

Iran OBLITERATES US Army Barracks, Deadliest War Phase | Seyed M. Marandi

Seyed Mohammad Marandi joins to discuss why he believes the most dangerous phase of the Iran war has just begun as Iran's strikes become more devastating and the Trump prepares the unthinkable out of desperation. . 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/spiritofho> #iran #iranwar

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Welcome back. As you can see, I'm joined by Professor Mohamed Marandi, joining to break down the latest developments, where we begin with Iran's retaliation overnight, where the IRGC says they killed a large number of U.S. troops in a drone attack in Kuwait, Ali Al Salem Air Base. Six hangars, they said, of aircraft completely destroyed. Here's a better image of the satellite imagery that has come out. Iran also said that the Muwaffaq al-Salti, the Muwaffaq Salti Air Base, also received a very similar kind of treatment, where a U.S. Army barracks was hit there.

And, of course, this comes in a long line of attacks every single night on Bahrain, on Kuwait, and on Jordan. Very targeted, very strategic. CENTCOM also conducted its 12th number of airstrikes in the same number of days overnight. And there are now reports coming out of, I like to say, Mossad's Unit 8200, that Trump is closing in on a major decision to conduct a massive attack on Iran, with a lot of the rumors being that these tankers that are amassing in the region now, these air tankers, aerial tankers, KC-135s, and the like, are meant to eventually bomb Pickaxe Mountain.

So, Iran has come out with a statement, Professor Marandi, saying that any U.S. personnel, or any people, any civilians in the region within 500 meters of U.S. personnel, should evacuate immediately because they are now targets wherever they're hiding secretly, whether it's hotels or other kinds of accommodations. And that if the U.S. conducts these large-scale strikes, that for every strike conducted or every Iranian hurt by these strikes, there will be one U.S. personnel hurt as well, or injured or killed by Iranian retaliation. So, Professor Marandi, this war is becoming more and more dangerous, more and more deadly, it appears, in its trajectory. Your reaction to these latest developments?

#Seyed M. Marandi

Well, first of all, once again, you forgot to remind your viewers about the like button. You're again becoming very otherworldly. Well, I'm wearing the... You know, many of us wear black during this period because it's the period, the 40-day period after the martyrdom of Imam Hussain, the grandson of the Prophet, in Karbala. And then, of course, there's the martyrs from the war. So you're looking like an Iranian, Shia in particular, and now you're unworldly. Don't press the like button. It's all okay.

#Danny

Don't tell the United States government that I'm doing this. The strategic black is sending a message.

#Seyed M. Marandi

The best thing to do is just ask people to press the like button so that they know you're worldly. You're still living in the real world and the material. So, yeah, I mean, everything really depends on the United States. And as we've been saying, as I've been saying, as others have been saying, this war does not have a military solution for the United States. And whenever we've been saying this since the beginning of the war, last year's war, Western journalists don't like to hear that. And Western elites don't like to hear that. And so every time they hit a brick wall, they go back to the, you know, they go back to planning for another assault or another attack. And then the media again gets excited about all their great successes and so on, or their potential successes, but it's not working.

And I think everyone sees that during the last two weeks or so, almost two weeks, that the Iranian attacks have become more precise, more devastating, much more painful. The United States is hiding its losses, no doubt. The Iranians are very confident that U.S. losses are much higher. And the question is: is Trump going to double down, or is he going to continue down the same path, or is he going to do something different? I don't think he's going to walk away. It doesn't look like that at all, for the time being at least. If he does double down, if he does do what he claims he will do, then I think we're going to go very swiftly towards an all-out war, probably within hours.

And that would mean, of course, Iran retaliates and destroys the critical infrastructure of the countries in the Persian Gulf. And that would bring an end to those countries. And, I mean, if that happens, people in these countries should have their cars prepared. They should have gasoline. They should leave now. If anyone thinks that Trump is serious, they should leave now and go to Iraq, go to Yemen, I suppose. I don't know where the best places would probably be. I used to say go to Oman, but now I don't know what's going to happen to Oman anymore, because Oman has been increasingly complicit in this war. It helped the United States create that corridor in the Strait of Hormuz that led to this conflict. That was, of course, a violation of MOU. So I think that we are in a very dangerous situation.

And of course, if those countries collapse, then I think that the markets, they'll also collapse because there will be panic. Trump can no longer talk up the markets, or he cannot talk down the price of oil, or anything like that. We'd be living in a completely different situation. And especially since, until now, Trump and the Western media have been trying to hide the potential catastrophe that lies ahead. The markets and the oil markets, they haven't really reacted in the way that you would expect they would, which is understandable. I mean, we saw this for the last few months. The shortages are increasing, but the prices remain low, which is somewhat ironic because by keeping the prices low for this long, Trump has prevented demand destruction, and thus consumption remains very high.

And so if suddenly shortages hit, then it'll be literally like hitting a brick wall. I don't know if Trump is going to do this. Maybe he will try to strike a few targets, bridges and power plants, and he'll quickly understand that the Iranians are dead serious. Now, of course, as you pointed out, the Iranians are saying that the American soldiers are hiding outside of their bases, and they're hiding in hotels and other buildings. And now they're warning people to stay away. So all hotels in the Emirates and Kuwait and Bahrain, these are now potential targets because enemy soldiers are working from there. They are carrying out their responsibilities from inside these buildings.

