

Some Trump & War Q&A #2

- *Why don't you talk about Iran's evil and their terrorism?*

Do I need to? Do you not already know they are a country that sponsors terrorism?

IRAN: A STATE SPONSOR OF TERROR
Tehran's regime has used terrorism for decades to spread its influence, eliminate opponents, and destabilize the world.

SELECTED TERRORIST OPERATIONS LINKED TO IRAN

 <p>1992 – BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA AMIA Jewish Community Center Bombing A car bombing destroyed the AMIA Jewish community center, killing 85 people and injuring over 300. IRAN's Role: Argentina's highest court ruled that Iran planned and carried out the attack through Hezbollah operatives.</p>	 <p>1994 – BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA Israeli Embassy Bombing A powerful truck bomb targeted the Israeli Embassy, killing 29 people and injuring 242. IRAN's Role: Iranian officials and Hezbollah were convicted in absentia for orchestrating the attack.</p>
 <p>2012 – BURGAS, BULGARIA Israeli Tourists Bus Bombing A suicide bomber targeted a bus carrying Israeli tourists at Burgas airport, killing 6 Israelis and the bomber. IRAN's Role: Bulgaria and Israel identified Hezbollah, backed and directed by Iran, as responsible.</p>	 <p>2011 – BANGKOK, THAILAND Assassination of Saudi Diplomat A bomb killed Saudi Deputy Ambassador Abdulrahman al-Ghamdi in central Bangkok. IRAN's Role: Thai authorities revealed the hit was carried out by Iranian operatives using forged passports.</p>

A LONG HISTORY OF TERROR

- Iran uses proxy groups like Hezbollah, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Houthis to carry out attacks worldwide.
- It funds, trains, and arms terrorists while denying involvement.
- Its terrorism targets Jews, Israelis, dissidents, diplomats, and civilians.

THE TRUTH: IRAN'S REGIME IS NOT JUST A THREAT TO ITS PEOPLE. IT IS A GLOBAL THREAT.

Or, do you just want to complain that I don't fit your opinion of what I should believe and say?

Here's one for you...Have you ever thought through why Iran is who they are? Let me help you...

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The current Iran started in 1979 with a revolution. At first it was not an “Islamic Revolution” but it quickly ended up with hardliner Muslims running the country. But, why was there a revolution at all? Because their “Shah” (kinda like our President, but a Dictator) was able to gain and keep power via the support from the United States...he was our secular Iranian puppet leader...and he was horribly brutal. Hold on to that thought for a moment.

IRAN'S 1979 REVOLUTION

FROM TYRANNY TO THEOCRACY

A people's uprising that changed Iran forever and reshaped the Middle East.



- 1. A KINGDOM IN CRISIS**
EARLY 1979



Decades of the Shah's authoritarian rule, Western alignment, economic inequality, and secret police brutality fueled discontent. Protests erupted across Iran.

- 2. KHOMEINI RETURNS**
FEBRUARY 1, 1979



Exiled since 1964, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini returned to a hero's welcome. Millions saw him as the leader who would bring change and Islamic rule.

- 3. THE REVOLUTION TRIUMPHS**
FEBRUARY 11, 1979



The military refused to stop the people. The Shah fled the country. Iran declared the Islamic Republic, placing religious clerics at the center of power.

- 4. A NEW REGIME IS BORN**
APRIL 1979



TEHRAN JOURNAL
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC DECLARED IN IRAN
Khomeini Becomes Supreme Leader

In a national referendum, Iranians were asked to choose between monarchy and Islamic Republic. Overwhelmingly, they voted for the Islamic Republic.

THE LEGACY: A REVOLUTION THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

The 1979 Revolution ended 2,500 years of monarchy in Iran and established a theocratic regime that continues to influence global politics, sponsor terrorism, and oppress its people.



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Who in Iran runs the terror organization?

