel. This is the reality of what's going on. And Donald Trump, what he has done so far—let's assume that Donald Trump wanted to do something for Israel, but he wanted to keep the market, try to keep the price of oil somehow stable, not going up, not increasing. But the outcome of these attacks so far has had totally the opposite effect, or the attacks are influencing the market. With the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, I would say the price of oil would drastically increase as time goes by, because it's not gonna—before we had the Chinese ships, maybe we don't have that many Russian ships.

Maybe Russian ships, Pakistani ships, some other friendly countries. We had Japan begging Iran to let some tankers pass through the Strait of Hormuz. Maybe some Europeans, I don't know. It seems that they were negotiating with the Iranians, and that's all. Right now, nothing is going to get out, nothing is going to pass through the Strait of Hormuz. This is the new reality. And I think the foreign minister of Iran said they are seriously reassessing, reevaluating the negotiations with the United States, if they really need to do that. I don't see any reason for Iran to negotiate with the United States or to send any sort of message anymore.

If the Trump administration is so weak under some sort of pressure from Israel for some sort of attack, which Israel itself—the Benjamin Netanyahu administration and the Israelis—started this war. It wasn't a war started by Iran because they wanted to test the Iranian reaction. So they started it. And Donald Trump, instead of telling them, "You started this war. Oh, you want to be the big guy? Do it by yourself." Is he serious? Is Donald Trump serious? No, he's not serious. I don't know how long it takes for Iranians to understand that this guy is not serious. And the only option for Donald Trump right now is just to get out, because no negotiations would—he's not going to achieve anything by negotiation.

He's going to lose more. If he wants to negotiate, Iran is ready. Iran is more than ready to do real negotiations. But there is nothing of that sort happening as we see right now, as we've been witnessing so far. That's why I see no point, I see no reason in the continuation of these sorts of messages back and forth between Iran and the United States. Today, we had a Qatari delegation going to Iran, and Fox News reported that it was coordinated with Donald Trump. They had coordinated with Donald Trump to go there to talk with the Iranians and to try to bridge the gap between Iran and the United States. They were not able to talk directly with the Iranians, so they sent a delegation headed by J.D. Vance, which wasn't prepared at all.

They don't know. You know, those negotiations on the nuclear program of Iran—when they started the negotiations with Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner—these two guys don't know what that is. They have never heard of negotiations on a nuclear program because it's all about the technical aspects and the details of the nuclear program. But they don't know. They have no clue. And just going there and negotiating with someone like Araghchi, the foreign minister, who is one of the main negotiators of the JCPOA, who knows each and every detail of that deal between Iran and the United States. So imagine these people want to negotiate with Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff.

And later on, they said, these two people are not working. That doesn't work with these two people. And they asked J.D. Vance to be part of that. But J.D. Vance came in and nothing changed. And this is the reality of what is happening. That's why I don't see any reason for Iran to continue these talks. They can say, we are here. We are controlling the Strait of Hormuz. By the way, the Strait of Hormuz is not part of international waters. Iran is not a signatory to that law. But after all, let's assume Iran is a signatory to that law, but it's not applicable to the Strait of Hormuz because it's territorial water. It's divided between Iran and Oman. So nobody can go there.

Let's assume that an Apache helicopter existed and it was hit, as Donald Trump said, that it was patrolling the Strait of Hormuz. Based on international law, you cannot send your helicopter. It seems like, just imagine, Iran sending a drone close to the United States, flying over some cities, some states in the United States. So what would be the reaction from the United States? They're going to hate it. This is the reality. You come to the Strait of Hormuz, you have to understand this is—you don't belong to the region. But Donald Trump doesn't want to accept it. I think the more he tries to manipulate the war and to continue with the blockade. Right now, the blockade doesn't mean anything anymore because the strait is totally closed right now.

And from what I've seen, the other important point right now is that Hezbollah is attacking the northern part of Israel. They hit some targets in the northern part of Israel just moments ago. And the report from the IDF said that two Hezbollah rockets impacted an area near where IDF forces were operating. Not only in the northern part of Israel, but also in the southern part of Lebanon. And here they're talking about the southern part of Lebanon—they were targeted. But in this

statement, they didn't say there were no casualties. And when they don't mention that there were no casualties, it means that they hit the target and there were some casualties, you know, among the Israeli forces in the southern part of Lebanon.

