

# **Nima R. Alkhorshid: Iran's Red Line Crossed: Beirut Strikes & Coming Retaliation**

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## **#Nima**

The latest news and what's going on between Iran and the United States: an Israeli attack on Dahia again. This is the second attack after Iran announced that if Israel attacks Dahia or if Israel attacks Beirut, Iran is going to respond. And they did. The first time Israel attacked, you remember what happened with the first attack. They attacked an empty building. They thought they were going to assassinate a few people, Hezbollah commanders, but the mission totally failed, and they killed civilians. They killed ordinary people close to that building. Then today we had the second attack on a building in Beirut. I'm sure you've seen the footage—it's a huge bombing of the building. And Donald Trump came out just moments ago.

He said that he's asking Iran not to respond. Basically, what he's talking about, he said Israel should have never attacked Beirut again, particularly at this time when Iran and the United States are reaching or achieving some sort of agreement or deal or something like that. But the problem is that Donald Trump says nobody was hurt, nobody was injured or killed. That's a total lie. At least from what we've heard so far, we have one killed and four injured. And this is the reality of what's going on. Right now in Iran, huge discussions are happening. I think they have made their decision. They have made the decision to hit Israel. Israel is preparing for that. And we've learned from Channel 12 and 14 in Israel that Israel is preparing and ready for an Iranian attack.

What is happening in their mind, I think the calculation on the part of Iran is, if Israel is going to attack Dahia, right? The same moment, because today, if you remember, Donald Trump was talking about, we are going to reach an agreement on Sunday, today. We're going to sign it. We've learned yesterday that they're going to sign the deal electronically, digitally, and it's going to be something like that. Then you have the Israeli attack. You may feel that Israel did it because they want to sabotage the deal between Iran and the United States. That's part of the story. But Israel is testing Iran to see if Iran can respond or not. Because today, let's assume that it was supposed to be an important day between the two sides, which I don't believe was the case.

But Israel is trying to say or trying to push to force Iran into a response. They want Iran to retaliate, and Iran would retaliate, in my opinion. They're going to respond, and Israel is going to learn it.

Because you remember the first attack, when they attacked Dahiya, Iran attacked the northern part of Israel. As they said, this is going to be the response. But later on, Israelis said that nothing happened. We intercepted all of the missiles and drones, which wasn't the case, at least from the footage. Later on, we've learned, based on what Iranians published, and this new photo that shows how they hit the Ramat David Air Base in Israel. You see the picture on the left is before the attack, before the missile hit the building, and on the right you see how Iran destroyed that building. And it wasn't just that.

Coming back to what has happened in the aftermath, we had the Israeli attack on Beirut, Iran responding to the northern part of Israel, then the Israeli attack on Iran, basically on those islands close to the Persian Gulf, to the Strait of Hormuz. Then the Iranian response to the northern, central, and southern parts of Israel. After the second Iranian attack, Israel didn't respond. So then the United States came out, Donald Trump all of a sudden came out. We had an Apache helicopter in the region patrolling the Strait of Hormuz. It was hit by Iranian, I don't know, missiles or a drone or something like that. He didn't mention that. The Iranians hit the Apache helicopter. Later on, CNN reported that it was a drone attack, a Shahed-136 drone attack on the Apache helicopter.

But the problem with that story, I think it was all made up, is that the Shahed drone is something you program before sending it to the target. You see that the target is going to be somewhere fixed. It's not going to be movable because these are programmed drones. They're not going to chase a helicopter to hit the target. It's not the way the drone works. That's why I think that wasn't the case. I don't know if it was. That could be some sort of accident because there is a huge movement of drones in the region, and we have Apache helicopters. That could be an accident. But sending a drone specifically to hit an Apache helicopter is impossible. Could be an accident, but it's impossible because the drone is not going to chase the helicopter to hit it. That was the story.

And two pilots, Donald Trump said they're alive, no injuries, nothing. They survived the accident or the attack. So that was the whole story. Then at night, we had the American attack on Iran and the Iranian response. And we've seen at least two or three attacks on Siri Island in the Persian Gulf. We had two attacks on Bandar Abbas, the city close to the Persian Gulf. And that was the whole outcome of the American attack on Iran. They tried to hit the petrochemical plant in Assaluyeh, but the cruise missiles they used to hit the target were intercepted by the Iranian air defense system, which was a new sort of improvement that showed, because we were talking about how the Iranian air defense system was improved during the ceasefire, the so-called ceasefire. But they have shown how capable they are right now.

