

DEAL IS OVER: War IMMINENT, Iran Vows CRUSHING Blow to Israel | Mohammad Marandi

Mohammad Marandi joins as Israel blows up the US-Iran deal despite Trump's rhetorical push back. Iran is now gearing up for war to enforce its terms as Israel gets put on notice by Hezbollah on the battlefield. FOLLOW ME ON RUMBLE: <https://rumble.com/c/DannyHaiphong> FOLLOW ME ON TELEGRAM: <https://t.me/dannyhaiphong> SUPPORT THE CHANNEL ON PATREON: <https://www.patreon.com/dannyhaiphong> Support the channel in other ways: <https://www.buymeacoffee.com/dannyhaiphong> Substack: chroniclesofhaiphong.substack.com Cashapp: \$Dhaiphong Venmo: @dannyH2020 Paypal: <https://paypal.me/spiritofho> Follow me on Telegram: <https://t.me/dannyhaiphong> #iranwar #iran #trump

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Welcome, everyone. Welcome back to the show. It's Danny Haiphong here. And as you can see, I am joined by Professor Mohammad Marandi, joining me from Iran right now. Professor Marandi, good to see you again, my friend.

#Mohammad Marandi

Thank you, Danny. It's always a great pleasure being on your show. Great to see you.

#Danny

Yes. Well, we have a lot to get to because just within five minutes of the memorandum of understanding being signed by Iran and the United States, we have Israel striking Nabatieh in Lebanon. According to some reports, Professor Marandi, there were over 100 strikes last night, overnight, by Israel on Lebanon. Just a real savage attack on civilians, mostly, even as IDF or IOF troops, depending on what you want to call them, were attempting to advance. Hezbollah dealt some massive blows there to Israel, including blowing up a whole cohort of Israeli soldiers attempting their invasion and their advance.

Now, after this occurred, we had Iran announcing that they are suspending talks with the United States that were supposed to occur today in Switzerland, in Geneva. And now we have reports that Iran has already warned Trump that they will deal a crushing blow to Israel and strike without

warning if this continues. So, Professor Marandi, help us understand the truth of the situation right now. What is the reality with this deal? Is it hanging by a thread? Is it not even really in existence yet, given the conditions that we're seeing develop over the very short life of it?

#Mohammad Marandi

Well, just on a somewhat personal note, a somewhat young man in his 30s who I assisted to get a post-doc position in China, a Lebanese man, we're in contact with one another, and he told me today that his father-in-law's house was bombed and he's under the rubble and we don't know his state. And then a couple of hours later, he told me that he was martyred. So this is how it is. And they use bombed homes. So whenever Hezbollah kills these invading soldiers, the Israeli regime, these Zionist cowards, go and carpet bomb cities. And then Western journalists, who are also a bunch of cowards and complicit in genocide, they go and say these are Hezbollah strongholds.

So in these Hezbollah strongholds, all you see is families being slaughtered. But since these journalists are desperate for money, they'll do anything. They're no different than drug dealers. Actually, drug dealers have much more credibility. But this is the reality, that the Israelis take losses as they invade Lebanon because Hezbollah stands up against these slanderers and rapists and murderers. And then in revenge, they go and slaughter entire neighborhoods and families and kill. And then the West pretends that nothing's happened and that these are just battles going on between two sides. And that's the reality that we're living in today.

Now, the deal, as I've said before, Iran is not expecting the Americans to fulfill their obligations to the deal. And we're not counting on the deal working. We are going through the motions. And in the war, we won the war. Then in siege warfare, Iran won the siege warfare. That's why Trump came to the negotiating table desperate for a deal. And Iran went to the negotiating table to show the international community that we don't want to starve the global economy. We do not want to bring about the downfall of the global economy. We do not want to see misery across the world. It's Netanyahu and Trump that have done it. So this is the deal.

But we were not expecting the United States to fulfill its obligations. Remember, this is the Trump regime. We were negotiating a year ago before the 12-day war. A year ago today, we were in the middle of the 12-day war. And after five rounds of negotiations, they attacked us. And then it turned out that the whole negotiating process was a sham. It was fake. It was just a ruse to help them plan a blitzkrieg attack. Then before this war, we had the same thing. The Omani foreign minister was excited that progress had been made, and then the war started. The Americans and Israelis launched the war because that was the plan all along. So we're talking about two deceitful and sinister and genocidal regimes. Not that before Trump it was any better, but Biden and Obama—Obama was the guy who green-lighted the genocidal war in Yemen. He started the dirty war in Syria.

He destroyed Libya. The list goes on. He was the drone, you know, he was the guy who used drones to slaughter people across the world. And according to experts, 90% of his victims were ordinary

civilians. But in any case, Iran did this in order to both show the international community that if there's going to be a global crisis from beginning to end, it is Trump and Netanyahu's doing. And right now, Netanyahu is exposing to the world the fact that the Israeli regime won't let go. In order for Netanyahu to survive, he's more than willing to destroy the global economy. And Iran is going to ultimately respond. There's no doubt about that. There are different ways to respond. Already, in certain ways, Iran is responding. But one thing is for certain, it's not going to do the global economy any good.