So is that bringing some sort of, you know, some sort of impunity for the United States and Israel? Because all Israel is seeking is impunity in their war against Lebanon. They want to attack them with their fighter jets, killing civilians, but they don't want Lebanon to respond. Just imagine. Just imagine that. Let that sink in. And how the government in Lebanon is participating, cooperating with the Israelis. Today we had Benjamin Netanyahu together with the Israeli president talking. The Israeli president came out and in his message said, I watched the interview that Joseph Aoun, the president of Lebanon, had on CNN with Christiane Amanpour. And that was an amazing interview.

I was so happy. We are friends of the people in Lebanon. We love the people in Lebanon. We love the government. You are the best people. And the only problem is Hezbollah. The only problem. The only problem is not the occupation of Lebanon for such a long, long time. And he's not talking about the occupation. He's not talking about how, just after that interview of the president of Lebanon, they hit one of the major generals of the Lebanese army in his military vehicle, together with one of the commanders and one soldier. And they killed all of them with drones. So how can you put these two pictures together? And Benjamin Netanyahu was making the same sort of argument.

He said in his video, he said, we are friends with the Lebanese people. We don't have any sort of problem. The only problem is Hezbollah. We are at war with Hezbollah, but the Lebanese people are still, you know, our friends or something like that. Who's going to believe that? Who's going to buy that? They feel that they can make some sort of division in Lebanon. They want Hezbollah to be involved in some sort of a struggle, an internal struggle, with the people, with the society, with the government. They want the people in Lebanon to go against Hezbollah. But they don't understand what they've done so far in Gaza, in the southern part of Lebanon.

Huge. Now look at the people who are moving from the southern part of Lebanon, going up to Beirut and other cities. Look at the people. And these are the people of Lebanon. I don't know how Benjamin Netanyahu feels that he can deceive people in Lebanon. That's totally delusional, because if he goes as far as he goes, he's not going to make the case better for the president and the prime minister of Lebanon. Their position is going to be shaky, and they're going to lose it, in my opinion, as time goes by, if they continue with the same sort of policies. Because Israel is not talking about withdrawing from Lebanon.

They're talking about making a dead zone in the southern part of Lebanon. Not only to the Litani River, they're talking about crossing the Litani River, going further. That is unacceptable for Hezbollah. That's why they're attacking. As I just mentioned, they said that they attacked Israelis in the southern part of Lebanon, in the northern part of Israel. And I would say, as time goes by, if

Hezbollah continues with this sort, because they have drones, they have rockets, and they have ambushes. And they're so good. And they're getting better and better with these drones. And this is a huge, this is a strategic sort of problem for Israel.

It was mentioned in the mainstream media in Israel by Israeli commanders. They said, you remember the Israeli ambassador to the UN, he said, he was just somehow crying out and saying, we have no solution for that. They're hitting us, they're killing us. But he doesn't say that those people who are getting killed are soldiers, Israeli soldiers that are occupying the southern part of Lebanon. They tried to capture the land, they tried to kill the people, destroying their homes, destroying everything. That wasn't mentioned in his sort of argument, his sort of statement at the UN. But what he mentioned was that these drones are so accurate, they hit the target.

And the moment they hit the targets, you cannot hear the drone because they're so silent. When they get to the target and are just one or two meters away, you can hear something from the drone because they're so silent. This is the strategic sort of, you know, problem for Israel. And they're talking about it. They said they have no solution so far. They don't know how to deal with that. And that's why they wanted to attack Dahir. They wanted to destroy, level Dahir. If it wasn't for Iran, they would do that, the same way they did it in Gaza. Look at Gaza today, what they did to Gaza.

And that's why the Iranian position is so important, so important for the survival of Lebanon, in my opinion. If it wasn't for Iran, they would do the same thing in Dahia. Dahia is something like 1 million people, something like 400, 500 thousand. It's a huge area in the southern part of Beirut. Huge area, so populated, that area. So they wanted to level everything. But Iran came in and changed everything. I don't see that sort of, they call it a new equation, new Iranian equation. That equation is still in place, even with the American attack. Today, tonight, the United States has announced that Donald Trump himself said this is an attack, an American attack on Iranians, and Israel is not involved in that.

