

Iran HITS Saudi Port in New Missile Attacks, US Army Getting SMOKED!

Saudi Arabia is now under fire as Trump stares down a major catastrophe. Iran's retaliation gets stronger and more strategic with each passing day, overwhelming a depleted US military. LIKE the video and Subscribe for more in-depth geopolitical analysis Leave your thoughts in the comments below! Support the Channel: Patreon: <https://www.patreon.com/dannyhaiphong> SUBSCRIBE ON RUMBLE: Rumble: <https://rumble.com/c/DannyHaiphong> Follow Me on Social Media: Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DannyHaiphong> Telegram: <https://t.me/DannyHaiphong> Support the channel in other ways: <https://www.buymeacoffee.com/dannyhaiphong> Substack: chroniclesofhaiphong.substack.com Cashapp: \$Dhaiphong Venmo: @dannyH2020 Paypal: <https://paypal.me/spiritho> #iran #trump #worldwar3 #ww3 #july4th

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Welcome, these are the latest updates since 3 a.m. Tehran time, July 18th. The United States, CENTCOM, has been striking Iran in multiple waves, but these waves are becoming far more vague—not only in their targets, but also in the amount, especially in the number of strikes. CENTCOM is no longer reporting this in the last four waves of strikes. The U.S. did strike and exit an entrance tunnel in Bandar Abbas at the Shahid Mirzai Tunnel. They attacked a missile base in Karamabad and a maritime control tower on Larak Island. They also destroyed a desalination plant in southern Iran, and explosions were heard in Bushehr, Darab, Kharg, and Ahvaz.

Now, for Iran, the strikes have been far more consequential, especially in the dollar amount and in the military equipment and hardware demand. A support center in Kuwait at the Afrajan Air Base was hit, and we don't know exactly how many casualties and injuries, but we do know that in Jordan, at the Azraq Base, there have been casualties because CBS News has reported that there have been at least six injuries on that base since these strikes began. So, back to today—a radar installation at Al-Yasalam Air Base was hit. A weapons repair and maintenance shed and a drone hangar at this base were also hit by Iranian missiles and drones. A U.S. Navy fuel support pier at Al-Ahmadi in Kuwait was also struck.

The U.S. Signal and Communications Center was also hit in Kuwait. An aircraft deployment site at Sheikh Isa Air Base was struck with a big missile and drone attack. Over a dozen missiles and drones struck Bahrain and destroyed this aircraft deployment site at the Sheikh Isa Air Base. An intelligence center known as Battle Co. in Bahrain was also hit by drones. U.S. fighter jet shelters and a parking ramp were hit. The IRGC says two U.S. fighter jets and three other aircraft were fatally hit at the

Mafrq al-Sadi Air Base in Jordan. So, what the IRGC hasn't necessarily announced, but what was circulating all across social media in the last 12 hours, was that sirens were activated at Yanbu Port in Saudi Arabia.

Now, this is big because Yanbu is the alternative pipeline—or the alternative oil route, I should say—the port which has been funneling Saudi oil away from the Strait of Hormuz area into the Red Sea, allowing Saudi oil to continue to go into the world market without having to go through the volatile Strait of Hormuz controlled by Iran. Kuwait said that Iran struck a desalination plant and a power plant on their own. Kuwait's petroleum facilities were also reported to have been hit. So it was another major night for Iran in striking back and firing warning shots, as I've seen them, now to Saudi Arabia, which is a big escalation. It's one that is coming at a very strategic time.

The United States has now been moving toward deterrence—more significant escalation on infrastructure, hitting multiple bridges, now over a half dozen bridges in the last few days. And now they're hitting desalination plants, which, mind you, desalination plants in Iran are not the key way that Iran receives its water. So while this is a major escalation and has cut off some 10,000 people in southern Iran from water, at this point Iran is working quickly to restore water access and has now sent a major warning in these latest attacks that infrastructure for infrastructure, bridge for bridge, desalination plants for desalination plants will be undertaken by the IRGC. And it will have, and it already is having, far more devastating consequences.

Air defenses are depleted. There are reports in Jordan that absolutely zero air defense interceptors were successful in intercepting Iranian missiles and drones, and that the rate of firing these interceptors is falling by the day. So obviously, there's a major crisis right now in the number of interceptors—the Patriot PAC-3s and others—that the Gulf states have at their disposal, of course, from the United States. Nonetheless, the United States is sending more refueling tankers to Israel.