IRGC-QODS FORCE: IRAN'S TERROR ORGANIZATION

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps – Qods Force is Iran's elite extraterritorial terrorist arm, responsible for exporting Iran's revolution, funding proxies, and carrying out attacks worldwide.

WHO THEY ARE

- Elite unit of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)
- Founded in 1989 by regime leader Ayatollah Khomeini
- Operates outside Iran to advance the regime's ideology and interests
- Commander: Esmail Qaani



Esmail Qaani
Qods Force Commander

TOOLS OF TERROR

 <p>FUNDING & TRAINING PROXIES</p> <p>Arms, trains, and funds terrorist groups like Hezbollah, Hamas, and Iraqi Militias.</p>	 <p>GLOBAL ASSASSINATIONS</p> <p>Targets dissidents, opponents, and Jews abroad.</p>	 <p>BOMBINGS & ATTACKS</p> <p>Carries out or directs attacks on embassies, synagogues, and civilians.</p>	 <p>TERROR NETWORK WORLDWIDE</p> <p>Operates in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas.</p>
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ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS
QODS FORCE

GLOBAL TERROR OPERATIONS Just a Few Examples:

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THE TRUTH: THE IRGC-QODS FORCE IS NOT A MILITARY UNIT.
IT IS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION THAT THREATENS THE WORLD.

Now, let me fast-forward to the most current problem with the Strait of Hormuz. Let's start with a simple fact...about 2% of the oil that passes through the Strait of Hormuz goes to the US... 400,000 barrels a day (+/-). That oil is medium or heavy sour crude oil which is used to primarily make fertilizer, fuel oil, asphalt, and other chemicals. The US could produce more medium and heavy sour crude oil domestically but it would take time and money to do so; so it's cheaper for oil companies to import it from countries that ship it through the Strait Hormuz.

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The price per barrel of that Hormuz Strait medium / heavy sour crude oil is about \$106 per barrel; coming out to about \$42,400,000 per day through the Strait. Ironically...if companies bought the same type of crude from US producers, mostly located in the Gulf of Mexico, the cost would be no more than about \$43,200,000...\$800,000 difference. But, you look at that over the course of a year...that's \$300million dollars more to buy it from our own US producers vs ship it through the Strait. \$300million less profit for US oil companies.

So now you know why Trump is so keen on opening the Strait, and keeping it open...for the purpose of keeping that oil flowing. Ah, problem...the Strait is closed, or limited traffic, due to...wait for it...Iran's reaction to Trump starting a war with Iran. So the "Strait of Hormuz Problem" was caused directly by Trump and his war. But, let's step back a bit...



Is Iran a sponsor of terrorism in the middle-east? Of course they are...that is a no-brainer. But, "why?" do they conduct terror operations directly or through proxies?

Let's look at the last 25 years since that is an easy one to comprehend. In the last 25 years the US built or performed major upgrades on approximately 20 military bases in the middle-east. In addition, the US built approximately 100 (+/-) smaller "operating bases" as well. Then consider we started two major wars that destroyed two countries and killed a million people, half of whom were civilians. And that is just the start.

You think Iran might not like that just a little bit? Do you think they might object to us doing that? You wanna know why? Because Iran sees what a US sponsored puppet leader does to a country...like the Shah of Iran. And do you think they want leaders like that for neighbors?