So everywhere now is becoming more unsafe. The Iranians have also warned Americans that for every Iranian that's murdered, they will retaliate and kill an American soldier. It's clear that the Iranians are not going to back down. They're not intimidated, and they will continue to fight back. And you sort of see that the Iranians have the upper hand. The reason, of course, being that the Iranians, well, they have an extraordinarily enormous amount of resilience, really unique, like Hezbollah, like Yemen. But also, they've been planning for this war for decades. Their key assets, as we've discussed many times, are all deep underground. And the U.S. assets are all on the ground. They're in bases that were designed for the 20th century.

And so the Iranians are hitting them. They retreat to Jordan. They hit them there too, and there's no way to hide. Whereas the Americans, they keep striking Iranian missile bases to no avail. And since they get frustrated, they go and bomb civilian targets. They go bomb and terrorize ordinary Iranians. They bomb family cars driving over bridges and that sort of thing. I don't know where things are going to go because I can't—I have no idea where Trump wants to take this. Some, you could say maybe that his Truth Social post where he said, "I'm going to use Iran's assets for whatever damage Iran does," is a way to back down from the threat of destroying Iranian critical infrastructure.

But then again, maybe it has. That's a meaningless interpretation because Trump is a person that you simply cannot interpret. I don't know. But Iran is prepared for an all-out war, and the Axis of Resistance is prepared. Yemen is already putting pressure on the Saudis, major pressure on the Saudis, whereas the Saudis are in trouble in the Persian Gulf. And the resistance in Iraq is completely prepared. They have a huge force, between 100,000 to 200,000 people under arms, who are prepared to fight. And what do the Americans have? They have, like, Qatar. What's Qatar going to do? Or what's the Emirates going to do?

Or what's Kuwait going to do? Nothing. So what's Saudi Arabia going to do? I mean, these countries will fall apart if Iran starts striking their critical infrastructure. Have no doubt that they'll just collapse. And these are deserts. Anyone could just look up the temperatures right now in these countries during the day and during the night, and the humidity, and they'll understand what will happen. And imagine U.S. troops, the tens of thousands of U.S. troops. Many of them are in these countries right now, and if there's no electricity, no water, no—you know, what are they going to do? Can they stay put? I don't think so.

#Danny

Yeah, well, to underscore that point, Professor Marandi, for those of us in the barbaric system of Fahrenheit in terms of our degrees, this is Kuwait City, 109 degrees at this moment. And I think people should be very much aware that— and what does that say? Oh, I have no— what does that say? That says it's only 13%, but, you know, I guess Kuwait is further away from moisture. But nevertheless, 109 is incredibly hot, very dangerously hot, to say the least. So, yeah, no, this is becoming a disaster. Well, Professor Marandi, you mentioned the troops, the U.S. troops, and the numbers being likely underestimated. The U.S. is literally reducing, in real time, the numbers that they're counting already.

They're only counting 18, but now the Pentagon has revised that to 14, and anonymous U.S. officials are saying that they did this literally yesterday because four of those people's deaths occurred during the MO period, so they're not going to count that. That must make their families feel really good. That must reverse the actual process of dying. But no, these troops were killed because of this, because of the U.S. war, because of Trump. So that's happening. And then, you know, you mentioned what kind of moves the U.S. may make. Well, it seems like the media—this is just one of many articles. This is in Politico in the West—that are talking about how airstrikes are just reaching their limits.

And now there's this plan, it seems like, to hit Pickaxe Mountain. And that's supposed to be this big escalation. But not even Israel has wanted to participate in this war up until, you know, this recent mobilization that appears to be happening in the region. So what do you make of this, the limitations of U.S. airstrikes? They definitely targeted civilian infrastructure. We've seen fishing boats literally docked be attacked by CENTCOM, and then CENTCOM say it's the speedboats. But nevertheless, what would an operation that Trump is saying will be worse than Operation Epic Fury—what kind of consequences will that have? It seems like the consequences are not being considered very well, or very much at all.

#Sayed M. Marandi

Well, you're absolutely correct. They are targeting civilian boats, and they destroyed many. And people live—they depend on those boats. Americans don't care. I mean, they bomb schools. They

bomb hospitals. They bomb public bridges. Their pilots are very much, you know, they're like the Israelis. They don't care. And, you know, they fire on pilgrims who are crossing the border from Iran into Iraq. I mean, that's just the way they think and the way they function. But if there is escalation, the Iranians will immediately respond in kind. But again, we're talking— this is not going to be like the Ramadan War. It's not going to be like the 40 days of fighting. We're already seeing Yemen in a very different situation today.

And Yemen has a very large missile and drone capability, and it has a very large and well-prepared army. This is a country that defeated the Saudis after seven years, when the Saudis had the full support of the collective West and the region. The only country that supported Yemen was Iran. And after seven years, the Yemenis began to destroy Saudi oil installations, and the Saudis gave up. They raised their hands and accepted a ceasefire. And then Yemen had a war with the Americans, and that didn't go well for the United States. They didn't defeat Yemen. So now you have Iran and Yemen simultaneously. The United States did not defeat Iran. It failed. It failed against Yemen, and now both of them are active.

And then you have Iraq with the Hashd, the Popular Mobilization Forces, the Iraqi resistance. They have been carrying out operations against Kuwait because the Kuwaitis have been violating their territory as well, but also striking Iran through Iraqi airspace. So they are already becoming increasingly active. And Iraq is huge. Yemen, huge. Iran, of course, is Iran. And then on the other side, what do you have? You don't have any armed forces that can stand up against these. And then imagine if the Saudis and these other countries, their critical infrastructure is destroyed. The whole peninsula will have to be evacuated. It will be a total disaster for the United States. We'll see the results within a couple of days. It would be catastrophic.

