



## Iran Rolls Out New Missiles As It Degrades U.S. Air Defences

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**Dimitri Lascaris (DL):** Good day, this is Dimitri Lascaris coming to you from London, Canada on March 6th, 2026 for Reason2Resist. Last night, Iranian missiles rained down on Tel Aviv and other parts of the genocidal entity, leaving a trail of destruction. In this report on the seventh day of the US-Israeli war of aggression on Iran, I'll show you video footage of last night's attacks and of their aftermath. I'll also discuss new Iranian strikes on US military assets in the Persian Gulf, as well as important economic and political developments in this war. And before I get into it, please remember to like and share this video if you find it to be informative. And if you're not already a subscriber, please become a member of our rapidly expanding subscriber base and help us to expand the reach of our unapologetic resistance journalism. So with that, let's begin.

Last night, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps reported that it fired at Israel for the very first time one of the heavyweight missiles in its arsenal. The missile is called the Khorramshahr-4 ballistic missile and it looks like this. According to the IRGC, it fired these missiles at the Israeli Air Force's 27th Air Base located at the airport known as Ben Gurion in Tel Aviv. And why is this missile so dangerous? According to IRGC, it has a 2,000-kilometer strike range and is built to punch through the world's most advanced integrated air defense systems. It uses a maneuverable reentry vehicle, or MARV, and has mid-course guidance delivering accuracy, so says the Iranian military, within approximately 30 meters. It also is said to possess a low radar signature and strong electronic warfare resistance. It is powered to reach the stunning speed of Mach 16 outside the atmosphere and Mach 8 inside the atmosphere, cutting flight time down to roughly 10 to 12 minutes. And most notably it carries a large payload, 1500 kilograms of explosives consisting of up to 80 sub munitions. The IRGC has published a video which it says shows the launch of this behemoth last night.

Now, as I mentioned, this ballistic missile can disperse up to 80 subunits, and last night, indeed, numerous videos emerged of what appeared to be a shower of warheads descending down upon Tel Aviv, and here's one of those videos. And here's another one. You notice there, there's little, if any, evidence that that shower of warheads or submunitions was encountering interceptor missiles fired from the ground. Here is a third video showing that warhead shower

coming down. And as you can see, there's no apparent air defense activity in this video clip. Now, there is some indication that Ben Gurion Airport was struck last night. According to pro-resistance sources, this is a video of a fire at Ben Gurion Airport.

And Iranian state media outlet IRIB published this video claiming that it too showed a fire at Ben Gurion. Now, interestingly, the Jerusalem Post published an article indicating that there were some problems at Ben Gurion yesterday. You'll see this terse statement from the Post that an El Al plane was only a minute away from touching down at the airport when sirens sounded across central Israel. The El Al aircraft was suddenly forced to climb back up. It doesn't say, however, this article, that there was a strike on the airport causing a fire, nor does it deny that, and in fact, the article may have been published before the launch of that weapon towards Ben Gurion last night. Whether or not Ben Gurion was struck, and at this point I'm unable to confirm that that's the case, it is very clear there is abundant evidence, in fact, that Tel Aviv was hit hard last night.

Now, before I show you that evidence, the IRGC reported that it launched another wave of missiles at Israel this morning. This, it said, was its 22nd wave. And here is the video that it published with that announcement. It also included this 22nd-wave launch this morning, according to the IRGC, another Khorramshahr-4 missile as well as a Kheibar Shekan missile and Fattah missiles as well. Now, in addition, the IRGC published this morning video footage of what it said was a launch of suicide drones towards the genocidal entity. Now, those things may be small and pack a much smaller punch than the behemoth fired at Israel yesterday, but they do look rather nasty. I want to share with you a report issued from a blast site in Tel Aviv earlier this week at the outset of this war of aggression by an Irish reporter. It had previously escaped my attention, but it does provide useful information about the scale of the destruction being inflicted upon Tel Aviv by these Iranian missile strikes.

**Reporter:** I've just arrived at an impact site where an Iranian missile hit earlier today and you can see a massive crater right there behind me and rescue workers still searching for people possibly missing under the rubble and you can get an idea of how massive that blast must have been. If you look up, this was a car that was propelled up there. This was by far the most significant impact today since Iran began retaliating after Israel and the US began attacking Iran this morning.

**DL:** Apparently, Israel is so technologically advanced that it's the first country in the world to have developed flying automobiles. Now, here's some video of Israeli firefighters tackling a blaze caused by one of last night's strikes. Obviously, that strike also did considerable damage, as you can see. Notably, yesterday or during the course of the evening, the Iranian military published a photograph of one of the missiles it launched at Israel last night. A soldier had written a message in Farsi on one of the missiles and according to Iranian media, the message translates to "In memory of the schoolgirls of Minab school". This of course is a reference to the more than 165 civilians murdered in the strike last weekend on the Minab girls school in Iran and many of those massacred were little girls. At the same time as Iran was pounding Tel Aviv, last night, Hezbollah launched a major drone and missile attack or

series of attacks on northern occupied Palestine, and it published a video highlighting its efforts in that regard. Here's the video.

