

Amb. Chas Freeman: Israel's Agenda Suffers MAJOR Collapse

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Hi, everybody. Today's Friday, June 19, 2026, and our dear friend, Amb. Chas Freeman, is here with us. Welcome back, Ambassador.

#Chas

Very glad to be with you. I've been struggling with the computer, so I'm not entirely up to speed, but I look forward to chatting with you.

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Yeah. Ambassador, start with what's going on in Lebanon. As we know, last night there were many attacks, by the way, from the Israelis on Lebanese people. Four Israeli soldiers were killed yesterday, and then we had an attack, an escalation in the southern part of Lebanon. They have killed so far, based on the recent information, 47 people, and 97 people were injured during this. And the fight is going on because in the last two hours they were talking about a ceasefire coming, but there is no ceasefire. Various Israeli officials talking to Channel 12, Channel 15, are giving different sorts of ideas about the ceasefire.

But after all, the reality is that the ceasefire, as you mentioned, every time is with Israeli characteristics. They don't care about a ceasefire. And this is the reality of what's going on. What was so disturbing just today was this post by Ben Gvir. And in this post, he says that for every tear of an Israeli mother, a thousand Lebanese mothers must weep. All of Lebanon must burn. With all due respect to Americans, Israel must make it clear to the entire world that the blood of our sons and the security of our citizens are not forfeit. All of Lebanon must burn. Our supreme duty is to protect the citizens of Israel and the soldiers of the IDF. And this commitment takes precedence over every other consideration.

Over the other considerations. I told the Prime Minister, even in our private meeting, for every tear of an Israeli mother, a thousand Lebanese mothers must weep. Enough with the ping-pong. In the

Middle East, you don't win with measured responses and restraint. You need to go berserk, to obliterate, to crush the terror. It's unbelievable, the level and the language he's using, and he's an official in Israel, and with an ongoing war. And how can we understand what's going on, Ambassador? We have an MOU, the two sides are trying to make some sort of move, and you see what Israel is doing in Lebanon.

#Chas

Well, I think Ben Gvir's language sounds very much like something the Nazis would have said in response to resistance to their aggression in Eastern Europe, against the Soviet Union and France. And it's a measure of how low Israel has fallen that a cabinet minister would feel free to make that kind of horrifying remark. On the other hand, I suspect that there are people in Iran who feel exactly the same way about how to respond to Israeli violations of any effort to make peace in the region. After all, if a thousand Lebanese mothers must weep, then I suppose there are people who will argue that Israelis need more punishment. What is going on is entirely predictable, however. That is, the Israelis have never agreed to be bound by any American agreement with Iran.

They got the United States into this war. They subcontracted the United States to do what they could not do. When it proved impossible to do it, they wanted to continue. They want the United States to continue doing it. And they have made it very clear that they are prepared to wreck any peace agreement with Iran. They demand the destruction of Iran. And we now see a level of vituperation in American-Israeli dialogue which we've never seen before. Israel Hayom, which is the newspaper that the Adelsons fund—Miriam Adelson, a propaganda tool for Benjamin Netanyahu—has condemned President Trump as having betrayed Israel. This is his largest donor in the United States. She is an Israeli citizen.

And so it's very clear that the Zionists are breaking with the Trump administration. What is not clear is whether Trump has been prepared to break with Israel. Because in effect, the sort of statement that you just posted by Ben Gvir and other statements by Israeli spokespeople invite the president to pull the plug on Israel, to stop the support of Israel. These people have had the impression that they are entitled to American support no matter what they do, and they are entitled to violate American interests on behalf of their own misguided view of their interests. So I think Donald Trump now faces a terrible dilemma. His plutocrat Zionist donors have turned against him. The Israeli establishment is against him.

Wyckoff and Kushner, who have bungled every negotiation they've attempted, are now being condemned by the Israelis as having betrayed their Zionist connections. They're being derided in the United States, I think correctly, for having no idea how to close a deal internationally. War and peace are not real estate deals, it turns out. In the meantime, of course, Donald Trump faces the continuation and acceleration of price rises for oil and gas—oil in particular, gasoline at the pump at

filling stations in the United States—because although the Central Command has announced an end to the American blockade, it is not easy to get the ships that have been stuck in the Persian Gulf going again.