There are plans, supposedly, to wage a more major offensive against Iran in the coming days. But this is going to be increasingly difficult for the United States to achieve as they begin to wind down their stockpiles of standoff long-range munitions, mind you. The JASSMs and the Tomahawks are at critically low levels, and if they continue at this rate, hitting southern Iran with absolutely no strategic benefit, the United States has not regained control of the strait overnight. We heard reports of multiple tankers hitting minefields in the Strait of Hormuz, trying to get around the Iranian corridor, and they caught on fire.

CENTCOM now is coming under fire again for trying to fact-check these claims by the IRGC while providing absolutely no counterclaims themselves. And this has been a theme of CENTCOM throughout the war, in which they deny that Iran's strikes are having any impact while providing no evidence that the strikes are actually having no impact. So it only leaves doubt without any factual evidence to back up their counterclaim. That's not really how you argue, but it is how CENTCOM is

arguing. And this is why we tend to believe more the satellite imagery that's coming out of Jordan, the satellite imagery that's coming out of Bahrain, which shows major damage to U.S. military installations, to these hangar bases, to the command and control centers.

We are seeing Iran step up its attacks all across the Gulf, and it is focusing on the Gulf in particular for a very good reason—because the United States has gotten desperate, firing off ATACMS missiles from these launchers in the Gulf states, making them even bigger targets than they already were. But they're running out of missiles, so they don't really have the capacity to do anything else, because ultimately the ability to fly over or fly close to Iranian airspace is quickly dwindling. It is essentially going out of service for the U.S. military. So this is the situation: Kuwait, Jordan, Bahrain—these three Gulf states in particular. Now Saudi Arabia is getting in on the mix.

The UAE in recent days has been hit, but these three particular states are getting the most havoc from Iranian missiles and drones for very good reason, and that's because the United States military has been using these bases in particular to wage the latest round of strikes. Now, the Trump administration has plans, perhaps, to stage some kind of ground invasion in the coming weeks, and that is why they extended this to 60 days—this war declaration by the Trump administration. But it's looking increasingly unlikely that the United States will be able to achieve this either. They say that they have 50,000 troops in the Middle East ready to enact lethal consequences on Iran.

But they do not even have a fifth of that as combat-deployable and will need to use Marine Expeditionary Units and the like that have been transferred from other parts of the world in order to complete this. And Trump has admitted himself that a ground operation will be quite difficult to accomplish, given that they will essentially be taking and sacrificing far more U.S. troops than have already been sacrificed. And let's be quite honest, the United States right now has not done proper evacuation of these U.S. bases. Now, according to sources that I've had on the show, according to those who know far better than me about U.S. military affairs, the United States is good at putting U.S. troops into bunkers and allowing them to hunker down and not be struck by these missiles and drones.

But because these missiles, especially the hypersonic missiles from Iran, go so fast and are hard to detect, it is very likely that the drones and missiles being fired by Iran catch these troops by surprise. They caught them by surprise in Syria 48 hours ago, where a surprise attack that the United States was not expecting hit Al-Tanf base and killed a number of U.S. soldiers, according to the IRGC—high-ranking U.S. officers in the U.S. military. So, Tasnim is also reporting on the Hormozgan province strikes by the United States, saying they killed eight people and a toddler, right?

The U.S. is going after civilian infrastructure right now. They're not going after military targets anymore because, one, there are likely no military targets along southern Iran anymore. Why would Iran? Iran has been so strategic in its long preparations for war over the last several decades and has likely calculated that the Strait of Hormuz would become the battle, especially during this MOA period. According to Iranian sources, they moved a lot of these military assets out of southern Iran

and have essentially moved a lot of their military arsenal underground, unable to be penetrated by the standoff munitions that the United States is firing.

So it is highly likely that the United States military is not firing at anything of value at all. Actually, it is very likely that the United States is firing standoff munitions at civilian infrastructure. This has been verified over and over and over again. So Kuwait now is talking about a desalination plant hit by Iran. They're talking about power plants and oil facilities hit by Iran in the last 24 hours. Iran has not confirmed this, but this is... What does Pete Hanks always say? FAFO, right? F around and find out. Well, this is what's happening to the United States right now.

There is absolutely nothing the U.S. can do that Iran cannot retaliate to, and that is what you call escalation dominance in many ways, because Iran has said they haven't even pulled out the biggest stops they have at their disposal to make life harder for the United States and to attrit the United States to the point where not only has Iran degraded U.S. military capabilities to the point where it is the United States changing up their tactical approach to this war. This isn't Iran changing its tactical and, mind you, strategic approach to this war. It's the United States.