You would see traffic through the desert trying to escape into Iraq, most probably. Yemen, I don't know if that's doable. It will be catastrophic. So the thing is, what's the next step? I mean, if there's escalation now, the results are really beyond imagination. If you think about the potential results, it's hard to imagine what that would look like. And then, when the images come out of the region that these countries, these oil- and gas-rich countries, are collapsing, and people across the world see those images, what's going to happen to the markets? The markets will tank. The global economy will tank. Oil will spike through the roof. Stock markets will tank. And there will be panic everywhere. It's a very scary scenario, I think.

#Danny

Definitely a scary scenario, but one that is being ignored by the Trump administration. Let's get back into Unit 8200 of Mossad, Barak Ravid on Axios. This is the report that he published today, saying that on Thursday, Trump told him that he's seriously considering restarting major combat operations, strikes that would be bigger than the ones carried out during Operation Epic Fury. And here are his exact words: "I'm considering a massive attack, bigger than ever before. I'm close to making a decision. We're all set for it."

He said Israel would join in two minutes if I asked them to, but we don't need anybody, and there would be consequences for Israel joining the strikes. And Professor Rodney, the Israeli regime has organized itself for this. I believe they've opened up bomb shelters. They're beginning to get preparations going for what would happen if they did join the war. So it does seem like they will join in these strikes if they are to occur. But this is what Trump is saying. I'm curious, why is it, do you believe, that Trump is so keen on ignoring the realities of the war?

Because even up until this point, I mean, when I report here, I don't even go into details about U.S. strikes because the U.S. strikes tend to be repetitive. They tend to hit very similar things, and in large part, they're targeting either useless infrastructure Iran's not using anymore, or they're targeting civilian infrastructure. But Iran's targets have been much more notable because they're actually hitting military hardware pretty hard, too, with satellite imagery proving it. So why do you believe that Trump is ignoring these realities? It seems there seems to be a divergence between reality and these plans here.

#Seyed M. Marandi

I can't answer that question. I don't know what goes on in his head. One interpretation could be that he is just trying to scare the Iranians and make them submit out of fear, but that's not going to happen. We saw during the 40-day war when he said that I'm going to obliterate Iran, I'm going to destroy everything. He said, I'm going to send them back to the Stone Age. He said, you know, obliterate the country. He said all sorts of things during the last, I don't know, couple, two, three weeks of the war. He kept threatening Iran, and Iran wasn't intimidated.

And he, I mean, how could he carry out a bigger war than the war that he carried out during the 40 days? He used everything he had, and the Israeli regime was fighting side by side with him. So back then Iran wasn't intimidated, and he did back down. I mean, we all recall that when they struck Iran's South Pars gas field, the Iranians immediately retaliated. And one of the targets was the Qatari gas field. And Iran carried out a major assault and did huge damage. And then Trump immediately put out, as soon as he found out, he put out a Truth Social post saying, "This is not going to happen again. Netanyahu is not going to do this again."

Why? Because he knew what it meant. I mean, all Iran had to do was fire a few more missiles, and that is it. Qatar is finished. There's no more natural gas in Qatar for many, many years to come. Just one more major assault. And we're seeing how Iranian drones and missiles are all getting through. There's nothing left to stop them. And the Iranians have not even begun using their new— they're using their old drones. They're still emptying out, like, the stuff that they made 15, 20 years ago, 10 years ago, I don't know. They're not using their high-technology drones. I haven't seen any. Maybe they've used one or two here and there.

I haven't seen any. So the Qataris, they could easily be destroyed. And the same is true with the Saudis and the Emiratis. So back then, Trump backed down. And until the end of the war, there were further strikes on infrastructure, but limited, and the Iranian responses were, of course, carried out. But this time, the Iranians are saying, "If you strike, we're going to strike much harder. If you hit A, we'll hit A times five," something like that. I don't recall exactly how they put it, but they're going to hit much harder. So does Trump recognize that? Is he just saying this to frighten the Iranians, or is he actually going to do this? Is he being pushed by the Israelis and the Zionists to do this?

Is he, you know, is it because he's compromised that he has no option? Because we all remember how Tucker Carlson, you know, said that he spoke with Trump and told him that this is not going to end well. It's going to be very bad. The people who are pushing you hate you. And Trump kept telling him, "I know, I know, I know." He knew it all, apparently. That's what Tucker Carlson was saying. And yet he still did it. So what does that say about Trump? He's either— I mean, it's hard to imagine that it's just about the donors. If he knew that was that bad, that it was going to be that bad, if we take what Tucker Carlson says seriously, and no one has denied his version of events, then he knew. So he's probably, possibly, probably compromised.

Is this what we're seeing now? Who knows? Or is it like what we saw during the 40-day war, where he made these crazy genocidal threats, and no one in the West protested, by the way, and yet he ultimately did not carry them out, and he was forced to accept a ceasefire? Remember, during the 40-day war, at the beginning, he said, "Unconditional surrender." And then by the end of the war, he was forced to accept the Iranian 10-point plan as the framework for negotiations. That means defeat. Just like after the siege warfare that he began after that, at the end, he had to accept the MOU, which was another defeat, even though he didn't carry it out. But still, symbolically speaking, it was a defeat.