Their engines need to be started carefully after four months of lying idle. The oil in the tankers has probably deteriorated as a result of the hot, humid weather in the Gulf. It will have to be tested and maybe blended to be acceptable to buyers. The buyers themselves have to have access through ports, which are already scheduled. So there may not be berths available for these ships if they can move themselves. There are mines, presumably, to be removed from the Strait of Hormuz by Iran. This is not a simple task. You either have to detonate the mines, or the divers have to deactivate them and pull the fuse on them. The hulls of the ships, by the way, are undoubtedly fouled with barnacles and seaweed and everything else.

And their speed will be even less, and it will take them five to six weeks, if they can get out of the Gulf, to actually deliver the oil aboard that they've been holding in their tanks. So what this means is that somewhere around two to three weeks from now, when the United States' supply of stored oil is gone, and the cushion that the global oil market had with a surplus of oil has been exhausted, there is going to be a huge spike up in oil and oil prices and gasoline, which is disastrous for Donald Trump politically in the United States. So he's really in trouble. He's lost his main base of Zionist plutocrat support. He's, in a sense, rhetorically at war, at least with Israel. He faces a political humiliation.

And people are correctly saying that the, I don't know, you know, it's called a truce or a ceasefire, really just another de-escalation of the fighting between Iran and the United States, and an attempted de-escalation with Israel. This goes on, so it's not over. And we face now what I would call the war after the war, which is a negotiation. The negotiations in Geneva have been postponed as a result of the continuation of the fighting in Lebanon, to the agreement that the United States made with Israel. Is the United States going to enforce that agreement against Israel? That is the question. And we don't know the answer. But I think Donald Trump deserves a little bit of pity for the position he's put himself in.

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We had Israeli Channel 15. It says, if Hezbollah tries to confront Israeli advances in southern Lebanon, we will defend ourselves and retaliate. This is the equation that they have created for themselves, because basically what they're telling us is, we are defending ourselves. They're attacking us, we are defending ourselves. But what is the location in which they're defending themselves? Is it occupied Lebanon?

#Chas

No, it's not even occupied. I mean, they are actively trying to advance against resistance, and then they're saying the resistance is criminal. And the fact that people are resisting authorizes them to kill civilians. The numbers you gave—so this is what is called chutzpah. It's very much like the classic story of the boy who kills his parents and then tells the court, "You should be lenient because now I'm an orphan. So be kind to me. I'm now an orphan. You have to be kind to me." This is the same kind of reasoning Israel is applying, and it just doesn't work.

And I think J.D. Vance has correctly said that by attacking Donald Trump in the way that they have, the Israelis are running the risk of losing the last friend they have internationally, because Israel is now a pariah state. It is the proverbial skunk at the garden party. Nobody wants a garden party with Israel present. So I think the amount of arrogance, the hubris that people like Ben-Gurion demonstrate, is astonishing. And it's a reminder that Greek tragedy is always caused by hubris—excessive pride, blindness to your own faults. And Israel is demonstrating the validity of that Greek thesis.

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In Iran, there are people who are criticizing the MOU because they feel if they lose their dominance or their sort of control of the Strait of Hormuz, there would be no leverage on the United States to put an end to the war between Israel and Lebanon. Because the only reason that the United States is negotiating with Iran or trying to do something is because of this sort of pressure that the Strait of Hormuz is putting on the global economy and the oil reserves of the United States. And later on, you see the Trump administration—you know, you've been watching Donald Trump and his administration.

This is new. What is happening right now is new. Donald Trump attacking Benjamin Netanyahu. You see J.D. Vance coming out last night, yesterday, saying that Israelis must be rational. They have to wake up and smell the situation they're in. This is the last moment for them. He said that the United States is giving them two-thirds of the weapons they're using, and they have used in the war against Iran. This is the reality. I don't see Europeans being willing to participate in any sort of direct war with Iranians.

#Chas

No, I don't think the Europeans will step up to this at all. And, of course, it's interesting—more than interesting. It's very telling that when the United States called for help with the Strait of Hormuz situation and the attack on Iran, nobody came. Nobody answered that call.

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Not one country.

#Chas

Israel was the only partner the United States had. And it really wasn't a partner, because it was mainly taking advantage of the assault on Iran to expand its territory into Lebanon and Syria. And so I think the Israelis really do need to wake up and recognize that they lost the war. And the United States, their partner in the war, lost the war. And I can't imagine—I went through the fall of Saigon, the end of the Vietnam War—what leverage did the United States then have with the Vietnamese government? None. So basically, if you lose a war, you can't expect victory. You have to face an adjustment in your policies and relationships that reflects the damage you've done. And this war has been a disaster from every single point of view. I don't know any benefit it has brought to anyone.