It's the United States that is focusing on the Strait of Hormuz and not trying to degrade the rest of the country, not trying to put Iranians on their knees militarily in full, which they tried to do in the first 40 days of the war starting February 28th. No, they're focusing on the southern coast of Iran for a very good reason. Not just because they care so much about the Strait of Hormuz. It's because they have to pick their battles now. And when you have to pick your battles against an adversary that has been strategically not just attriting you for now, what, since February 28th, so we're looking now going into the fifth and sixth months of this thing, that means that you have lost escalation dominance in this conflict.

That's what it means. And so I think it's really important because what we've seen is that Jordan, Kuwait, we've seen Bahrain, we've seen these Gulf states get absolutely hammered, but we've also seen major criticism coming from all lanes of social media, even those who support what Iran is doing. We've seen a lot of what I mean, we've seen a lot of armchair military commandeering. We've seen a lot of political, I would say, absolutely, I guess, fairytale, imaginative, very, I would say, impatient, and to be quite honest, Western takes on the limitations of what Iran is doing.

And I just have to say that when you had tens of millions of Iranians participating in the funeral for Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, when you have the Iranian military absolutely hitting back and draining the United States military every single day of billions of dollars, billions of dollars of U.S. military hardware—mind you, the PAC-3 interceptors cost a lot of money to replace, and they are firing dozens of those a day, dozens of those a day—they don't have the ability to replace those PAC-3 interceptors in any sufficient time to continue fighting. This is what Iran is doing. It is draining the U. S. military. And we have people out here talking about Iran's not doing enough.

Iran's not doing enough. Iran should be hitting Israel. Some have even said that Iran has given up all of its leverage. How does anybody know this? How does anybody know this, first of all, with any confidence? Because what I see is that Iran is... I only go by what Iran is saying because that's all we can report—what Iran is saying and then what it is doing. And so Iran is saying it hasn't even scratched the surface. Iran is then conducting very calculated and strategic strikes that are hitting their targets. And it is the United States that is unable to respond to them. You would think that hitting drones, fighter jets—F-18s, F-16s, F-35s, MQ-9 Reaper drones—they're getting downed every single day.

PAC-3 interceptors being wasted, U.S. Navy 5th Fleet interceptors, Ali Al-Salem Air Base—all across these bases in the region—you would think that the United States would escalate further to prevent these attacks on their bases. Some are saying, well, they want this. Well, it's a very curious and strange thing to want, given that the U.S. absolutely has no way to project power in the region without these bases. Let's be quite honest. Without these U.S. military bases, what does the U.S. have? Oh, it has aircraft carriers. The U.S. can't keep aircraft carriers out in the Gulf of Oman, the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean. It can't keep them there forever and ever and ever.

We saw what happened to the USS Gerald Ford—the laundry fires. We see what's happening every single day with this blockade, where aircraft carriers have to calculate how close they get. And then you're asking these U.S. military personnel, the sailors and others on the U.S. aircraft carriers, to stay there for six months, 12 months, or more. It's not pretty. It's not pretty because that's not what they want to be doing. Right? That's not what they want. They need to go home. They didn't sign up for a war. And this is why you see increasing tensions for the U.S. all across the board with this war, not just with the general population.

But we saw the increasing tensions on the Gerald Ford, where people were stuffing clothes into toilets to clog them up. That's not necessarily a good sign for morale across the way. And Iran is also doing something really big that nobody is paying attention to, which is they are taking out the force. Remember what Trump said—the United States has other people that will do the ground operation for them. Well, Iran is actually eviscerating those forces, and I'm talking about the Kurdish militants on the Iraq-Iran border. Iran has, every single day since the beginning of this iteration of the war, been striking targets along Kurdish Iraq, especially at these U.S. bases in Erbil, the Victory Base.

Even just in the last 24 hours, a major wave of preemptive attacks on these Kurdish militants has been launched. Let's go, buddy—it's been launched—where the aim was for, and this is Iranian intelligence doing the right thing here, they found that in Khuzestan there was going to be a major operation where Kurdish militants were going to open a front to try to—try to—so for over 48 hours, Iran has been hitting these Kurdish militias in a preemptive attack that has stopped the capabilities of the Kurds that are being supported by the United States with intel, weaponry, and training, etc., to invade, to stage any kind of operation, even a minor one, that would cause some havoc but show

to the world that, yeah, Iran is capable of being penetrated in this way militarily. Nope, that has been thwarted. So these are big developments, okay, and I think the biggest development here is that the United States has to lie its way into selling a victory that it does not have.