#Danny

And as I was talking about yesterday with Pepe Escobar, I said, how is there any way possible for... It feels like the United States itself is trying... We often hear Professor Robert Pape talk about the escalation trap. It seems like the United States empire is literally trapping itself. It's not even a secret or hidden. It's that the Trump administration is behaving in a way which makes the MOU impossible to step back into, not only from the perspective of the warmongers, the Zionists, et cetera, who hated the deal in the first place, but also from the perspective of anyone just looking at what's going on.

How can you just do what the U.S. is doing and saying it's going to do, and then come back to an agreement like that? It doesn't make rational sense. And then Iran itself has no reason to trust the Trump administration at all ever again, which then leads to a very sticky situation when it comes to the eventual realities you were talking about, Professor Romani. What happens in the future if, yeah,

the global economy gets a whiff of, oh, this thing isn't going to end, and actually the damage could be far more severe in not too short of a period? Going into later summer months and, hell, talk about the winter months, those are critical for capital. But your thoughts on this?

#Seyed M. Marandi

That's exactly why the Iranians are not interested in negotiations. They've been approached during the last couple of weeks many times by different countries. And Iran has said, "Go and speak with the other side. We're not the ones who started this war. We're not the ones who ignored the MOU. It was the other side that violated all of the articles of the MOU, including Article Five, where the United States set up its own corridor in the Strait of Hormuz in violation of the MOU, with the collaboration of the Saudis, the Emiratis, the Kuwaitis, the Qataris, and so on. All of these countries, all of these entities working together to undermine them, and Oman too."

And Article Five in particular. So the Iranians have shown no interest at all in negotiations at the moment. But you notice, I'm not saying that this escalation trap, as they say, is wrong. But it's a part of it. It's part of it. The other part is the Zionists and the Israelis who are pushing for escalation. They need escalation. I'm not saying all Zionists want it. I'm sure Zionists themselves are divided in their genocidal policies and how to carry them out. But at least the faction that supports Netanyahu definitely wants an expansion of the war. They definitely want this to continue. They don't care about a global economic meltdown.

They don't care if American soldiers are killed. They don't care if the American economy falls into a great depression, or the European economies. That is not a priority for them. They're Israelis first. So it is not just about an escalation trap. It is about an agenda that is being pushed by the Zionists to make sure that the crisis gets worse and worse, in the hope that somehow Iran and the axis of resistance will be defeated. And it won't, it won't. I think that it's clear as day what will happen, that the collapse will do much more harm to the United States and the West. And of course, it will eliminate their proxies across the region. Iran will survive, no doubt.

So, you know, it will do much worse for the United States. But these Zionists, the Israelis, Netanyahu, they're desperate. The situation in Israel is not good. Sometimes people ask me, why doesn't Iran strike Israel right now? Well, there are a number of reasons. One is the Iranians are busy fighting the battle of Israel. That is its priority right now because that's the key. And Iran does not want to be distracted from that. If they win, the Israeli regime loses. If they lose, which I don't see happening, that's the biggest win for the Israeli regime. So obviously Iran is going to focus there. But also Iran is busy destroying all those defensive layers that the Americans have created throughout the region for the Israeli regime. I mean, these missile and radar systems and so on, they were not devised to protect these countries.

Kuwait or Saudi Arabia or Jordan. It was devised to support Israel. The King of Jordan has always been doing his best to be Israel's goalkeeper or bodyguard, standing in the way to prevent anything

from hitting the Israelis. Well, all that is being destroyed now. And the same is true in northern Iraq, which is dominated by Zionist proxies. So if there is a conflict between Iran and the Israeli regime in the future, it's going to be much worse for the regime because, except for in Turkey, they no longer have these early warning systems. They no longer have the radars. They no longer have those anti-drone and anti-missile capabilities. It's going to be different. And in addition to that, with the crisis inside the Israeli regime, and the elections approaching, and the different parties at each other's throats.

And based on what we are reading from the Hebrew press, this is a real crisis. And some even speak about the potential for a civil war and Netanyahu not accepting the election results. So why would Iran, right now, when Israel is in crisis, do anything to rally people around—rally Zionists around Netanyahu or anyone else? If the Israeli regime strikes Iran, Iran will hit back very hard to make sure it hurts the regime and those who made that decision. But for the time being, I think Iran's priority is to destroy all those radar systems that protect the Israeli regime, all those missile systems that protect the regime, and to wait and see what the regime does itself. But the focus is on the Strait and, of course, a potential escalation by Trump.

#Danny

Yeah. And I shared earlier, this is what Tasnim News is reporting. This is in Jordan, Iran reporting that they destroyed a THAAD system, an entire THAAD system. And this is just on top of reports in recent days of similar things happening to Patriot batteries in places like Kuwait. So you're exactly right, Professor Rondi. If these are confirmed, which generally they are with satellite imagery not too long after it's reported, then, yeah, this defensive layer for Israel is far weaker, if not completely gone, than on February 28th when the U.S. and Israel launched their initial attack.

Now, this is another element that's a little bit surprising, is that the United States is claiming that it's going to go more aggressively at Iran, despite more depleted munitions and the fact that there are no more surprise elements anymore. So that, you know, that's gone. And so any escalation, even if it is—I don't see how—but even if it is at a volume at or greater than February 28th, it's just, I don't know how it could even have the same results. And those results were just war crimes, as we saw with the Manab school and the assassination of the leadership, including Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. So I don't know what to talk about. I don't know how I could, even if I wanted to be a stenographer of war, I don't know how I could. I'll show you how the media is doing in a second. But your thoughts about this?