#Danny

And condolences to you, Professor Morandi. And of course, to all, I mean, the thousands of Lebanese people on top of the thousands of Palestinians that have been killed since these so-called ceasefires were instituted a few years back in Lebanon and, of course, in Gaza.

#Mohammad Marandi

Since the ceasefire in Gaza, 1,000 Palestinians have been killed.

#Danny

It's just, yeah, it's absolutely horrific what Israel gets away with. And Iran being really, I mean, with this deal, I saw it as one of the most historic in the sense that the United States signed a paper where it actually, literally on paper, says that Iran is enforcing terms around stopping this barbaric war on the Lebanese people. But of course, what's so interesting—I'll just get your reaction to this—you know, we have now supposed reports that Israel and Hezbollah, there is a ceasefire in place after this. And the U.S. said that they worked with Iran to begin, I guess, enforcing the actual clause in Iran. Now, there's also this report here that I find absolutely, just unfathomably absurd. U.S. intelligence now estimates that Israel will try to prevent the U.S.-Iranian deal from happening or from actually being enforced. It's likely to undermine the deal. First of all, this deal is already being undermined.

#Danny

We are truly in a historical period where U.S. intelligence tells the general public things that have been happening since the very beginning. But your reaction to this—I mean, this is kind of theater of the absurd—but what do you say about it?

#Mohammad Marandi

Well, I guess U.S. intelligence should be forced to watch your show every evening. Maybe they'll find these things out a couple of months before they figure them out themselves. We all knew that the Israelis were going to undermine any deal. And when the deal was agreed upon, they were still

going to undermine it. And they were still trying to undermine it. And after it was signed, it was clear that they were going to try to undermine it. And the fact that the Washington Post now puts this out just shows how ridiculous mainstream media is.

It's like how they constantly call the airstrikes on Lebanon strikes on Hezbollah strongholds or strikes on Hezbollah targets. They just either lie or they delay. They tell us what everyone already knows if they tell the truth. And they're just irrelevant. I don't watch mainstream Western media. I don't read mainstream Western media unless someone sends something to me that they think is significant or has to be responded to. I just follow people who I think are relevant and have something to say.

#Danny

And President Marni, how is Iran responding now? We had this letter published by RT from the Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council assuring the Supreme Leader of the Revolution and the noble, heroic nation of Iran it will not be complacent in implementing His Excellency's measures and orders, especially in safeguarding the rights of the Iranian nation and the resistance front, protecting the blood of our martyrs, and advancing future negotiations based on the interests and concerns of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It will not rest until the rights of the Iranian nation and the blood—yeah, I've heard reports, I don't know if they're true—that Iran has actually closed the Strait of Hormuz until the U.S. can get its act together and actually enforce these initial terms of the agreement. But what is actually happening?

#Mohammad Marandi

I don't think the Strait of Hormuz is closed, at least not yet, but there are ways of having it open without it being all that much open. So I would imagine that this is only going to increase pressure on Trump and make the U.S. economy more vulnerable. Netanyahu, of course, doesn't care about the U.S. economy, and his genocidal allies don't care about the United States. But the Iranians are going to increase the pressure on the United States to see if they can force them to end the occupation. And there are ways of doing that. And the reason why the United States came to the negotiating table and ultimately gave those concessions was because the U.S. economy is vulnerable to the extraordinarily rapidly growing oil shortages.

So the Strait is probably open for now, but I don't think all that many ships are passing through. The more tensions there are in the region, the less reason there is for ships to pass through the Strait. There are different ways to put pressure on the United States to implement its side of the bargain. And we have to remember that the United States said that they will end the occupation of Lebanon and the genocidal war. So they're in violation of their side of the bargain. And the Iranians, therefore, have every right to slow down the speed of the flow of ships through the Strait. And they can just say, well, there are technical issues and there are mines and there are problems and we have to organize these. I mean, there are ways of doing it.

#Danny

Yeah, and Iran was very clear that there was absolutely no possible way that full commercial shipping could pass through like pre-February 28th numbers. Absolutely not.

#Mohammad Marandi

For example, the mines could be removed in like three weeks, and they can be removed. It may take six weeks to remove, it may take eight weeks. There are many ways. If they want to kill kids, there are many ways to push the U.S. economy closer to the brink without actually violating the deal. They violate the deal. The Iranians can work within the framework of the deal. So it's up to the Americans. It's up to them to end it. And what does Trump do in the morning? He wakes up and says that he's not going to give Iran its money. And then the White House says that Iran is finished. They post that. So, you know, when they behave in that sort of way, they shouldn't expect Iranian cooperation to be at its maximum.

#Danny

Well, it's funny. I just pulled up that tweet by the White House. Yes, this is the White House retweeting, or should I say publishing, a screenshot of Donald Trump's Truth Social where he says, "We didn't meet out of desperation. Iran did. They are finished. We'll play out the 60 days. They get no money, not 10 cents." The White House says Iran is finished. But look under here, Professor Morandi — readers added context that people should know. So X's own Community Notes says, per Article 6 of the Islamabad MOU, the U.S. is committed to a \$300 billion reconstruction plan for Iran finalized within 60 days, contradicting the "no money, not 10 cents." And of course, we could quibble about how exactly that \$300 billion will be demarcated and who will be spending what. But nonetheless, the Community Notes wanted to remind people that the White House itself is publishing this nonsense, which is just a complete and utter insult to anything close to the concept of diplomacy for us in Iran.