And all these attacks, remember, the Israeli attack on Iran and the American attack—later on, the American attack on Iran—they used fighter jets everywhere, far, far away from the Iranian borders. They stayed far away from Iranian borders and hit the targets from outside Iranian airspace. They didn't get close to Iranian airspace. If I'm not mistaken, there was one fighter jet trying to invade Iranian airspace, which was forced out by the Iranian air defense system. That was the whole story. Then came the Iranian response. Iran hit targets in Bahrain, Kuwait, and Jordan. And every time I

want to say Jordan—because in Persian we call it Jordan, in English we call it Jordan—and here are the targets. One of them was in Kuwait. If you see that, this is a refueling, you know, getting back to the target.

Here is one of the targets of the Iranian attack on Kuwait, which was a fuel bladder, or they call it storage for aircraft fuel. It's a newly built hangar in Bahrain. I said Kuwait—in Bahrain, in Isa Air Base in Bahrain. And this building was built in 2025 and was destroyed in the latest Iranian attack on Bahrain. Then later on, we have new footage coming out of Iran showing particularly the targets of Iranian attacks. This is in Bahrain. One of the latest radars in Bahrain is the early warning radar in Bahrain that was destroyed by the Iranian attack.

And this is the other one in Bahrain, you know, those buildings, the storage of jet fuel that was used by the United States during these attacks. Because every time Israel is trying to attack Iran, they're not going to be able to do it without the help of the United States. We have to keep that in mind because of the distance. When the fighter jets are coming toward Iran, they have to refuel because the distance is considerable. So they have to refuel on their way to Iran and on the way back to Israel. So Iran has hit these two important buildings in Sheikh Isa in Bahrain, an American base. And then the other target was in Kuwait.

This is, again, an early warning radar in Kuwait that was hit at Ali Al-Salem Air Base. And as you see, the photo on the left and on the right shows the building was totally destroyed. And this was the story. But the problem right now for Iran, in my opinion, is if they back down, because before coming to this live, we've learned from the media—Channel 12 and Channel 14 in Israel—they're talking about the Trump administration trying to put a lot of pressure on the Iranians not to respond to the Israeli attack. Because as Donald Trump said, nobody was killed, nobody was injured, so nothing has happened. Let's calm down and not respond to the Israeli attack on Beirut—that's impossible. That's not gonna happen, in my opinion.

What is happening is Iran is going to, again, Iran is going to attack the northern part of Israel in response to what Israel was doing. As we talk today, there is a military delegation in Iran trying to bridge the gaps, the final moments, the details. There are some details that they're working on, it seems, both sides, Iranians and Americans, are working on. But imagine, this day, you have an Israeli attack on Dahia. What does that mean? It means that Donald Trump doesn't have the power that he tries to brag about every time. He doesn't have any sort of leverage. He doesn't have any sort of power to show to the world that he's running the show. No, Donald Trump is not running the show, in my opinion.

And his influence and his administration are dominated by Israelis who are supporting Israel first, Israel second, the United States. I don't know if they have the United States as a second option, maybe some other aims of Israel. But Netanyahu just showed—he has shown—who's running the show. He doesn't care about the United States. That's why, you know, your ally is Israel, but you're begging Iran not to respond to the Israeli attack. That's so weak. If your ally doesn't care about

what you're talking about, how can you expect that your declared enemy, your so-called enemy, is going to abide by what you're asking for? This is not happening. And is Iran going to respond? Is Iran going to hit the targets? Is Iran going to hit the northern part of Israel?

I don't know if they're going to hit some targets in the central or the southern part of Israel. But we have to understand that the situation is so critical right now. Israel is doing everything, everything to destroy any sort of opportunity between Iran and the United States to achieve some sort of deal. That's the reality. I'm not optimistic about the deal at all because I don't see anything coming out of the deal. But just having the concept, having just this sort of two sides coming together, signing something electronically, which I don't know if that means anything these days. And the negotiations—remember, what was the negotiation?