#Seyed M. Marandi

You know, yeah, all you have to do is watch Fox News and some of the other media outlets, or read the material in Western media. But, Danny, I think one of the most important elements right now is the pace at which the Iranians are carrying out their attacks. And it's clear that the Iranians have absolutely no shortage whatsoever of missiles and drones to continue carrying out this war. I mean,

they're just hitting and hitting and hitting. And it's clear that their production facilities are intact. They're all underground. They're producing new weapons. Their weapons are getting better. They're becoming more precise. They're devastating U.S. bases across the Persian Gulf.

The Americans, they've retreated to Jordan, and now they're being hit in Jordan and Saudi Arabia. So there's no place for them to go that's safe. And the further away they are from Iran, the more difficult it is to attack, the more expensive it is, the more costly it is. And on the other hand, if the United States wants to escalate, everything—all those targets that Iran would need to destroy—are right in front of Iran. Remember, I mean, for example, the Saudis have a pipeline to the Red Sea. We all know that now, where they export, I don't know, between four and four and a half million barrels a day, according to the numbers that I've read. Okay, but the oil wells are near Iran. They're near the Persian Gulf.

Everything is near the Persian Gulf. So if there's no oil to go through the pipeline, then the pipeline is useless. So, and it's really interesting nowadays, people are saying, well, they'll build in the future, they'll all build pipelines. First of all, that'll take years and tens of billions of dollars, but it's not going to change anything because the gas fields, the oil fields, you can't move them. They're here. But in any case, with these missiles and drones that Iran has—and there's a huge amount of them—they can easily wipe out everything. So even if the United States goes back to Jordan, or retreats from Jordan and goes to the Israeli regime, they still cannot protect—if they want to escalate the war—they cannot protect these assets.

In fact, it's going to become more difficult for them to protect these assets in the Persian Gulf region because their planes will be so far away. So the plans don't make sense. Nothing that they do makes sense, and yet, instead of seeking an end to this—and of course, if there's going to be an end—the Iranians are not going to accept the MOA. The Iranians are definitely going to have more demands. They will probably demand all of their stolen assets handed over upfront. They will demand that the siege on Yemen be lifted, and they will make clear demands on Gaza. This is not a war that the Americans can win, and the Iranians know it.

So even if the devastation is enormous in Iran, they're still going to remain resilient. They're still going to resist. And again, as I said, you have Iraq, you have Yemen. It's not just Iran. On its own, the Iranians have been able to hold their ground during the 40-day war. Now they're doing even better. And we're just beginning to see Yemen getting involved. They were not directly involved last time around. So, no matter how you look at the situation, it's a lose-lose situation for the United States and the global economy and people across the world. And Iranians will definitely suffer too, but the Iranians will remain standing, and U.S. assets across the region will be swept away. I don't see any other way out of this.

#Danny

Well, despite this reality, the mainstream corporate media is doing its job—not the job that we expect media to do, which is to tell the truth—but it's doing its job for the Zionists, for the warmongers, for the masters of war, as they've been called. And I want to play this for us. This is Fox News. As you said, you can watch Fox News and learn how to be a war stenographer for this absolutely disastrous U.S.-Israeli war in Iran just by watching it. This is the mainstream corporate media, Fox News, literally discussing and plotting and planning for, almost it seems like, the masses of war, war crimes. Hitting Iranian civilian targets, infrastructure sites, they call them.

#Seyed M. Marandi

Before you start, watch how it's like they say it with lust.

#Danny

Yes. Yeah. Yeah. Here we go. Yeah. Watch out for that.

#Speaker 1

Let's take a look at the power plants and places that we might be able to hit. Lucas, as you see these as targets, what do you think we might hit first?

#Speaker 2

Well, I don't know if we'll hit it first, but the Damavand plant supplies 40 percent of Tehran's electricity. The Bushehr nuclear power plant, probably not likely a target. The Russians built this. They still supply Iran with low-enriched uranium. Because, Lucas, we should say there's a risk to blowing up a nuclear plant. There's no question. Now, the South Pars gas field, this sits on the largest natural gas field in the world. Israeli forces hit this on March 18th, in the beginning of the war. Iran responded by hitting the Qatari side of this natural gas field.

#Danny

Yeah, how did that work out for us, Iran hitting the South Pars? And they're not going to mention what it did to the oil markets, which was—it was dramatic.

#Seyed M. Marandi

I mean, we were— That means all the countries that use LNG, they should say goodbye to their LNG facilities. And those that can get LNG, the shortages will be permanent. And then add the permanent absence of oil from the markets and the permanent absence of helium and fertilizers and everything

else, and aluminum and everything. So the world is going to change. And remember, the shortages are already here, and they are growing by the minute. The reason why Trump accepted the MOU, even though it was humiliating, was because he said, "We only have four weeks left of energy."

Now, during the three weeks when the MOU was working and the Iranians were allowing ships to pass through, let's say the shortages didn't grow in oil. In other fields, they continued to grow because the focus was on crude oil leaving the Persian Gulf. And by the way, not a lot of ships were entering the Persian Gulf. And that has repercussions in the future. But okay, so now for the last two weeks, there has been no oil. And then there's the Red Sea. So that four weeks that Trump was talking about, it's still there. So we haven't gone back to the four or five months ago. We are at—we're already at—near the cliff where the energy crisis tanks the global economy.