#Mohammad Marandi

Yeah, you know, so it's not that the United States is just violating its commitments on Lebanon. It's also violating its other commitments, according to Trump himself and the White House itself. So it's not me making that claim. But, you know, some may say, and I don't know if Iran is going to strike Israel or not — I don't have any information on that front. But let me just point out something else, because some people say the Israelis are murdering the Lebanese and Iran wants to cut down the number of ships that go through the Strait of Hormuz. That's useless? That's not useless. That's exactly how we brought the United States government to its knees.

During the 39 days of war, the Strait of Hormuz was closed to those regimes that assisted the United States. During the siege warfare, they remained closed to those regimes — the Saudis, the Emiratis,

Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait. And until now, they're still close. And now, if they're going to, and that has put enormous pressure on the United States. That's what forced Trump to sign this deal, which led to so many humiliating attacks on Trump over the last few days among Democrats and Republicans. And of course, the Democrats, many of them were saying, you know, this is capitulation and we shouldn't accept this.

So it just shows that the Democrats are just as, you know, as sinister as the Republicans. Both sides are bound to the Zionist regime. Instead of saying that, yes, Trump is a warmonger, and he brought this upon us, and let's just get out of here, let's quit the war, they are saying we shouldn't accept this because they're not really any different from Trump. They are bound to the Zionist regime. So American voters should not put any faith in those in the Democratic Party who have anything to do with the Israeli regime. And of course, voters on both sides of the aisle, they are dominated by the same...

#Danny

Well, speaking of this, Professor Morandi, I wanted your thoughts on this so-called rift between Trump and Netanyahu. I don't think, in my estimation, the United States and Israel—they've been operating together. They've been conducting all of these war crimes, genocide, all of this war in Iran, on and on and on. And Trump has been a total steward of Israel. However, now we are definitely seeing that Israel does not care about oil prices. They do not care about the world economy. And I think we are getting a nod and a wink that the Trump administration definitely does. Do you find that to be, right now, maybe the only place where there's actually a rift going on between the United States and Israel? And do you think that the U.S. can actually arrest Israel and stop it from completely blowing up this entire process?

#Mohammad Marandi

I agree with you completely. It's been good cop, bad cop, fake differences since the beginning of the genocide. Biden being against the genocide and all that nonsense, which turned out to be a lie. Last year, around now, two days before, I think it was Axios that said Trump didn't want war. He wanted to negotiate. Netanyahu wanted war. And then we saw the attack on Iran. It was all for deceit. But I think now something is happening, and that goes back to what I was saying about these trade-off hormones — and that is that the crisis that has been growing for over three and a half months now is reaching a very dangerous point. And Trump himself admitted this when he said there are four weeks of energy reserves left, two, three days ago.

And of course, some say that it's maybe a bit more than that, but that's not really the point. The point is that the energy, the oil, the reserves, they're dangerously low. And so Trump is now fearful because it could lead to a catastrophic situation, a deep recession, and if it continues, a depression. So his interests are—it's hard for him to remain in power and to be seen as acceptable to his base, to continue to have their support. So he has a vested interest in bringing this to an end. Netanyahu

is the exact opposite. In order for him to remain in power, he needs more war. And we've seen Trump repeatedly attack Netanyahu during the past few days, and some of the attacks have been quite severe. They've been damaging to Netanyahu. There's no doubt about that.

So I do think that these are real. It doesn't mean that the Zionists are still not in charge of the United States. They are. And we have to remember what Joe Kent said at the beginning of the war in his resignation letter — former head of counterterrorism, Trump appointee. This war is not about nuclear weapons. It's not about being a threat to the United States. Iran is neither. It's not pursuing nuclear weapons, and it's not a threat. It's about the Israeli regime and the Zionist lobby. So no doubt that they were in charge, and they're still very powerful. But I believe, I'm guessing, I'm assuming, I'm speculating that a segment of the Zionists themselves in the United States — people in power, powerful people — are wondering if maybe it's time to remove Netanyahu too, because Netanyahu is destroying Israel.

Israel is despised across the world. The Israeli regime is seen as the reason why we're in this global crisis. And it's a genocidal regime, and it's carrying out genocide every day in Lebanon and in Gaza. And if I was a Zionist, you know, I would want Netanyahu out. Of course, the opposition is just as genocidal because Israelis are genocidal people, according to their own polls. But I would, if I was a Zionist, like to see him go. And then I'd put some other genocidal maniac in his place and try to give the regime a facelift. But that would also entail making some concessions in, you know, Lebanon or perhaps Gaza. So I do, regardless of whether what I'm saying is right or wrong, think that there are differences between Trump and Netanyahu. I think they're damaging Netanyahu.

#Danny

Hmm. Well, one thing is for sure, Israel feels incredibly emboldened by the United States — so much so that the Mossad's, I guess you could call this their official account on X, literally pontificates about choosing the next leaders of the United States. Mossad said, "This guy, this is the face of dignity," they say — Marco Rubio. He may look defeated, understandably so. So the deal that was reached and signed is 1,000% something Marco Rubio would never support if he was the one in charge. But he is also a patriot. He respects the administration. He understands the chain of command. Hang in there, Marco.