It's been disastrous for Iran in terms of the number of civilian deaths and the amount of damage it's done. It was catastrophic for the Iranian leadership at all levels. Yes, there was huge, huge damage done. But it has been disastrous for the Gulf Arabs because of their association with the United States. And in the case of the UAE and Bahrain, their association with Israel. They are on notice that if these associations continue, Iran reserves the right to attack them. Iran has agreed not to attack anybody for 60 days, provided there is a ceasefire in Lebanon. That is explicit in the agreement. Israel is deliberately preventing the implementation of the terms of this MOU. Maybe it really should be called a memorandum of misunderstanding, an MOM instead of understanding, because it's pretty clear that there isn't any real understanding underneath it.

But I come back to the point that you made. Two-thirds of Israeli weaponry is American-sourced. Its interception capability for missiles—Iron Dome, Arrow, David's Sling, three systems—were all paid for and co-developed by the United States with Israel. They're not products of the Israeli economy alone. They are gifts of the American people. Taxpayers paid for them. And they can be cut off. And I think Israel is about to discover that it is not entitled to a blank check from the United States. The United States is not willing to do that anymore, given the disaster that Israel has led us into—first, in support of the genocide in Gaza, now in support of violence in Lebanon, and, of course, a disastrous war with Iran, which has ended with many benefits for Iran.

People say, well, if this were a football match, Iran one, U.S. zero. If we were honest, we would say Iran came out of this with new advantages, new leverage. The Strait of Hormuz—it has suspended any nuclear adjustment, any policy adjustment on the nuclear side for 60 days. But after 60 days, if there's no agreement, is Iran going to be bound by a pledge not to build nuclear weapons? What would be the basis for that? There would be no basis. So Iran has lots of leverage over these 60 days, and there's no way around that. And Israel can say all the bad things it wants to say about the Trump administration and the United States, but there is no way around the fact that it is at the mercy of the United States, and the United States in many ways is at the mercy of Iran.

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I think the options for Donald Trump are such that there is no good option for him right now. On one side, those people who supported him—the Zionists, you mentioned the Adelson family and those people, the Zionists or the supporters of Israel, pro-Israelis—they have invested a lot in his campaign, and they were part of the administration. Rubio came out of that sort of support from Adelson. And then you see, this is one side. On the other hand, the United States has to sacrifice everything to support Israel—everything. You know, going after all of the allies in West Asia, outside of West Asia—Japan, South Korea, GCC countries. Europeans are suffering a lot. You see the situation in, I would say, in Africa is not good at all as time goes by, with the case of the Strait of Hormuz.

You see, nowhere is feeling good. The United States, the economy, Iran—the economy of Iran is not doing great. The United States is the same way. Energy—Donald Trump said two days ago that he's four weeks away from all the oil reserves in the United States being depleted totally in four weeks. These are huge problems. And on the other hand, the political system in the United States—we're going to have midterm elections, and then right after the midterm elections, we're going to have the 2028 presidential election. These are important issues for Donald Trump, but nobody seems to care in Israel. All they want is the continuation of the war, the occupation in Lebanon, and they don't care about the Trump administration and the difficulties they're facing.

#Chas

Well, I think Donald Trump really resembles the Israelis in many ways. He puts his own ego and his own self-advantage before the advantage of his country. And the Israelis clearly imagine that everybody owes them something, and I think people don't accept that anymore. And, you know, speaking as an American, there is a clear line of deterioration in our constitutional system and our freedoms that can be traced back to our unhealthy connection to Israel. You know, now people are beginning to talk openly about the USS Liberty, where a large number of American sailors were deliberately murdered by the Israelis, who tried very hard to sink the ship with unmarked aircraft. They knew very well what it was. And now people are talking openly about that.

We may even have a discussion of 9/11, which, you know, the reaction of the United States was guided in large measure by Israeli hasbara, the Israeli propaganda of exculpation. This, the 9/11 attack, was a direct result of American policies toward Palestine and Muslims generally that were derived from Israeli policies. And that began the process of the erosion of our Bill of Rights and the security mania that took place in the United States. And now we have this, and we had protests against genocide, which were condemned as anti-Semitism, as though in order to be favorable to Jews, you had to be in favor of genocide. I mean, if there's any group in the world who should be sensitive to the need to oppose genocide, it should be Jews, wherever they are. And to their credit, many American Jews indeed are adamantly against Israeli policy.