#Danny

I can't hear you. Sorry about that, everyone. I said, well, let's watch a bit more of this before we all throw up. Here we go.

#Speaker 2

In terms of targets.

#Speaker 1

But let me ask you, this is the Strait. So if we want to send a message in the Strait, where they're hitting ships in the Strait, wouldn't that be a place we go?

#Speaker 2

It would. The only question is, what would be Iran's response? We've seen Iran hit back in Qatar's oil field, natural gas oil fields in the UAE. That's the big thing.

#Speaker 1

You mean they'll have a response. No question.

#Speaker 2

That's been this tit-for-tat the whole time. That's what's notable about the Israelis: they use disproportionate responses. Probably one of the reasons that Israel hasn't re-entered the war. Iran has not attacked Israel since early June.

#Speaker 1

And your assessment of how we're doing it now? Do you think we're doing disproportionate, or do you think we could be doing it?

#Speaker 2

Not doing disproportionate. It is notable that U.S. forces hit an Iranian barracks after an American barracks was hit, of course, in Jordan. That's what killed those three U.S. Army soldiers. The power plant— so we could be— sorry, it's over.

#Seyed M. Marandi

It was the other way around. They hit Iranian barracks, and then the Iranians hit their barracks.

#Danny

No, exactly. Yeah, it's the other way around. And those army barracks they hit, when it comes to Iran, they were not even a party to the military operations. They were simply...

#Seyed M. Marandi

They were far away, and they were just conscript soldiers. Very far away.

#Danny

Exactly.

#Seyed M. Marandi

Nowhere near the battle.

#Danny

So now Iran has, yes, in the last several days, as we reported in the beginning, they've, you know, Kuwait, Jordan, these army barracks are now legitimate targets. And the U.S. has done a piss-poor job. Look, people who are watching this from the United States understand that the United States military, the Pentagon, I mean, their CENTCOM, whatever, horrible job of protecting what, to be honest, are occupation troops that are inside other countries operating a war from these countries, even if the countries do it willingly. They're still basically operating as occupation troops.

And they aren't even combat troops. So these are people who just know how to, you know, operate machinery or take orders, like press buttons and then, you know, or, you know, whatever. But they're not combat troops. They're not troops that are going to end up in the line of battle anytime soon. So they're the ones getting targeted. So this, it's a very—it's a gross situation for us around

here. But they didn't even talk about Picket Mountain, which I wanted to, you know—it's unclear whether Trump even knows what Picket Mountain is. Picket Mountain is made of granite.

And, you know, I was joking with someone earlier, saying that Trump is probably going to say something like, "Oh yeah, we hit—we, you know, we hit the graphite very hard. You know, we make pencils out of it, and they have a whole mountain of it, but no more." But it's like, granted, you know, graphite, you make pencils, but granite—like, what it actually is made out of—is almost indestructible. I mean, I don't know, I'm not a science nerd, but it's basically indestructible. No bomb is going to really break that. So it's quite, you know, it's quite something that the Trump administration has become obsessed with this. But your thoughts on this?

#Seyed M. Marandi

Well, first of all, we have to go back to last year's war, another war that they launched against Iran. Remember, this is the third. I mean, the last five months has been a war in itself. But in last year's war, Trump said he obliterated Iran's nuclear program. It's finished. It's gone. Netanyahu and Trump were celebrating. So how is it that suddenly Iran has enriched uranium under this mountain and it has centrifuges? So, you know, the narrative doesn't make sense. Now, I don't know. Obviously, these would be issues that I am not privy to. But whether Iran's nuclear program is up and running, or where it is, or how it functions, I don't know.

I don't have that sort of knowledge. But Trump's-Netanyahu narrative is completely inconsistent. One day it's destroyed, obliterated, and it won't be rebuilt for many years to come. And then literally a year later, it's up and running and it's completely active. I personally, I'm just doubting, and it's not based on knowledge. I don't even think that the assets that they bombed last year were successfully destroyed. And that those—because the reason why I say this is that the Iranians built their nuclear program underground, right? We don't know. It's not public knowledge. I don't have the knowledge.

You don't have the knowledge as to whether those assets are safe right now, correct? But all those underground missile bases, all those underground drone bases, tens of them, all those underground speedboat bases, all those underground—I mean, they have bases all over the country, command and control, like maybe 100, over 100 bases. Has the United States succeeded in destroying a single one of those bases? They bombed them. I think it was the Yazd missile base that they bombed repeatedly with B-52 bombers. Did they destroy a single base? None. None. They've done no damage to any of them. They've only been able to, like, block the—like, they have many entrances.

They block one entrance, and then they use bulldozers and reopen it after a few hours, but mostly a day or two or something like that. So if they can't destroy Iran's underground missile bases, then I would assume that Iran's nuclear bases, or Iran's nuclear program, is at least as well protected, and definitely, in my opinion, more or better protected, because if they're bombed and then there's radioactive material, it would be catastrophic for the people who live in the areas nearby. So without

a doubt, those underground facilities would be better protected than all those missile bases. If the Americans could have destroyed the missile bases, they would have destroyed the missile bases. So I don't believe anything they say about this mountain.