In a couple of years, you may get your chance. I mean, this is... I mean, this is the melt... There is a literal meltdown happening across the Zionist establishment. That's Mossad melting down, promoting Marco Rubio, Mark Levin, just tweeting maybe once every couple of minutes — advice and scolding and temper tantrums and all kinds of things in reaction to this deal. So even just the... as the kids say, the vibes the Zionist establishment are putting out there are that they are 100% behind just absolutely obliterating this deal, and they're trying to. What do you think, Mr. Roddy? Are they going to succeed?

#Mohammad Marandi

Well, if they succeed, they wreck the U.S. economy. If they succeed, they bring about a global recession, at least a major, major global recession. If they succeed, there will be a shortage of fuel, LNG, helium, fertilizers, and all other petrochemical goods, as well as other goods for a very, very long time. And if they succeed, it will probably be a depression, not a recession. And this comes at a time when everyone hates them, and the hatred is growing. And Americans see how they're interfering in their internal affairs. And they see how they're ruining their economy. And they see how they won't quit the genocide and that they continue to murder people because Western media is not showing this. The BBC, CNN, The Times of London, The Guardian — they're all trying to look away as much as possible.

But on social media, there are lots of young people who are seeing the truth. And then you see Tucker Carlson and Candace Owens and others becoming very, very explicit in their hostility towards the Israeli regime. On the right and on the left and among liberals, you see it growing everywhere, and you see the left and the right coming together, which I think is the biggest threat to the political regime, where people are looking beyond these divisions that I'm sure the FBI has a lot to do with, and coming together and voicing similar, if not sometimes identical, concerns. This is going to continue to grow. And the more they murder, the more they are seen as trying to impose their will on the American people, the more they're going to be despised.

And, you know, the older people who continue, at least in parts of U.S. society, their numbers grow smaller, and younger people who are entering the public realm and politics, they're growing in number simultaneously, and they're all seeing the same thing happen day after day, every day. More death, more destruction, more misery, and a worse economy, and they're all going to blame the Israelis. So every day that this continues, it entrenches hatred towards the regime, it entrenches anger, and it increases the numbers. So this tweet itself is something that's going to anger Americans, saying that, look, these people are wrecking our economy. They're also dictating who should be leading our country. But they're not, you know, the Zionists are not smart people. They're very foolish. They're very stupid.

They're very ignorant. Ever since October the 7th, it seems more like they are determined to destroy themselves. They are doing everything possible, both in their policies and in their public diplomacy, to expose themselves. And they've succeeded in destroying all the anti-Iranian narratives. Before the show, by the way, I was telling Danny that he looks like a Shia Muslim now because right now it is Muharram, the month of Muharram. It's the anniversary of the martyrdom of Imam Hussain in a few days. And many of us wear black, and some wear black on the day before and the day of the martyrdom. So when I saw him, I thought we were both wearing black. But in any case, what they're doing, what they've done, is they've destroyed the anti-Iranian narrative that they had carefully constructed through the Western media, Western think tanks, Qatari media, Saudi media, Emirati media, Erdogan media — all these Western-affiliated narratives destroyed.

And look at what we're seeing in Syria, where Trump says, look, Netanyahu should pull out, and we'll get al-Qaeda to slaughter... And you know, all those people, all those Syrians in the West who've been working and cooperating for regime change, they should open their eyes. They're responsible for this. And this is what we were saying would happen from day one. Nothing surprises us. The only thing that surprises me is that some people, you know, they close their eyes to reality and say, no, no, no, this is not true. They try to justify it. They try to give all. So these thugs, every day they're murdering people in Syria. Every day. As we, you know, last night, they're killing people. They're arresting people.

#Danny

But they don't go to southern Syria to take back any of that territory.

#Mohammad Marandi

At a time when Hezbollah is fighting, so the Israeli regime is overstretched already, this is the best opportunity for them to enter the battlefield and to push back and force the Israelis to retreat from all that territory that they took after the fall of Assad. But they're not even contemplating it. Instead, what they're doing is they're shutting down the border between Syria and Lebanon to make sure Iran cannot, or the resistance in Iraq cannot, smuggle aid to Hezbollah, so that they cannot smuggle weapons or drones or money or food or tents or supplies to the refugees. Why? Because they're agents of empire. So as time goes by, everyone has been exposed.

And the anti-resistance narratives, the anti-Hezbollah narratives, all of them are being washed away, except for those who are determined. I mean, like these people who are anti-resistance in our region, they're like the Fox TV people who watch Fox TV in the West. In our region, those who listen to the despots of our region and have been listening to their sectarian nonsense and their nonsense full of racial hatred, they will change, but everyone else is waking up. All the myths have been exposed. All the propaganda has fallen apart. So the Zionists are foolish, and their allies are foolish, and the U.S. empire is foolish, and their proxies in our region, they've all been very foolish. And that, I think, is a good thing. It is all a very good thing.