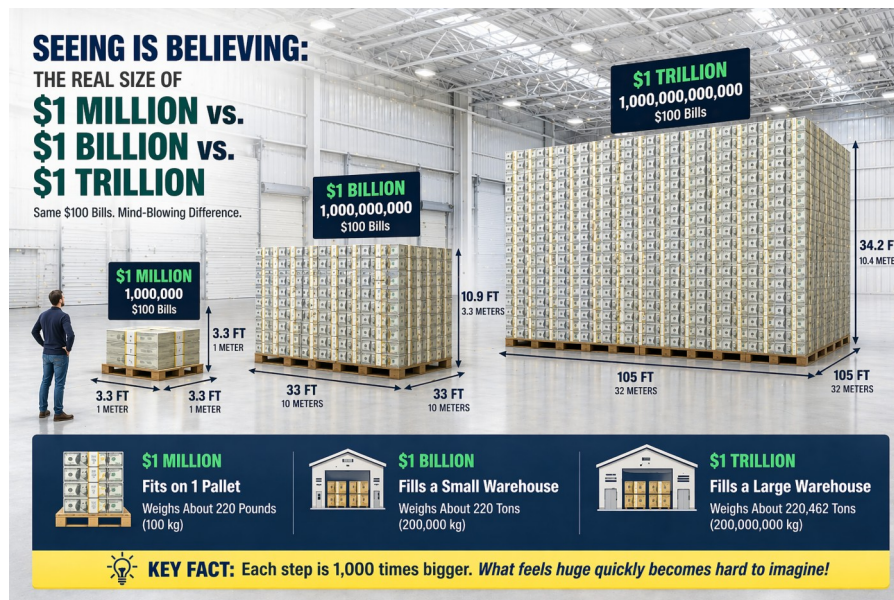
But, I'm not done. For whatever reason Iran and Israel have become mortal enemies. Each country wants to wipe the other off the face of the earth...or less dramatically, make the other inconsequential in the politics and power of the middle-east. And guess what country enables Israel to have a powerful military, including nuclear weapons? Yup, you probably guessed it right...the good ole USA.

Am I saying the US is a problem for Iran? Absolutely 100% it is...along with Israel. There is clarity on that one...the facts speak for themselves. But, did you want to know why the US is the problem? I hope so.

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Here is a number for you...\$3billion of oil produced in the middle-east. Well, actually just a bit over that but I rounded it down for simplicity. Oh, and that \$3billion is per day! That's about 1.1trillion dollars per year!! That's why the US is the problem...greed. US oil companies want as much of that trillion dollars as they can get their hands on. And they payoff US politicians and Presidents to get their hands on it using the US military as enforcers to do so.

Check this out...



Let's face it 98% of the oil that passes through the Strait of Hormuz has nothing to do with us...nothing whatsoever! And we could pretty easily negate that 2% with increased domestic production if we wanted to...making the Strait 100% not our problem at all. Let those countries in the region figure it out...let them solve their own problems...there is so much money involved they will come to an agreement, guaranteed. So simply put...it is America's greed...the lust for money...that has us involved at all.

Back to Israel...how do they fit in exactly? The US lust for power is the root of that problem. Somehow we feel it a critical necessity to be Israel's military sugar daddy. We are driven, for some unknown



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reason, to back Israel in all they do...including genocide in Gaza...and all their other endless military operations in the last couple of decades. Just think...if we hadn't poured \$100billion in aid into Israel over the last 25 years what would have happened to them? I bet there would be a peace treaty and they wouldn't be currently slaughtering civilians in multiple countries. Just saying...

So what's the fix...**Leave the middle-east the hell alone!!!** We don't need the middle-east for anything...nothing at all!! We can produce all our own energy needs and still export a bunch. We don't have any real interest in the middle-east...none at all. There is not a single country in the middle-east that is a threat to the United States, let them figure it out their own problems.

Have a better idea now what the true problem is in the middle-east? It is the US government involvement and meddling in middle-eastern business where we shouldn't meddle. And why do we meddle? Our lust for money & power. Oil companies buy our federal government so those companies can get richer. Israel buys our federal government so they can be powerful. And for some unknown mental health issue (i.e. insanity)...the US public buys into this fantasy that we are the world's police force. Which in reality it is just the opposite...the US federal government is the root cause of the majority of the world's serious problems right now.



I hope that helps you understand a little more about the problems in the middle-east. Okay, don't get me wrong...we are not able to solve problems over there if even there was a way we could. They would still have problems, maybe even serious ones. They have had problems for thousands of years. However, their problems would be their problems and would not cost us tens of thousands of lives of US military personnel and trillions of dollars of US taxpayer money. But we never learn...our collective lust for money and power will keep the US in endless wars and keep killing our men and women.