I don't believe what they said about last year. I don't believe anything that comes out of Washington about anything in this world. And a lot of the footage that they show—you were right—they bombed ordinary boats that belong to private citizens, and they show it as if they bombed a military speedboat. And they bomb hospitals. They bomb schools. They won't even admit the slaughter of all those children. They won't even apologize. These are brutes. So these are animals. I mean, they're not animals. They're beneath animals. But they target pilgrims. They do double-tap strikes on citizens. We've seen footage of it. They bomb gatherings of people on the streets. We've seen footage of it. I was there in one instance.

They bombed a gathering here, like, I don't know, a 20-minute walk, 25-minute walk from here, where a woman was killed in a gathering to support the armed forces, people on the streets, and they bombed it. So, you know, I don't believe anything that they say. And the Iranians have said that if you strike this mountain or you strike any infrastructure or target any infrastructure of Iran, they will go after your proxies. And those proxies are all guilty. They're enabling the United States, so they have nothing to complain about. But the truth is that if those proxies are destroyed, the global economy is destroyed. It's not as if Argentina, if electricity goes out, the global economy collapses. No, that won't happen. But if, in the Persian Gulf, some of these tiny regimes collapse, yes, the global economy goes down.

#Danny

Well, President Raissi, I wanted your reaction as we wind down here to the report of the U.S. preparing a massive attack has been coupled, in many outlets like the New York Times, Time magazine, with a report that Iran has rejected a ceasefire from Iraq's PM, Prime Minister, delivered directly. So Iraq's PM was actually, I believe, just visiting Trump. And now I think the Shanghai Cooperation Organization foreign ministers meeting is occurring. And I believe there are bilateral talks happening between Iraq and Iran as we speak. But that's the report. What do you make of it? Is there any truth to this? These reports, though, do say that Trump was the one who was calling for the ceasefire, which goes against the narrative, of course, of the Trump administration, which always says it's the opposite direction.

#Seyed M. Marandi

Well, first of all, Iran is not interested in a ceasefire at all. And different countries have approached Iran, and Iran says, "Go and speak with them. We're not interested." We had an agreement. They were supposed to abide by that agreement, and there's nothing to talk about on our side. On the other hand, the Iraqi prime minister who came here did not bring any specific ceasefire proposal for the United States. That's what I've been told by someone who knows. I'm sure they've discussed

many things about the situation and about the conversations that the prime minister and his entourage had in Washington and the White House and so on, but there's no ceasefire proposal. As I said, the Iranians are not interested, and I think the Americans—we had a deal.

If there is ultimately, at some point, going to be a deal, it's not going to be the MOU. The Iranians will be demanding, as I said earlier, the Iranians are going to make more demands. Yemen will have to—the siege will have to end. Probably Iran will make more demands with regards to its own assets. And of course, there will be the issue of—of course, Gaza and Yemen were always a part of the agreement, but they were not named. But I think that after this, the Iranians are going to be tougher with the United States. So, no, any talk about a ceasefire is just nonsense. Yes, and there are media reports saying that Iran—and actually, the Iranian armed forces have said that we're not going to allow the Americans to regroup and rearm and so on.

#Danny

Right. Well, first of all, there is one person who gave a very, very generous super chat, actually, that I'll pull up. You can comment on it, and that will be our final note here. They said here, Mystic Mac 5555, thanks so much for your super chat, says Tucker Carlson said the reason for low oil prices, despite the shortage of 20 million barrels of oil no longer coming out of the Persian Gulf, is because the Trump administration's rhetoric manipulates AI algorithms that speculate on oil futures. Yeah, I mean, your thoughts on this as we head out of here?

#Seyed M. Marandi

I'm sure that that's the case. There's no doubt. Otherwise, the price of oil would have to be much higher than what it is now. But in a sense, this benefits Iran. Why? Because, as I said earlier, demand destruction would have decreased consumption over the last four or five months. And although it would have created more hardship among people across the world, in any case, it would have lessened the consumption of oil, and then policies could have been put in place to, you know, where people would, let's say, on even days, certain cars could go to the gas station.

On odd days, other cars could go to the gas station. They would have put in mechanisms to cut consumption, but they haven't done that. Why? Because they've been manipulating the price, and therefore consumption has remained high. And so the excess oil is being consumed more rapidly, and the global economy is less prepared for any sudden shortage. So it's not a smart thing to do unless you know you're going to end the conflict or the crisis at the proper time. But I think this is now way too late. And I think that Trump made a foolish gamble. He's a gambler, apparently, and he thought he could take the Strait of Hormuz.

He lost the war. He lost siege warfare. And he thought maybe through the MOU and cheating Iran, he could get what he failed to get through war and siege warfare. But it didn't work. And we are where we are. So now he's either going to go crazy and destroy everything, and that means the

global economy, or he's going to have to, you know, declare victory and walk away, or just continue down this road, which is going to also lead to greater devastation, because Iran is not going to open this strait, nor is the Bab el-Mandeb going to be opened until conditions that are acceptable to Iran are met.

#Danny

Yeah. Yeah, and even if—and this also militarily is disastrous too—because even if the United States, which very well could, of course, have standoff munitions and these kinds of things that they don't report, and so they might have, so-called, more in their stockpiles, even if that's so, to use them all in one fell swoop in a war like this, it will also diminish the US's capacity to do what it says it wants to do, which is to be the dominant power, contain Russia, China. It won't defeat Iran, even if it does that.