But, you know, the break has been building, or the basis for a falling out between the United States and Israel has been building now for quite a long time — a quarter century, really, and at least maybe more than that. And, you know, Israel's taking a huge risk. Exactly what happened to the Crusader kingdoms in the 11th and 12th centuries — they collapsed when foreign support for them went away. Israel's playing games that could cost it its existence. And who is responsible for this? You could line up the Israeli cabinet under Netanyahu and find a basis for finding all of them guilty of the disaster they have brought to their country. So I think Donald Trump is concerned only about his own well-being and not that of the United States or Israel. Israel is concerned only about its well-being and not that of anyone else. And this is not a basis for sustained support from anyone.

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The Israeli argument is that if we withdraw from Lebanon, from southern Lebanon, southern Lebanon would be in the hands of Hezbollah.

#Chas

So what? You know, I mean, Hezbollah was born as a defense mechanism against an Israeli occupation. And it has become militarily very competent. It took part in the Syrian warfare and is battle-hardened. And, you know, the fact that it feels able to destroy three Merkava tanks as they advance into Lebanon and the personnel aboard them, including apparently a brigadier general, you know, this reflects the fact that it is defending its homeland. You know, if Israelis were defending their homeland on their territory, no one would have any objection to their doing what Hezbollah has done. So in the end, the only reason Hezbollah exists is Israeli aggression.

The only people in Lebanon who are defending Lebanon are Hezbollah. The government of Lebanon is in bed with the Israelis, wants to get rid of Hezbollah. But it can't because it has a strong base of support. And it's quite prepared to make peace with Israel. If Israel settles its problems with Lebanon, it will have nothing to worry about. The problem is, as I've said before, that Israel wants absolute security for itself. And this means absolute insecurity for everyone on its borders and beyond. And this is simply not acceptable. I think the world has run out of patience. Maybe the United States is about to run out of patience with this too.

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Here are some sources saying that maybe Marco Rubio is going to hold a phone call with Benjamin Netanyahu, considering what's going on in Lebanon. But Marco Rubio is not a serious tool in your box to be used. He was, because we know the history behind Marco Rubio with the case of Ukraine, and he went to Europe, and this is the way you talk with Benjamin Netanyahu.

#Chas

Nima, I can't be sure why this idea has come up, but I suspect that J.D. Vance has refused to make that phone call. Because basically, Donald Trump has set him up to be the enemy of the Zionist lobby in the United States. And he wants to be president. And so does Rubio. So now Trump is setting Rubio up for a fall with the Adelsons and others. And so my guess is that's what it is. And so little Marco is being asked to step up to a task that he certainly does not want to do. And now let us focus for a moment on Netanyahu, who is the big loser of this war.

You know, he faces charges in Israel of having pursued a policy with respect to Gaza and Hamas, trying to divide the Palestinians by encouraging Qatar to aid Hamas, leading to October 7th—a major intelligence failure in which he and others in the Israeli leadership did not listen to lower-level intelligence officials who reported what Hamas was doing and were dismissed as reporting fiction. It wasn't fiction. And it was terrible for the Israelis on the Gaza border. And then, of course, it led to a genocide and the discrediting of Israel everywhere in the world. And nobody wants to have anything to do with Israel now if they can avoid it. So I think all of this can be laid at the feet of Benjamin Netanyahu.

He's now accused of having bungled the Iran war. You know, he brought the United States into it on the assumption that he could manipulate the United States into destroying Iran. But it turns out the United States doesn't really have the stamina or the will to destroy Iran, even if it could. So this is a disaster. Now, Iran—let us say, let us suppose that there is no agreement in the 60 days of negotiation. Probably then it will be extended. What will change? Nothing. The US will not be there. I mean, the US is supposed to withdraw in 30 days from the periphery of Iran. The Gulf Arabs will do a deal with Iran to remove American forces so they don't return. The Strait of Hormuz will be subject to administrative fees, which are another word for a toll.