And Israeli media repeated that. One of the main reasons for that, in my understanding, is because there are many, many aircraft at Ben Gurion Airport. So they're in the open. If Iran decides to attack Ben Gurion, they're going to hit each and every aircraft — fighter jets, refueling tankers, aircraft. It's full of aircraft there. And if they hit the targets, they're going to destroy many of them if they decide to do that. But they haven't done it so far. And their attacks are basically focused on Jordan, Kuwait, and Bahrain. They didn't attack the UAE. I don't know what the reason for that is. There has to be some sort of reason, political reason for that. We don't know yet.

But the main thing, Jordan is so important because all these fighter jets are in Jordan. And Kuwait and Bahrain are those two places that the United States, every time Israel and the United States wanted to attack Iran, they used Kuwait and Bahrain to attack Iran. That's why the main objectives, the main targets of these attacks, are Kuwait, Bahrain, and Jordan. So... what is the outcome of tonight's attack? Donald Trump said he may, because he said that if they don't make a deal, I'm going to attack them tomorrow night. So let's assume he's going to do the same thing tomorrow and

the day after tomorrow. Who's going to have the upper hand? How long is he going to continue with this sort of attitude? Is that going to help him?

Because his situation, this situation, the economy, the global economy is under tremendous pressure. The Arab states are under tremendous pressure. Japan, South Korea — these countries are feeling the suffering from this war. These are all allies of the United States, but the United States doesn't care about any of them. They don't care about Japan, South Korea. They don't care about GCC countries because they have something bigger and better, which is Israel. By the way, Israel doesn't contribute anything to the United States. Look at the history. Look at this sort of partnership between the United States and Israel. Nothing, nothing goes to the United States. It's all about the United States helping Israel, contributing to Israel — military-industrial complex, funds, everything.

They gave them everything. And Israel, just looking at the way Benjamin Netanyahu is running everything in the Middle East, is just amazing. I see Donald Trump coming out bragging. There was a phone call. Donald Trump said to Benjamin Netanyahu, "You're crazy. You're doing this, you're doing that. You're destroying the deal I'm making. You know, we are just two days away from making a deal." It's just, it's huge. This is a show. These guys are just making jokes. I'm sure there are many people in this circle of the United States, these Zionists around Donald Trump and in Israel, who are making a lot of money from this war. I'm sure about that. This is the same way, by the way — you look at the way the war in Ukraine is happening. What is the main issue with the case of Ukraine?

The war that was supposed to be ended by Donald Trump — he said that he's going to put an end to the war in 24 hours. Yeah. More than a year, he's the president of the United States. Where are we right now? New escalations happening between Ukraine and Russia. Ukrainians are using drones against Russia. Who's benefiting from this? Who's getting the kickbacks? Who's getting the benefit? Who's getting the money? These people are getting better and better. Their life is getting better. They're getting richer. So when they're getting rich, they're getting... So how can you believe that anybody's asking? Because many people are saying, he said, Donald Trump himself said, he doesn't care about the financial problems of the American people. He doesn't care about, you know, the latest report on Fox News and CNN shows that the inflation in the United States is 4.2% in May, last month.

It's the highest inflation in the last three years. So since 2023, there was no inflation as high as it is today in the United States. The price of energy is just going up. It's just increasing. It's just rising. And does he care about that? No. No. What he cares about is that beautiful picture of the ballroom that he shows, you know, everything. Look at the ballroom, look at these beautiful structures that they're making. The guy is living in another universe. The guy is not there anymore. And I think he's going to continue. I don't know what it is; it depends on the agenda of the Zionists, the agenda of Israelis. At this particular moment, because we had two interviews, JD Vance came out and said, even today, he said that we are so close to making a deal with the Iranians.

And where is that deal? Where is that agreement? Are we closer to the deal? No, we are far away from a deal between the two sides. Donald Trump said that he's attacking Iran to force them to accept a deal as soon as possible. If they don't accept a deal, tomorrow he's going to attack Iran. Dude, you don't know Iranians then. Please get someone who knows Iranians, who knows the Iranian culture, who knows the Iranian people. You don't understand. You have to learn more. You have to study more. This is not a real estate deal in New York. This is totally different. And this is not something that Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff have been involved in, just by two meetings making some sort of deal.