It has not achieved any victory against the Iranians. Iran has made it very clear that it has escalation dominance and that it will continue to enforce this dominance until it is the United States that has to once again say that it is going to give concessions to Iran, like it did in the MOU process, in order to stop the war. The global economy is heating up. Oil prices are going up again. Some have said this doesn't matter. But global economic depression does matter. And it does matter, actually, to a significant section of the U.S. ruling elite, which has attempted, through financialization, to kick the can down the road on global depression for as many years as it can. Because what happens to the global economic elite when there is a depression?

Well, they get smaller. OK, they shrink, they lose their assets, and others take them from them. That is the way of monopoly. And that is not something that I believe a significant section of the ruling capitalist elite—those who have money, those who are super rich—want the Iran war to achieve for them. But the forces that do want the war—the military-industrial complex, significant sections of Wall Street as well that are shorting and manipulating the market around this and really maximizing their profits over this—they are winning out. They are winning out big time. And now that the Trump administration is back to war, we've seen very little criticism coming from any side of the political aisle of Donald Trump on this.

It used to be that when the global economy was heating up during the first 40 days of war, you had, right, you had major so-called political opposition talking about how the Trump administration was failing in its war and losing in its war. Now you have very little of that because there is a calculation being made that maybe, just maybe this time, Iran will fall because of U.S. strikes. Well, this is ultimately a sign of a declining empire. People hate when I say this sometimes, but nevertheless, just because the United States has the ability to strike Iran, just because it has spent a trillion dollars on Iran, a significant but minor inventory of weapons that it can fire off in a cowardly way, hit civilians, that it can send its big hunks of metal into the oceans to try to harass and stop global trade from happening and to stop Iran's ability to participate.

And just because that happens doesn't mean that the U.S. empire is alive and well. It means that the U.S. empire is taking all the measures it can to survive, to extend its life, and to wreak havoc on people so that there are consequences to the new world that is being developed. But let's be quite honest here. The United States is not becoming more successful. It's not expanding its hegemony. No. Give me an instance where that has happened. I don't want to hear Syria. I don't want to hear Lebanon. I don't want to hear Gaza or any of that because that is not even objectively true. One can say Venezuela was a major setback for the forces of multipolarity. And in some cases, yes, it is.

But we have to understand that that setback in Venezuela is very tenuous. The people of Venezuela have shown themselves to be very resilient, and now they're going through some very difficult times,

and I want you to keep them in your thoughts as they try to rebuild from this horrific earthquake, as well as from the U.S.'s attempt to strangle their country and keep it under U.S. control. But we should not overestimate what this actually means for the larger political situation because we have to look at the total situation. And what we have is China having essentially won. I wrote this recently: China has won the tech race. China has won the infrastructure development race.

China has also won the military deterrence race because the U.S. wants to build up against China and wants to start a war, but it is now set back many, many, many years because of the Russia and Iran wars. And China has built up a very formidable military. Its economic strength is now not only unquestionably more powerful than the United States, but essentially invincible in many ways. Nothing is totally invincible, but the U.S. has no way to sanction or economically isolate China into any kind of setbacks economically. We see that with record global exports happening even as we speak in this global economic meltdown that's happening. And we are seeing that global public opinion is fast going toward China, only strengthening its capacity to defend itself from further attacks in the future.

A stronger Iran and a stable and victorious Russia in the Ukraine conflict only help matters more. So everything else is seasonal. These are developments that are going to be the reality for the time being. And that means bad news for the U.S. Empire, and that means desperation. I'm not saying the U.S. Empire will not be dangerous in this period, because as we see, it is. And it will continue to try to degrade the world by targeting human beings. And the losses should not be underestimated, because this is how the United States, the empire, tries to enhance and keep its power going by bombing and starving people into submission. It doesn't work, but we have to oppose this nonetheless because these are the human consequences.

These are the planetary consequences of the U.S.'s endless war, and that's what we have to always keep a highlight on. We have to keep a highlight on that they're hitting civilian infrastructure, bridges, and desalination plants in Iran now. It's likely going to extend to oil infrastructure too, and that will lead to major escalations all across the board with human consequences. So it's got to stop. That is our role — information for liberation, information for empowerment to stop all of this and to make us more ready to demand something better. That's the news update for today. Here is Eugene. Welcome, buddy, and hope you have a great rest of your day.