#Danny

I'll say two things to that, Professor Rondi. One, Jolani and the Al Qaeda agents of empire — I don't think they want the smoke that Hezbollah can give them, because I'll just pull up what happened yesterday. Hezbollah did a tank ambush that eliminated an entire Israeli armored battalion commander and three occupation soldiers in southern Lebanon. This was Lieutenant Colonel Dor Gedalia Ben Shamkone who was killed. I mean, this is Hezbollah taking out, you know, top brass.

And let's be honest, Israel's not — you know, Scott Ritter says on the show all the time — they're not that good. However, I don't think that Jolani's civilian killers, just like the baby killers of Israel, would do very well against the hardened, decades-long trained resistance force.

#Mohammad Marandi

But you know, if they were honest in their resistance, you know who would help them? Not Qatar, not Turkey, under Erdogan at least. But Iran would, and Hezbollah would, if they were to fight to take back their territory, to take back Syria. But they'd never do that. That was never a part of the plan. The plan was to bring a U.S. proxy to power, and that's what happened. That was the agenda all along. And everyone would get a piece of the cake. Erdogan would get a piece of the cake. Qatar would get it. They'd get a piece of the cake, but the cake belonged to Israel, and it does as we speak now. So these people are not going to do anything.

The plan was never to do it. It was not about liberation. It was using sectarianism, because some people are just sectarian. It's like those people who are sectarian — first of all, they're constantly lying about others. It's the same as ethno-supremacists and the racists who dehumanize others in order to justify themselves. They lack self-confidence. They have their own personal problems, and they need to demonize others to enhance their own self-respect and self-confidence, and so on. They're no different from, as I said, the Fox viewers or the Zionists, except for the fact that they're supportive of them, and they've always been supportive.

#Danny

Yeah, and well, let me play this. Well, actually, I wanted your thoughts on this. Speaking of sectarianism, I'm wondering if one of the big reasons why the United States — I mean, I think people have to realize that the reason why we're talking about the MOU is because the U.S. is obviously admitting, without actually admitting, that they can't, or are afraid, or both, of going back to a higher-intensity war — a shooting war — with Iran right now. I mean, that should be obvious. And one of the developments that doesn't get talked about a lot is how Iran has been taking care of a lot of these sectarian elements throughout the war, especially around the Iraqi border, the so-called Kurdish elements. And then we heard Israel, according to DropSite News, they said now Israel is kind of spinning this narrative that they had trained these so-called Kurdish militants to be armed and ready to invade Iran and cause chaos and regime change, etc.

But it was Trump that stopped them. And the story went some months ago that actually, I think the Trump administration leaked out through some U.S. officials that, no, these forces didn't want to fight. There was supposedly a letter going around from these Kurdish factions saying, no, no, no, we aren't wanting to do this. What do you make of this? Because I think one of the elephants in the room is that, well, if the U.S. were to, with Israel, try to continue on this kind of destroy-Iran, overthrow-the-government, you know, chaos and/or regime change, you have to have something to wield, like they had, for example, with the al-Qaeda forces in Libya. They don't have that. So what's

your reaction to this and how Iran has handled that situation, especially regarding potential forces that could serve that role, as in other wars?

#Mohammad Marandi

Well, the Iranians are constantly bombing the positions of these terror groups in northern Iraq. But the fact is that these people are undermining their own credibility by being seen as cooperating with the Israelis and Americans and attacking Iran. In other words, they are seen as foot soldiers of empire. Everyone is saying that Iran is fighting back. Iran is fighting heroically. And the axis of resistance is fighting heroically. Look at Jolani. Look at these Kurdish separatists. They're fighting with the other side, and that destroys their credibility. And the same is true on the border with Pakistan. They've been using these Takfiri, these Wahhabi, Salafi terror groups there to attack Iranians.

Just yesterday, they murdered an Iranian soldier on the border, but they're only exposing themselves for what they are, and that is engaging in conflict with Iran at a time when Iran is confronting the Israeli regime. Again, everyone is being exposed for what they really are. And, you know, it's clear where they're getting the money. It's clear where they're getting orders. But these Kurdish terror groups and other groups in northern Iraq, they don't have that capacity. Just like those terrorists who, on January the 8th and 9th, tried to carry out a coup in Iran and slaughtered hundreds of police officers and volunteers and officers of the law in two days, the West, of course, lied about it, pretended tens of thousands of people were killed.

All that was done to justify the war. All of that was—remember, when the war started, they were constantly saying two things: Iran is going to use a nuclear weapon, and Joe Kent said Iran wasn't even developing one. And that Iran had killed tens of thousands. So all those fake leftists and all those fake anti-imperialist group liberals in the West who repeat whatever Western intelligence agencies feed them through their Western media, they were helping justify making the case for war against Iran. The 3,117 people who died in that failed coup, in that failed military uprising—most of them were innocent bystanders—but those people, those attacks were carried out to prepare the ground for war.

That was the objective all along, because they were not going to succeed in overthrowing the Iranian government. They were trying to create as much chaos and mayhem and death and destruction as possible to prepare the ground for what was already being planned. And the useful idiots—to be, what, if I want to be kind—the useful idiots, they played their role. Instead of saying the West carried this operation out, they are the ones who are guilty of killing 3,117 people, including hundreds of police officers, as I said, and many ordinary people. We've discussed this before. Instead, they repeat the nonsense of, I don't know, 80,000 people, 800,000 people, 6 million people, 8 million people. They repeat that nonsense and they make the case for...