Negotiation is all about two sides talking to each other, not directly through the government in Pakistan. This is the whole problem. Because when you want to reach a deal, you have to negotiate directly, and that didn't happen. Because the United States is not prepared. Donald Trump is preparing his way out of the region. He's not trying to make a deal with any sort of, you know, long-term strategy in the Middle East. Today, what he posted is that it's calm now, like, we are on this, you know, we're going to put an end to the war on all fronts, including Lebanon. And this is going to be a beautiful future for the Middle East—peace, prosperity. These are huge lies. Dude, on the same day that you're trying to make a deal, Israel is attacking Dahiya—not only Dahiya.

In the southern part of Lebanon, they're destroying everything. Just look at the footage that's coming out of Lebanon today. They're hitting targets, they're hitting buildings, destroying everything. This is the reality that Iran is facing, that the acts of resistance are facing. Are they going to back down? I don't see that happening. After all, what does that mean—a deal? What would be the benefit for Iran out of this deal? Are they going to get their frozen assets? The most important point, in my opinion, is to put an end to the war between Israel and Lebanon. And Israel has to withdraw totally, totally from Lebanon. Without achieving that, you're not going to get any sort of deal in the region.

Israel is going to do the same thing as they did in the West Bank and in Gaza. That's why they're arguing, you know, little by little, you go, destroy, and there is nothing there. Nobody's living on that land. And you say, now the new chapter is coming. Now the annexation is coming. They want to annex the southern part of Lebanon. That's part of Greater Israel. And I think that's the main reason that nobody should believe that any sort of agreement would happen between Iran and the United States. As Iran keeps saying, the first point is putting an end to the war on all fronts. And nothing is happening concerning that point. But Donald Trump is trying to trick Iranians, in my opinion, with this deal. He says, let's do it.

If you're serious about doing such a thing or making a deal with Iranians, how come you understand these attacks on Lebanon? How do you understand that? How come you're not putting pressure on Israel? Netanyahu doesn't care about what you... Because Netanyahu sees this as... Right now, I

don't know if you saw the latest post by Yair Lapid, who's the... The guy is the alternative to Netanyahu and his administration. He posted a sort of long text on X. What he's talking about, he says various points. He says we still need to hope that the reports about the agreement with Iran are not true. He's talking about the agreement between Iran and the United States.

But if they are, this is one of the most shocking failures of Israel's foreign and security policy. And it's all about Benjamin Netanyahu and his weakness, if they achieve that. The point that is mentioned in this post is that he sold the Americans an overly optimistic script without detailing the risks, misled them, and lost their trust in the middle of the war. You know, he is basically saying that the Israeli government is not putting pressure on the United States. Netanyahu is not doing that the proper way. I don't know what else they can do. They're doing everything. The United States is just—look at the United States today. Remember the Biden administration. Many people were somehow laughing at the administration.

They're doing nothing. They're sending bombs. They're giving Israel everything. They did that. They did all of it, you know. They sent the bombs, they sent drones, they sent everything to Israel—interceptors, call it, name it, everything. They supported Israel under attack in Gaza, in the West Bank, and they destroyed everything. So coming back right now, what is the difference between the Biden administration and the Trump administration? The Trump administration is going beyond that. They crossed each and every line. Those red lines, they don't exist anymore. They're attacking Iran, attacking Lebanon. He said to the Litani River, no, let's cross the Litani River, let's go to Beirut.

Let's go to, you know, Dahieh and ahead. These are escalations that are happening on the same day that he's trying to sign an agreement. This is ridiculous, beyond ridiculous. I don't see—and Israel doesn't want that. Looking at Benjamin Netanyahu, it doesn't matter if Benjamin Netanyahu is in power or someone like Yair Lapid or Naftali Bennett. These are all the same sort of mindsets. One of them is saying that, you know, maybe they may differ when it comes to domestic policy in Israel, but when it comes to foreign policy, they're all the same. Nothing matters to them when it comes to destroying Gaza, Lebanon, the attack on Iran. The problem is right now that Iran has changed dramatically.