This is not the way it works. By the way, this is the main problem with Russians. Look at the way that Russia is negotiating right now with the United States using Kirill Dmitriev, who's an oligarch in Russia. If he's an oligarch, does it mean that he knows how to negotiate? No. He knows how to make money. Let's put it this way. I don't want to go that far into how he does that, but his life is totally different. That's why we have diplomats who study, who know what they're talking about, who know the reality of the relationship between the two countries and how they can make compromises, how they can make win-win sort of agreements.

This is the art of diplomacy. The government, the administration, is empty of that. They don't know anything about negotiation or diplomacy. No diplomat, by the way, in the Trump administration. That's why they have to. You have Lavrov in Russia, and you have to negotiate with Kirill Dmitriev. Imagine that. How ridiculous is that? And the Secretary of State is not participating in any of these negotiations with Iran or with Russia. I don't know how the Russian president or the leadership in Iran somehow feel that they can negotiate with the United States. How many times do they have to fail over and over to understand these are not negotiations?

They know that these are not negotiations. But what is the choice? What are the options on the table for them? Nothing. This is the problem. This is so sad, so sad to see this. After that disastrous Biden administration, just imagine. Biden administration, Antony Blinken, Jake Sullivan, Victoria Nuland, all those people who made the war in Ukraine, this disastrous war. Many people were killed. Ukraine was destroyed. More than 80% of their GDP right now is in the hands of Russians. The eastern part of Ukraine is in the hands of Russians, but somehow you see... you see... people like Lindsey Graham and these people are coming out.

Ukraine is winning. Yesterday, I watched a video of Fareed Zakaria on CNN. He was mentioning that the tide is changing and Ukraine is winning. This is the argument. You have two disastrous administrations, one after another: the Biden administration and right now the Trump administration. You remember how Trump was making jokes about Joe Biden—sleepy Joe, sleepy Joe. So it turns out to be a sleepy Don, a sleepy Don right now. He is the one that is sleeping right now. And it's worse because at least in the Biden administration, the problem was only Ukraine. Right now, the problem is getting worse because it is Ukraine and it is West Asia right now.

They have two problems, one created by Joe Biden and continued by Donald Trump. By the way, Donald Trump was part of that problem in Ukraine. In his first administration, look at the way he was bragging about JASMs, all those beautiful missiles he sent to Ukraine. He sanctioned Russia during his first term and how he prepared Ukraine. He was part of this. You remember what has happened in Ukraine, basically. Since 2014 up until 2022, they were preparing Ukrainian soldiers, trained by NATO, to attack, to confront Russia. That disastrous war started during the Biden administration and is continuing right now as we talk. And it's escalating. It's hugely dangerous, in my opinion.

And nobody, because of what has happened in the Middle East and the way that the global economy was influenced by the Strait of Hormuz and the reality of the war in West Asia, and nobody's, you know, we're not talking that much about the war in Ukraine, which is of particular importance, in my opinion. The escalation is there. It's happening each and every day. And just the new chaos. The guy is incapable of talking, negotiating. And he's just, I think when he goes to bed and he feels it, he thinks everything is fine. What is not fine for him and his family? His kids are richer than they were before. The family is getting better. They have improved a lot. They're wealthy. So what else does he care about? Nothing.

The Israeli lobby is satisfied with the outcome so far. I'm attacking. I'm doing, you know, I made the United States a proxy of Israel. This is the outcome. The new level of failed diplomacy, failed policy, foreign policy, not diplomacy. There is no diplomacy with this administration. The failed foreign policy of the Trump administration. And I feel that, I see, I know many people, many of our friends on this podcast, they're decent people, good people. Larry Johnson, Colonel Wilkerson, Ray McGovern, all of them. Scott Ritter, they are hugely concerned about the United States and what's going on in the United States. Matt Hoh, many of them. I may not remember all of them right now, but these people are hugely concerned.

But nobody seems to care about these people, because who's running the show? The Biden administration is in, Lindsey Graham running the show. Right now, with the Trump administration, Lindsey Graham is there again. It doesn't matter who you vote for in the United States, you're going to get Lindsey Graham running the show. You're going to get Zionists running the show. This is the sad reality. That's why you don't see Tulsi Gabbard in this administration. And they have, they just destroyed—just remember Tulsi Gabbard before being part of the Trump administration, and Tulsi Gabbard during the Trump administration. They destroyed the picture of Tulsi Gabbard.