You know, you've changed the word, but not the substance. That is all this means. Iran will not get \$300 billion in investment from any American, but the Gulf Arabs, if they're wise—and sometimes they are—will see an advantage in investing in Iran, and maybe doing that together with others like the Chinese. The Indians are having to reconsider their policy. They had begun to develop a very close relationship with Israel. They now recognize they can't sustain that. Pakistan has emerged as a leader in the region in a way that it wasn't. That supports the Pakistani-Egyptian-Saudi-Turkish quadripartite, the four-party coalition that is the center of a future cooperative security relationship or arrangement in the Persian Gulf and West Asia.

And it also lays the basis for their development of military industries that reduce their dependence on others. So many, many changes, not to mention the fact that this Iran war has split NATO and caused a number of NATO countries to turn their back on the United States. Some with a history of having done that before, like France, some without such a history, like Spain. So, and as you mentioned earlier, the United States had to strip Japan and South Korea of crucial defenses. One of the reasons I believe that the Trump administration is so cautious now on the Taiwan issue is that it

recognizes it doesn't have the military wherewithal to intervene against China, even if it wanted to. So many, many changes, all of them disastrous for the United States and Israel. None of them are damaging to Iran.

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I think this \$300 billion that they're talking about, to my understanding, is a suggestion on the part of the GCC countries to Donald Trump. They want to participate, somehow invest, to be closer with Iran. That's why they're doing this. Because, Ambassador, during the war, they tried everything in the mainstream media to smear the image of Saudi Arabia. They said that Saudi Arabia is pushing for war, they're supporting that, they're in favor of the continuation of the war. But from the Iranians, what we know is that Saudi Arabia, from the initial days of the war, was in contact behind the scenes, saying that nothing of that sort is happening. And the Iranians knew that.

#Chas

Well, it was very clear at the time that this was Israeli propaganda, not reality. But, you know, Nima, I believe that the figure of \$300 billion in the proposal for investment in Iran's reconstruction probably originated with Witkoff and Kushner. They have a history not only of double-dealing, as in their use of negotiations as a cover for a surprise attack on Iran, but they have no concept of conflict of interest. And they've been trying to make money on the side out of everything they've done. I mean, look at what's been happening with this island in Albania — the Kushner purchase of an island and its development as a luxury resort and nuclear warfare refuge in bunkers that exist already.

So, having been built in the Hoxha era of Albania... I suspect this originated with them, but I'm sure the Gulf Arabs understand that their future depends on cordial relations with Iran. They need to rebuild a relationship beyond the minimal one there was before, and that their participation in the reconstruction of Iran would be to their advantage and to Iran's—a good basis for rapprochement. Just to say also, you know, that I think if there is anything like \$300 billion worth of investment, which I doubt, but if there is something, it's going to be very good for Turkish construction companies and Chinese construction companies, who are the best in the world now. I mean, they're the ones who can deploy people to help.

Iran has plenty of engineers, but it doesn't have the equipment and the experience to do the sorts of projects that the Turks and the Chinese do. So one of the implications of all this is, in the post-war period, Iran is not going to subordinate itself to China or Russia. It will remain autonomous, independent, and have freedom of action. The Gulf Arabs are not going to substitute China or Russia for the United States. They want strategic autonomy, and they want to block further American and Israeli misadventures that come back to damage them. So the relationships in the region with global powers are going to change to the disadvantage of the United States. That is pretty clear. And that is also a major factor here.

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Iranian, the understanding on the part of the leadership in Iran—basically, I'm talking about the Supreme Leader of Iran. Yesterday he had a statement saying that he's not optimistic about the MOU. He doesn't see anything coming out. He said—he was not so direct in the way he was expressing his idea—but he said, I have a different opinion from, you know, from the opinion of the President of Iran, Pezeshkian. But I gave him the permission to negotiate. So let's see what would happen, what would come out. But when you see the Iranian position, I think somewhere deep down in their understanding, they know that there would be no sanctions relief or frozen assets. They feel that that's not going to happen. And they've connected that with the Iranian nuclear program. So if you want to negotiate, if you want to get something, you have to do that. But they don't feel that that's going to happen.

#Chas

No, I think you're right about that. I think they are very realistic. They've shown themselves to be so throughout this entire process, period of conflict, throughout the negotiations. They're very realistic, and they understand that certain things are not going to happen. But you're right, it's very important that they link these issues to the nuclear program. In the end, as I've said before, I think Iran has undoubtedly been convinced that it needs a nuclear weapon and it will build one. And I think the main constraint on that is the Iranian concern that if Iran goes nuclear, so will Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and other countries.