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- *What is the fix in the middle-east if you had a magic wand?*

That's an easy one. Two things; 1) pull all our military personnel back home to the US...ALL of them, 2) ramp up our domestic oil and gas production to meet all our own energy needs and encourage exporting our excess. Well, maybe add in a third that I implied but didn't explicitly state...stay out of their business, let the middle-east solve their own problems. It's just that easy.

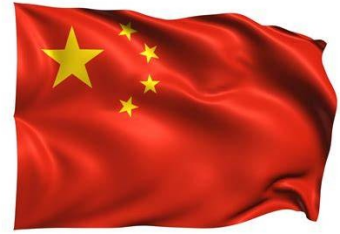
But, at the same time...it is impossible to do and won't ever happen. See my answer above to another question to know why it is an impossibility...or just think about this picture a bit...



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- ***How does China fit in all of this war mess?***

Great freaking question. The short answer...China is intimately involved...a clear winner in this mess...and growing stronger because of the war and what Trump is doing. Let me share a couple of things...



On April 7th there was a UN resolution to sanction ‘*use of force*’ in to keep the Strait of Hormuz open to commercial shipping. China, along with Russia, vetoed it. Sounds as if they support Iran, yes? No...well, not the real reason anyways.

The United States started a war with Iran for which there was no legal basis for the US to do so...along with Iran being no imminent threat to the US. Also, there was no UN authorization for the US to attack Iran let alone start a war with them. It was solely an action of the US conducted outside of international law. Yeah, not good. What does the UN resolution have to do with it?

If the UN would have approved the April 7th resolution it would grant explicit authorization for the US to escalate the carnage that the US is already inflicting on Iran. Further, it would also be “implied” consent, or approval of, the US attacking Iran in the first place. By China and Russia vetoing the resolution they prevented the UN from the *explicit* and *implied* aspect of US attacking Iran. In other words they both stood up to the US and bitch slapped us. But there is also more to it...

In early March, after the US started the war, Russia sent an aid convoy to Iran. That was a clear and unmistakable message that Russia supports Iran and is not afraid of confronting the US over it. Putin knew Trump wouldn’t dare confront them directly, or even indirectly. A clear win for Russia...and another bitch slap of the US.

The blockade of the Strait of Hormuz by the US started on April 13th. A Chinese ship carrying 250,000 barrels of methanol passed unchallenged through the Strait of Hormuz...through the US blockade. This occurred even though it was in a group of 6 merchant ships, the others turned back, the Chinese ship did not. Why?

Right after the US announced the blockade, “*China warned the U.S. against interference in its relations with Iran, emphasizing its commitment to honoring trade and energy agreements with Tehran...stating that it will continue its operations in the Strait of Hormuz.*” Yup, China made it clear that it supports Iran and would not be intimidated by the US...China stood up against the US. Another bitch slap of the US.

To better understand the politics of the US blockade of the Strait of Hormuz this is important to know...about ½ of all energy imported by China comes through the Strait of Hormuz. 37% of all energy that passes through the Strait goes to China. 13% of China’s oil imports come from Iran.

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When Trump put the US blockade into place Trump knew that China would be hurt the most other than Iran...*intentionally* hurt economically. Interesting?

And that is why it's important. What do you think China would do if the US tried to block any Chinese ship? What would China's reaction be if US forces tried to seize or board a Chinese vessel? Yeah, hell would be unleashed on the US. China could topple the US financial system almost overnight, China could severely, maybe irreparably, harm the US economy via the supply chain within 30 days. In a war...well, since Trump has depleted the US missile supply...the US could not win a war with China. And the US losing that war, China would then takeover Taiwan, probably without a fight. Trump bluffed and loss.



Why is all that important...the UN defeat and the blockade defeat? For one...the US had to back down from China and Russia multiple times...mostly China. That being the case...the political strength of the US was hugely diminished around the world. And the entire world saw that the US, and especially Trump, is weak compared to China, and that countries can stand up to the US and win. China effectively became a world military and political power equal to or greater than the US. The US bitch slapped again and again and again. China outmaneuvered Trump ease.