#Danny

Yeah, great points. Well, let's get to Trump. So Trump has addressed this question over whether he can control Israel around the Lebanon situation. This is what he had to say to the Axios show. So this literal intel mouthpiece—U.S. intel, Israeli intel mouthpiece—I guess that was a show. Here is what he told the Axios show.

#Donald Trump

If it weren't for Donald Trump, Israel would have been eviscerated. Your relationship with Netanyahu is... it's good, but we have to keep him a little bit sane. Are you going to be able to control Israel from attacking Lebanon? Yeah, I will be. I have a lot of respect for him. And as I said...

#Danny

Do they? That's, you know, it's like, do they? But you're right.

#Mohammad Marandi

As long as he helps with the genocide, of course they do. They love him. As long as he's helping slaughter babies, as long as he's helping slaughter children, as long as he's helping destroy towns and cities in Lebanon and Gaza, of course. But then... if the U.S. economy is running on empty, if the gas tank of the U.S. economy is running on empty, and he says, no, no, this has to stop, then of course he's no longer a credible guy to the Zionists—not genocidal enough, not committed enough to genocide.

#Danny

Well, it's actually quite astounding, first of all, if you saw the data. But just for signing off on the—actually, was this even—I think it was the signing of the Iran-U.S. MOU, the Islamabad MOU. When that happened, immediately there were polls conducted in Israel where his approval rating in Israel fell to something like negative 0.23% or something very drastic and large. And I'm curious if you have any comments on what that tells you. Because as you said before, Israel, the entirety of the—I guess we can call it a society, the colony—very much in favor, of course, of what the Israeli regime does against Lebanese people, Palestinians, genocide. But it takes not very much for the same cohort of people, these settlers, to turn on even those like Trump, who, I mean, if we look at his résumé, very, very friendly to Israel.

#Mohammad Marandi

Well, you know, we've all seen the polls. We've seen that this is a genocidal society, and it was created through genocide and rape and murder and plunder. I mean, there's that documentary that I'm sure you and many others saw from a few years back, and they were speaking to those terrorists who murdered and raped the Palestinians and forced them to leave, and they'd laugh

about how they raped the girls and then murdered the girls and gang-raped the girls and all that. I'm sure you saw that documentary. It was bits and pieces of it. Parts of it people would show, because after October 7th, there was a huge attempt by the West to pretend as if world history began on October 7th, alongside the lies about rapes and the beheadings of 40 babies and all those lies.

There was also an attempt to prevent the Israeli context of what had happened from being widely understood. And that documentary became very popular to watch online because a lot of pro-Palestinian activists were publishing it. I tweeted bits and pieces of it, different videos of it. And it was stunning — the Israeli terrorists who were the people that had carried out the Nakba and expelled the Palestinians, they would laugh about how they raped the girls. And then when the guy came out of the room with the girl, she was like a half-dead rag. And it was stunning how he was laughing and how he took pleasure, and the memory was so pleasant. This is Israel. That's what the Israeli regime is all about.

If I find the clip, I think I have it on my cell phone. I delete a lot of stuff to prevent my cell phone from getting full, but I think I have that particular clip. In any case, yeah, this is a genocidal people, and anything that helps genocide, anything that helps ethnic cleansing, the strengthening of their ethno-supremacism, that's still supported. If suddenly they think someone's not genocidal enough, then of course they turn to hate him, just like the neocons in Washington, who till yesterday were all rooting for, you know, the Zionists were rooting for Trump, and now they're all outraged at the deal. They too would prefer the U.S. economy to crash. They don't care. These Zionists in the United States, they don't care about the United States.

#Danny

Right. And just so I'm not accused of cooking the books, what I should have said is that in just three weeks, the latest poll taken after the MOU was signed, the reversal — it's a negative 23%, a decline in approval going from 58% positive for Trump just three weeks ago to now 61% in the negative. So a massive drop, a massive drop. So I might have overstated a little bit, but no less. Do you have that video? Do you know what video I'm talking about, of those Zionists?

#Mohammad Marandi

I don't have it. I could search for it. Sorry?

#Danny

I don't have it. No, I don't have the video.

#Mohammad Marandi

If I sent it to you, could you put it under or link to it? Well, it's not a link.

#Danny

Anyway, forget it. I probably could.

#Mohammad Marandi

If I find it, I'll tweet it tonight or tomorrow.

#Danny

Yeah, yeah, yeah. And I can definitely retweet that. One thing I wanted to ask you about, Professor Morandi, is the reactions to the memorandum of understanding now that it is hanging by a thread and could very well be a non-entity very soon, or at least be something that is irrelevant to the U.S. and Israeli regimes' behavior. But the reaction among the Zionists, especially among Trump's opposition in the United States — so-called opposition, I should say — I feel like we've seen a flurry of reactions to the MOU, very negative.

But then when you get into the content of why they're so negative about it, it just reeks of these forces actually wanting war with Iran, but wanting a war with Iran that is, to them, more palatable and more acceptable, more effective even. And I just want to play how revealing this is, given that we have a Biden administration operative. He was on Face the Nation, literally talking about how the Biden administration was indeed plotting a war with Iran if he got a second term. Just listen to this.