And Iran will end up surrounded by nuclear states, not just Israel. So this too is realistic, and it's a good reason for Iran not to go nuclear. Now that Iran has the Strait of Hormuz in its grasp, it may not need to go nuclear to establish a deterrent. On the other hand, what it's trying to deter is Israel, and Israel doesn't give a fig about the Strait of Hormuz. It's not at all concerned about that. And so, I don't know how this comes out, but as I've said before, I believe that one consequence of the war has been to galvanize, not to retard, the Iranian push for nuclear weapons.

#Nima

Following the Israelis or the Israeli influencers or the politicians, they're basically talking about, with the new position of the Trump administration, they say the question on their part is, the major question is, has the United States become a new Iranian proxy? When they ask this question, I see how these people—because what do they think of themselves, because...

#Chas

I don't think—I think they're panicked. They're not thinking rationally. I would say, you know, there are two possibilities here that they should be concerned about. The first is that there may be a short-

term rupture with the United States, which results in a halt in logistical support for their military and intelligence support for their military, without which they can't conduct their operations in Lebanon or attack Iran. Now, that is one possibility. But I think the more important change—you know, I note that Israel Katz, the defense minister in Israel, has said that Israel will resist any effort to, quote, "change the equation in West Asia."

But the equation has changed, and the biggest change is there will never be another president who is stupid enough to follow Donald Trump's example into an attack on Iran. Iran has gained effective deterrence against the United States. It has yet to gain it against Israel, but it may very well succeed in gaining it. And that is one reason that it focuses on Lebanon to the extent it does. The question is not deterring the United States. The United States has been deterred. The question is how to deter Israel. And Israel is behaving like a mad dog. Ben-Gvir probably wants Israel to behave that way. It's insane.

#Nima

Do you think that there is a report that says the United States State Department has discussed holding negotiations with the Iranians in Washington from June 23rd to 25th? I don't know if that's some sort of...

#Chas

I think, you know, this is very strange indeed. Look at how the United States has treated the Iranian football team. If you are an Iranian official, do you want to go to Washington? You know, why would you? I think the idea of Geneva was very sensible. That was a neutral site. Washington is not a neutral site. You know, Iran may very well counter by saying, no, no, you come to Tehran and we'll conduct the negotiations in Tehran, or probably they'll compromise and go to Islamabad. But no, I think that is not very likely.

#Nima

Do you feel that if Donald Trump does something with the case of Israel—let's assume Iran continues at this rate for the most part—and Donald Trump decides to put more pressure on Israel, do you see Israel coming out of Lebanon anytime soon?

#Chas

Clearly not. I mean, I think it would require a combination of factors. First, an American cutoff of support for the military operation in Lebanon, and probably also an Iranian attack on northern Israel in support of Hezbollah. Because the only way that Israel is going to enjoy freedom from attack by

Iran is if it accommodates Iranian interests. Now, that is maybe the biggest change brought by this war — that Iran, which previously pulled its punches when it was attacked, retaliated very symbolically, not all out. Now it will go all out.

They will mirror what Ben-Gvir advocates. That is, one set of completely savage actions will incur another. And so I think, absent some real interruption in American support for Israel, Iran will attack northern Israel, which is why, again, this is not a ceasefire. It is a truce between the United States and Iran, but not between Israel and Iran yet. How to transform it into such a truce is the major question before Donald Trump and ultimately Israel. But Israel doesn't know how to do anything but murder people, apparently. It doesn't know how to talk to them.

#Nima

It depends on what's going on in Lebanon, because from the Iranian side, I've heard from them that maybe tonight they're going to attack the northern part of Israel.

#Chas

I wouldn't be surprised, because they've certainly been provoked. And I think Israel needs to understand that the game has changed, and it's in a losing game, not a winning one.

#Nima

Yeah. It's so complicated. Thank you, Ambassador. It's not something to be—it's not good at all, what's going on. People are getting killed.

#Chas

It's terrible, and it makes me feel so sad. It was so unnecessary for all the parties, and the Israelis are doing themselves in, which is something I feared they would do. And when I spoke out and warned against this over the years, all I got back was charges of anti-Semitism, which I entirely reject. There's no basis for that. Now I can go back to trying to fix my computer. Thank you very much.

#Nima

Thank you, Ambassador. See you soon.

#Chas

Good.