- ***Who is winning the war?***

The US is destroying more stuff than Iran, but Iran is putting the hammer to Israel and a bunch of other US allies around the region. The US is killing more people than Iran, including civilians, but Iran is doing a fair share of killing including US military personnel. That all is clear and factual.

But what I just mentioned above are all “tactical” wins; winning “battles” not the war. From a political perspective...*strategically* speaking...it is clear Iran is winning the war. The leadership of Iran is still in control. Iran shutdown the Strait to non-supporting countries' shipping, but it supporting countries are shipping just fine. Iran is still capable of hitting the entire region with missiles and drones. Iran forced the US into a cease fire. The US can't and isn't completely enforcing a blockade of the Strait. And some US allies are now “former” allies due to Trump's actions and verbal attacks. And lastly...Trump has insulted 1.4 billion Catholics and Trump has insulted another 1 billion Christians with his sheer stupidity and egomania. Yeah, that is a really serious back eye for Trump! And one he will not recover from.

Finally, Trump's ratings in the US are tanking...people don't approve of him and really don't approve of his war with Iran...and MAGA is losing members at a high rate...especially since his insults to 2-1/2 billion Christians. That really showed who he really is in his soul. Politically, Trump is done domestically and globally. Trump has very little political capital left to use...if any.

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Despite losing most of the battles, Iran is winning the war.

- *Just a message from me...just a thought to leave you with...*

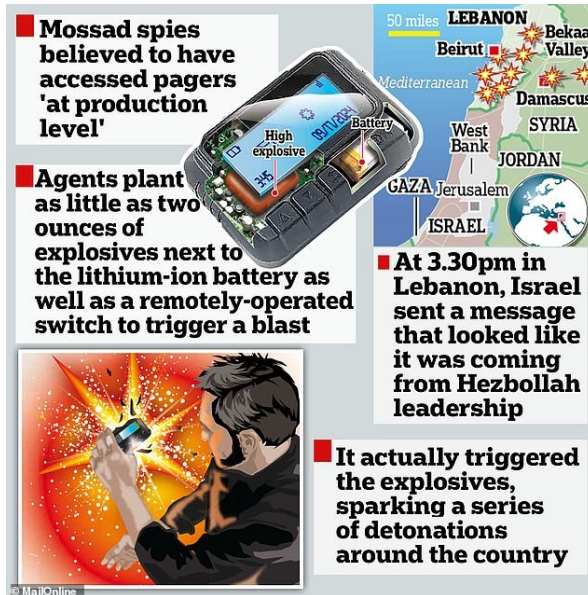
Bibi Netanyahu was Trump's first guest at the White House after the inauguration...February 2025. That is interesting in itself. And add to that...Jewish or pro-Israel donors contributed between \$150 - \$230 million to Trump's 2024 Presidential campaign. Okay, back to the Bibi-Donnie meeting...

In that meeting Bibi gave Trump a gift...it's a usual thing for one head-of-state to give to another a gift of something meaningful and special. So Bibi presented Trump with something to remember him by...a Golden Pager.



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Oh, by the way...



In September 2024 Israel used primarily pagers, and some walkie-talkies, to cause over 3,000 casualties. There were bombs concealed in the pagers and radios and the targets were terrorists. However, of the more than 3,000 casualties...many were civilians, including children and infants in multiple countries.

So...is there a message that Bibi wanted to give Trump? I don't know...but a person could think so. What about you?

Oh, did I mention that Bibi went on to comment, *"When Israel and the United States work together..."*

Something else I just thought of...Benjamin Netanyahu is currently under active criminal proceedings in Israel, and separately he has also faced additional questioning tied to other investigations. And, he has been on trial since 2020 over three long-running cases involving bribery, fraud, and breach of trust.

No wonder Bibi and Trump get along so well !



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