#Speaker 1

There were indirect negotiations that the Biden administration did, but they went nowhere. So when President Trump argues that he did what no other president would, is it just simply that the bill was coming due and it fell on his watch?

#Speaker 2

I do think there's a certain element to that. And that's why I was supportive of President Trump joining in in June to take the strikes that we had thought internally in the Biden administration we may have to take if there was a second term. We thought that the spring or summer of 2025 was probably when we may have to be there in the same place. And we did war games, we did some practice runs on what it would look like to look into it, because that may have had to happen under our watch as well.

#Danny

So, Professor Morandi, I mean, this is the energy advisor to the Biden administration literally saying, yeah, yeah, no, it just fell on his lap because we were doing work. We were like, oh, the spring and the summer. So they were thinking even maybe, you know, it just... murdering women and children, murdering world leaders.

#Mohammad Marandi

Yeah, we were thinking about doing it too. Yeah, they were preparing. That's the United States. Yeah, doing it for the sake of Zionism, doing it for the sake of ethno-supremacism and ethnic cleansing, of course. You know, I don't know if you saw it, but Piers Morgan more recently has invited me a few times on the show, but a few weeks ago he invited me, and I asked him, do you think that, do you believe that a regime that is based on ethno-supremacism is legitimate or not? And I asked him three times. First he said, I don't understand what you're saying. And then I said, come on now. Do you believe that a regime that's founded upon the principles of ethno-supremacism is legitimate? And he wouldn't answer the question. I asked him three times. And since then, at least two or three times when I've been on the show, I said, remember, you said this. And he didn't say anything. He didn't say, well, no, actually, I don't believe this.

#Danny

This is the reality of Zionism.

#Mohammad Marandi

This is the reality of Western media. This is the reality of Western elites, that they support ethno-supremacism, support the slaughter of women and children. They support what's happening in Gaza. They support what's happening in Lebanon. They don't care about these kids. This is the Epstein class and the people who work for the Epstein class. They are utterly sinister. This person—that's a very interesting clip, by the way—because I think it shows what many of us have been saying all the time, that there's no real difference between Trump and his opponents. They're all the same. When Trump was about to attack Venezuela, there was no real opposition. Everyone was saying, well, Venezuela, you know, it's an evil regime, but maybe we shouldn't do it, or maybe we should, instead of saying, no, we're the evil ones.

Our regime is evil. You know, you have all these, and we just—I think we discussed it before—we have all these fake progressives and, you know, leftists. I don't want to name them, but you know who they are. They're famous, and they're celebrities. And they say, yeah, we're against war. True, Maduro was a bad guy. No, you're the bad guy. You're the bad guy. Your government—these are the bad guys. And you're the bad guy who legitimizes, even in your opposition, you're legitimizing

aggression. Because you want to sort of be on the safe side and say, yes, I don't support Maduro, I don't support the Ayatollah. So yeah, they're evil, but maybe we shouldn't do it. That's how they do things. I do support the Ayatollah to the hilt, and I have no problem saying it.

#Danny

Well, yeah, it was even worse. I feel like I remember, Professor Rodney, when Maduro was kidnapped totally illegally, with an absolute, I mean, a war crime in so many respects. There was almost a shock and awe to it in the mainstream media, that it came off as, wow, this was surprisingly effective, despite, of course, all of what we are learning about it and all the people that were killed, and also just the criminality. But it exposed how, yeah, if the Trump administration were to conduct war in the way that they wanted it to be conducted, they would be totally fine with it.

#Mohammad Marandi

I still remember, if they could rape and plunder and kill and take the place, fine.

#Danny

Yeah, and I remember Syria very well in Trump's first administration, when Brian Williams saw the Tomahawk missiles, the missiles come out, you know, fired from the Mediterranean. And he would say, you know, the beautiful missiles, this is presidential. And Trump got complete, you know, got a tongue bath from all of his so-called opponents.

#Mohammad Marandi

He said something about the beauty of our missiles.

#Danny

Yeah, the beauty of our missiles.

#Mohammad Marandi

Yeah, and he, of course, those missiles kill people, but this was that fake chemical weapons attack, which all these fake, you know, Palestinian supporters in the Syrian conflict who supported ISIS and al-Qaeda were repeating. And so Saddam Hussein used chemical weapons against us. They were industrial scale. These regimes in the Persian Gulf helped him build those factories with their money. The Europeans, and Germany in particular, gave him that technology. He was gassing us day and night. And then in Syria, there were no such weapons. They didn't have that. There was no evidence of it. And, you know, the OPCW whistleblowers—I don't want to go into that—and others have spoken extensively.

It turned out to be a lie. So they staged a gas attack, a false flag operation, and then they fired the missiles, killed people. And they're the good guys. And of course, the beauty of our missiles and all that, this is how it works. And of course, a huge segment of the population, being naive and foolish, they believe what they say. And that's how they've been able to control the world for so long. But the problem now is that too many people have woken up. The only thing that could change things, I think, is if the Israelis carry out something like another 9/11 in the name of a foreign adversary and try to enthrall American society, which I think, if they could, they would.