#Seyed M. Marandi

I think if this war escalates and you have a global depression, in the United States, people are going to blame the Israeli regime. They're going to blame Zionism. They're going to blame Trump. People on the streets know why this war is happening, and that is going to create great instability. You know, perhaps, I mean, let's think about Brazil. Let's say there's a Great Depression, and let's look at Brazil. Well, people will say life will get very difficult in Brazil—horrific, you know, I'm sure, at all levels. But people won't say it was the government's fault. They'll say it's Trump's fault. It's Israel's fault.

But in the United States, they'll say it's my government's fault. It's the Israeli lobby in my country that brought this upon me. So it will have huge implications, no doubt about it, across Europe. Everyone knows who caused this war and who's causing this catastrophe for the world and who's making these threats. It's not the Iranians who are saying, "We're going to destroy the critical infrastructure in the Persian Gulf." It's the Americans who are saying it, and the Iranians saying, "Well, if you do that, we're going to retaliate in kind." So if that happens, there will be a global economic depression, but it'll be more than just a depression for Western countries under the influence of Zionism.

#Danny

Robert, thank you. We do have to wrap up. Professor Martin, if you have a quick comment on, assuming a major attack by the United States is imminent, why doesn't Iran execute a preemptive strike against U.S. offensive capabilities? That's from Robert. Thanks for the super chat.

#Seyed M. Marandi

You know, I've said this before on your show, and I've said this elsewhere. I encourage everyone to buy and to read *Going to Tehran* by Flynt and Hillary Leverett. And I encourage you to buy and read it too. I don't know if you've done that. And also to read Alastair Crooke's book on resistance, his book called *Resistance*, and Peter Osborne's book on the nuclear program, *A Dangerous Delusion*, and Gareth Porter's book, *Manufactured Crisis*. But I think that *Going to Tehran* is a very important book for people to read, and the book by Alastair Crooke, because then they'd understand that Iran is not at all what people have been saying about it for all these decades. It is guided by moral principles.

I mean, there's a reason why forty-some million people came to the streets across the country, you know, in different cities, and participated in the funeral of Ayatollah Khamenei. This was not a rally-around-the-flag effect. Where in the world do you have, like, half the country—and this is a huge country, it's the size of Europe—where do you have that many people gathering for a funeral? It's because they believed in it, because they saw him as a moral individual. So why is the United States so hostile towards Iran? Why are the Europeans so hostile towards Iran? Because Iran is saying no to genocide. Because based on their religious principles, their cultural heritage, they can't accept genocide and ethnic cleansing and ethno-supremacism and colonization and apartheid.

They can't accept it. So Iran is evil. Their regime is evil. You'll hear that day and night. Iran has certain principles. Iran is not going to initiate a war. I mean, even with the Israeli regime, we did not initiate the war. And so with Americans, we're not going to initiate escalation because we're not like them. That's the difference between them and us. There's a difference. If we're going to behave like them, then I... I mean, if Iran was like the United States and behaved like the United States and Israelis, then I can't support it. I mean, there has to be a moral difference. There has to be something different. So that is why Ayatollah Khamenei was so popular. So the Iranians... And I've seen many people attack Iran.

And I see... I mean, I don't... I have to apologize to people I don't respond to comments on my Twitter because I really don't have time. I'm, like, overloaded. You're always here. I work, like, 20 hours a day. But sometimes I do see comments. And then if I respond to one and I don't respond to another, I don't feel good about it. But I do see people say, "Well, you're idiots. Why don't you make the bomb? Why don't you do this?" I mean, Iran has certain moral principles. You may not like it. It may make people more nervous. But Iran doesn't want a nuclear weapon. If it has to have it, if there's some imminent threat to Iran's existence, they've said that they'll change the nuclear posture.

But even during the Iran-Iraq War, we refused to produce chemical weapons, even though the West gave chemical weapons to Saddam. And they prevented us from getting gas masks. But Ayatollah Khomeini, back then, he refused. He said, "You'll have to live with it. You'll have to fight without using chemical weapons." So there has to be a difference between us and them. And we believe in God. We believe God's just, and He knows. Hopefully, He'll help. But this is all, all of this animosity towards Iran is because Iran is independent, the most fiercely independent country in the world.

And because Iran is standing up for the oppressed, especially the people of Palestine, we all speak the same language. We're not neighbors, but they're just—they're human beings, just like us. And there's no way—I mean, let me put this as a final word, because it's—I know you want to end this. Hypothetically speaking, if Gaza was Jewish—not Zionist, just Jewish—and the whole of Palestine was Muslim, Shia Muslim, and the Shia Muslims of Palestine were doing to Gaza what the Israelis are doing today, the Islamic Republic of Iran would be at war with those Shia Muslims. We have no other option. So there has to be a difference between us and them.

#Danny

Well said, Professor Marandi. It's a great point to leave on. I want to thank everyone who gave Super Chats, who became members. I'll pull you up one more time as we leave. I want to make sure that everybody knows that tomorrow I'll be back on, same time, July 25th, with Mark Sleboda. So we will do updates then. And, yeah, we'll continue. But, Professor Marandi, thanks so much for joining. We will head out now. Hit the like button. I almost forgot again. Hit the like button.

#Seyed M. Marandi

You heard Professor Marandi at the beginning of this show. Hit that all-important like button.

#Danny

If you like the show, you should hit the like button. And then definitely go to the video description below to find all the places to support this channel as well. I'll see you tomorrow, Friday, July 25th, 1 p.m. Eastern time. Take care. Bye-bye.