And that's why, in my opinion, that's why she decided to step down, make some sort of move, because there is no point in being part of this administration. Nobody cares about what you're talking about. She said that Iran doesn't have nuclear bombs. Iran is not pursuing nuclear bombs. And Donald Trump himself said, who cares about what you're talking about? I don't care. I decide based on my own information, my own understanding. This is the way that this administration is working. Is it getting better for the United States? I don't see anything good happening for the

United States. By the way, it's not about the United States, because the United States can say, the Trump administration can say, we're done tomorrow, I'm done with the war, I can get out of the region.

But the problem is Israel. The real loser of this war is Israel. They lost everything. Today we had Erdogan in the news. He said that he's going to do this and that, as every time he's coming out and bragging and talking like he's a tough guy, he's doing this and that against Israel. And Benjamin Netanyahu comes out and says, you're the worst anti-Semite, you know, you're anti-Semitic, you're against the Jewish people. And this is a show again, I think, between Erdogan and Benjamin Netanyahu, because Erdogan, when it comes to—it doesn't mean—Donald Trump says something, all talk, no action. That's exactly what Erdogan is doing right now.

It's all about talk, no action on the part of Turkey, which we know. The Turkish people are totally against Israel based on the polls—ninety-seven percent of the Turkish people. It's huge. It's huge. If he decides to do something, he's going to have huge support from the Turkish people. But he's not there. Maybe his son is making money with Israel, together with Israel. He's sending or exporting something to Israel. I don't know that. There are some rumors there. But they're getting to the point because the situation in Syria is getting so critical. I think at some moment you're going to see a confrontation with Turkey sooner or later.

It doesn't matter if Erdogan is trying to make money or not, but their differences in Syria are important, are significant. They have differences, Turkey and Israel. Israel wants to capture the land. Turkey says no. And they're supporting the government in Syria, the new government of this former HTS, ISIS commander who's the president of Syria. So they have their differences there. He said, Erdogan today mentioned that with the case of Beirut, and he supported Beirut, that Beirut is something like one of our provinces. And we consider Beirut as important and one of our provinces in the southern part of Turkey. But what did they do so far for Beirut? Did they cooperate with the Iranians? Did they do something against Israel?

Did they stop sending the oil and gas or whatever they get from Azerbaijan that passes through Turkey then to Israel, which is something like 40 or 60% of Israeli energy? That's huge. They can do this. They can put pressure on Israel. You don't need to kill people, just put pressure economically. Do something about it. Think, if he decides to do this, that would be a huge change, huge leverage, a combination of what Turkey can do and what Iran can do in terms of the attack. If you attack, Iran is going to respond. Then Turkey comes in. If Turkey decides to put pressure economically on Israel, there is no option. There is no way for Israel. They have to accept. They have to withdraw from Lebanon.

They have to withdraw from Lebanon. They cannot continue with this occupation. That's the end. They have to do the same thing in Gaza, by the way. They're talking about 70%. Nobody would accept that. Nobody. Nobody. And these Arab states, they're just sitting back and watching, you know, how is the atmosphere? Is the atmosphere better to get closer to the United States or to get

closer to the Iranians? Let's see which way is better for us. This is the way the GCC countries are behaving right now. And with the new leverage that Iran has gained in the Strait of Hormuz, I think they see the necessity of considering the Iranian position. They have to understand that, because I think, I'm sure about the Iranian position.

They're not going to make a deal. They're not going to do anything, any sort of agreement with the United States without considering the case of Lebanon and Palestine. That's the main goal on the part of the Iranians. It was mentioned in the first 10-point plan, then the 14-point plan again, the three steps of their plan of negotiation. It's all about putting an end to the war on all fronts, not only between Iran and the United States. That's why I don't see any sort of agreement happening. The United States does not have that sort of leverage on Israel, on the Israeli lobby, to go that far. Maybe in the future, maybe with the new changes that are happening in the United States, that's—I think this is important. Look at American society today.

American people are amazing, in my opinion. The American foreign policy is not reflecting the American people. That's why, you know, when you talk about, when you're in Iran, you say "death to America," they say "death to America." They're basically talking about the American foreign policy for such a long time because they were suffering from this sort of thing. But I think the change is happening in the United States, though it's not going to be anytime soon. It's in the next decades. Maybe that would bring some sort of change to the foreign policy of the United States. But they're getting there. The region has to do something for itself. They cannot, you know, they cannot sit back and watch what's going on and do nothing.