#Danny

I think they could. I also, again, I think we are in the age of miscalculations for the U.S. and Israeli regime. I agree. It could badly backfire because the world has changed so much. It has changed so dramatically. And, you know, Professor Morandi, yeah. I want to say that it also works two ways. There's the fact that, indeed, the opposition, quote unquote, to Donald Trump inside the United States, inside of the elite, they want a more effective kind of war. On the other side of this, though... And truth be told, there is no other more effective way to do this. I truly believe that this was the only way the United States could. I mean, it was a complete and utter blunder, and it backfired. And it's obvious—even Wikipedia, I'll pull this up—is saying that this war led to Iranian victory. But I don't think that there was any other way. I mean, this is the problem with this warmongering, genocidal logic: eventually reality and the rubber meet the road.

#Mohammad Marandi

And when the world changes, a major, like some 9/11 thing, it could undermine them permanently. Who knows? I mean, things have changed so much.

#Danny

Right. They don't want to, they don't articulate. Oh, you know, if we were truly, you know, if we're going to put on our warmonger hats, yeah, this is exactly, this is how it was going to be done. And you've seen the op-eds we've published, we've talked about them here, but none of them actually articulate, yeah, this is the more effective way to destroy a country that has proven itself already to be ready for all kinds of contingencies that the U.S. and Israeli regime have thrown at it. But here you go.

This is actually from the 2026 Iran War page on Wikipedia. And I'll try to zoom in for those who might not be able to see, uh, because of the long way that this picture is published, but there it is. And then there you have the result: Iranian victory. This was changed, actually. And of course, Wikipedia is Wikipedia, uh, and usually a government-operative source, the U.S. government. But, but, um, here's some realism on Wikipedia. But, you know, we have three minutes or so, Professor Morandi. What else? What have we not covered? Anything you want to close with here?

#Mohammad Marandi

Nothing much. The only thing I would like people to think about more is that Trump succeeded. One thing that he did succeed in is, and I said this before on the show, that he succeeded in killing the momentum on the streets supporting the Palestinian people with that fake ceasefire. And the regional leaders helped him do it — Erdogan and Abdullah and Sisi and the Pakistani government and the Moroccans and the Europeans and the regimes in the Persian Gulf. All of them went to Egypt for that circus, and they whitewashed Trump's genocide — and Biden's genocide too, but Trump's genocide — and they gave a stamp of approval on that fake ceasefire, after which, since then, 1,000 people have been killed, and none of these leaders have done anything about it. But what they did succeed in doing is killing the momentum on the streets. And I think that people have to defy that. Something has to be done.

#Danny

Yeah, and I just want to say that's a great message also to send to those who have been very critical of Iran right now about not having the Gaza–West Bank fronts in the memorandum of understanding. I just want to say that Iran didn't do—Iran has been the most supportive nation to the Palestinian resistance and people.

#Mohammad Marandi

That's why they wage war against Iran. That's why they invade Iran. That's why they're killing the Lebanese people, supporters of the resistance, because they're the only ones who've been doing anything for Gaza in the first place.

#Danny

Right. Yeah. Yeah. And so, some self-reflection for those who are finding themselves caught up in it.

#Mohammad Marandi

These are just people who are looking for an excuse to justify their own inaction and the inaction of their governments.

#Danny

Yeah. Yeah. That's what I'm saying. Yeah. It's like, why is it that the Trump administration can broker what is really a non-ceasefire ceasefire and even do a whole "war for peace" completely?

#Mohammad Marandi

But in any case, Gaza is part of the negotiations with the United States. It says the region and Lebanon because there's a war going on in Lebanon. The Americans tell the Iranians, when the Iranians talk about Gaza, that we have a ceasefire and the entire region supports that ceasefire.

#Danny

Right. Right. Exactly. Yeah, no. And Iran says straight for all fronts. And there's no doubt that if these negotiations even happen, which they may happen, I don't know what kind of form they will take in the medium and long term. But nonetheless, for us, we're on the— I just find it to be, you know, for people in the United States and the West, it's like, reflect on why there isn't a massive number of people on the streets for all of this—the Lebanese people who are being slaughtered, the Palestinians, the Iranians, all the people that have sacrificed and suffered.

#Mohammad Marandi

Those who are not standing with the axis of resistance today are standing with this race, whether they want to accept it or not.

#Danny

Yeah. And I think on that note, Professor Morandi, we can head out of here. I want to thank you. The video Morandi is talking about is the Tantura documentary. Okay. All right. So thank you so much for that super chat.

#Mohammad Marandi

If we can send you a link for you to put under this, that's not a bad idea.

#Danny

Yeah, yeah, yeah. That's what I'll do. Everybody, please hit the like button as we head out of here. Thank Professor Morandi for his time. And that's how you can do it in a free way. You can support the show in the video description below. There are links there. Tomorrow, I believe, I'll be on with Mark Sloboda at 1 p.m. Eastern time, the 20th of June, as we enter now officially the summer, as we come to the hot season in much of the world. All right, Professor Morandi, thanks so much. We're going to head out together. Everybody, again, hit the like button. And I will see you tomorrow, June 20th. Not January 20th—June 20th. Bye-bye.