And letting Israelis kill civilians in Palestine, in the West Bank, in Lebanon. Every day, every day they're killing people. Look at the footage. It's tragic. It's tragic. And there has to be some sort of understanding. There has to be, in my opinion. But what is so positive, what is so positive is the new Iranian position, the new Iranian strategy. They're not going to give up on Palestine. They're not going to give up on Lebanon. And Israel knows that. That's why the United States and Israel are attacking Iran, and they're continuing with these attacks. But they have their limitations when it comes to the stockpile of the United States, the stockpile of missiles, interceptors. Radars are not there anymore. Israel is naked. That's a huge change for Israel.

And the United States cannot do anything. Just remember, the Iranian attack on Israel was so hard that the United States needed to attack Iran. Why was that? Why did the United States not try to defend Israel, to use the air defense system? Because they're not there anymore. Radars are not there. Interceptors are not there. They don't have it anymore. The THAAD system, the Patriot system, they're not functioning in a proper way, the way they were functioning before this war started, the way they were prepared. They depleted everything. This is the fragility. Because Donald Trump today, I don't know if you followed the news today, he was asking to accelerate the production of weapons in the United States. But it's not going to happen anytime soon.

I don't know if there is anybody in his administration to describe that it's not going to happen in two years, because you have two more years of your presidency and you're not going to do that. They're not going to make it for you. It's going to take 10 years. The estimation is 10 years to produce, to get back, to replace all those missiles and interceptors that have been used during the 40 days of war. That's why the United States has stopped. That's why the United States started with this mindset of this ceasefire — fake ceasefire, by the way — between the two sides. This is the reality of what's going on. I think the Iranians so far, you know, there are footages of new, you know, explosions in Jordan by Iranian missiles. And the reports are coming out. The footages are coming out. And this is the way that the United States is attacking Iran.

Iran is attacking the United States. And Iran knows that they have the leverage on each and every level. On each and every level, in my opinion. And sooner or later, the United States, Donald Trump, is going to get there. It's too difficult for him because it seems that he's not familiar with the position he's in right now. He thought that he could hit people. He was almost in his business. It wasn't this way. He could fire each and everybody. But today you cannot fire. You cannot say, Iran, you're fired. The leadership is fired. I destroyed your country. I changed the leadership. He can brag for hours about how amazingly he was attacking Iran and destroying everything. But when it comes to the outcomes, it's a total defeat for Donald Trump and for Israelis. This is the reality.

There is no point for the United States to stay in the region. There is no point. There is nothing else to do for Israel, to help Israel with its impunity. And those days are gone. Those days of attacking other nations without having any sort of response from Lebanon, from Hamas — those days are gone. And Iran is in right now. The game has changed. The game has changed. That's the main point right now. The Strait of Hormuz, the policy, the new Iranian policy with the case of Lebanon — these are huge changes for the region. And the region is reassessing that. The GCC countries are understanding that. I think the reality has been perceived by the government in Saudi Arabia and in Qatar. And today they said that the Qatari delegation went to Iran to talk about the ongoing conflict between Iran and the United States.

But part of that was the relationship between Iran and Qatar and how they can facilitate, how they can cooperate in the future with the Strait of Hormuz. They're totally dependent on the Strait of Hormuz. So let's see what would happen. If the United States decides to attack Iran tomorrow, is that going to bring a huge change to the region? I don't see it. And this is an attack on Iran. Iran is a huge country. By the way, they attacked, they hit two water tanks in Iran. But none of the Iranian responses, none of these missiles hit any sort of desalination plant in GCC countries or even in Jordan or in Israel. They didn't do that. I think they still have the policy of not attacking desalination plants, which in Iranian culture, in Shia culture, is so important.

You don't go that far. You don't want to, you know, attack the water supply because that would hugely influence society, the ordinary people, who in many ways are not involved in the war. So we don't go that far. At least that's a calculation on the part of the Iranians for the time being. Let's see

what will happen in the near future with these attacks on the part of the United States and Israel. Thank you so much for being with me tonight. Great pleasure, as always. And see you tomorrow. We're going to have talks with Alex Cranor, Richard Wolff, Michael Hudson, and Andrei Martyanov. And we have a new guest tomorrow. See you tomorrow. Thank you so much. See you soon. Bye-bye.