I just want to pause there before you see the rest of this video. That obviously is a sizable pair of missiles. These are not small rockets. These, at least to my non-military eyes, seem to be capable of delivering significant warheads. And this is quite a surprise or must come as quite a surprise to those of us who have been told and who believed that Hezbollah had been largely neutralized. I mean, the Israelis have never denied that they continue to have weapons, but I think that the Israelis believed or at least wanted to believe that they had wiped out their heavier weapons. And if this is in fact a video of missiles fired last night, it's quite clear that Hezbollah retains significant firing power within its missile arsenal.

Now, next, I came across this interesting commentary about what is happening on the northern border of occupied Palestine from a gentleman by the name of João Gerardo. And he comments: "The early alarm warnings are each day closer to the Iranian missiles hit because the lack of early radar destroyed American bases across the Middle East". He's monitoring the timing of early alarm warning and it's one to two minutes from Iranian missile arrivals. It was previously, before the destruction of those radars, five to 15 minutes. And then he says this: "Hezbollah are using drones and rockets to document, track, and map defense systems location. I think the chaos may reach before 12 days this time". And of course, any intelligence gathered about the location of those defense systems is going to be conveyed to the Iranian missile forces who have a better capability to actually destroy those defense systems. But he's obviously pointing out here that these drone and missile launches are adding to the rate at which Israel's already low stocks of interceptor missiles are being depleted. And his final comment is: "Iran is using the jet-powered drones Hadid-110 now. It will be ugly from now on". So presumably those jet powered drones travel at significantly higher speeds than most of the drones that they have been employing up until this point in time.

Now, not only is the Lebanese resistance firing numerous salvos of drones and missiles into occupied Palestine on a daily basis, but in addition, they are inflicting casualties on Israel's ground forces. They have, for example, reported along with some video evidence the Lebanese resistance that they have taken out four Merkava tanks within the past six days or so. And a report appeared in the Israeli media yesterday that two Israeli terrorists, one was actually killed, an officer in the Israeli military, and another was seriously wounded in ground fighting on the border between Lebanon and occupied Palestine. Now earlier this week, US Central Command made the rather questionable claim that within a matter of days it had reduced, along with Israel's strikes, they had reduced the number of missile and drone launches of the Iranian forces by some 80 %. And here you can see the claim being made by the war criminal, US General Dan Caine. Trump and his Secretary of War Hegseth like to refer to him as "Razin' Caine". They think that's really funny. And only four days after this war criminal launched this war of aggression, he made the boastful claim about the 80% reduction. And after last night's destruction, the war criminal may have to revise his

assessment about the efficacy of the strikes by Israel and the United States on Iran's missile and drone forces.

Now, since I'm on the subject of US-Israeli war crimes, Reuters has been told by two US officials that US military investigators believe it to be likely that it was the US military that destroyed the Minab Girls School. You can see here, this is a Guardian article published today which is relating the core facts of the Reuters article, which is behind a paywall. And you'll see at the bottom, the first paragraph of the article, "Military investigators believe it's likely that US Forces were responsible for an apparent strike on an Iranian girls' school that killed scores of children on Saturday, but have not yet reached a final conclusion according to two US officials". If in fact it is determined that the US did commit this atrocity, certainly it would be naive of us to expect there to be any real accountability for the perpetrators of this crime. After all, US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth has gone full Satan.

**Pete Hegseth:** Just wait. The amount of combat power that's still flowing, that's still coming, that we'll be able to project over Iran is a multiples of what it currently is right now when you add up our capabilities and those of the Israeli defense forces. And we have no shortage of authorities. The Admiral knows we have clear objectives with maximum authorities on the battlefield. The dumb politically correct wars of the past were the opposite of what we're doing here. They had vague objectives with restrictive minimalist rules of engagement. No more. Our authorities, his authorities, CENTCOM's authorities, through the president and myself, are maxed out. Our capabilities are overwhelming and gathering still, as are those of our Israeli partners. Our munitions are full up, and our will is iron-clad, which means our timeline is ours and ours alone to control. As long as it takes to ensure the United States of America achieves these objectives. And as we flow more forces, and as we slow more capabilities, and as our munitions, as we're flying over the top, have even more devastating effects, we set the tempo, we set timeline, led by the commander on the ground. Our ear is to the ground to listen to Admiral Cooper, what he needs and what he will get. We are built for this fight. And we are in it to win it.

**DL:** Now, imagine describing the US-backed genocide in Gaza as "politically correct". Imagine describing the criminal war of aggression on Iraq, which killed by the most credible estimates, hundreds of thousands, if not in excess of a million innocent Iraqis – imagine describing that as "politically correct". Or how about the destruction of Libya? Or the napalming of civilians, the mass bombardment of civilians in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam in the 1960s and the 1970s. Or the torture that was carried out at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, or at Guantanamo under the Bush administration. That is what this satanic character regards as "politically correct". Now, none of this psychotic ranting by Hegseth appears to have impressed the Iranian people. All over Iran, massive government protests continue to take place in which millions of Iranians are expressing not only their support for the government, but are also urging the government to exact revenge for what these criminals are doing to their country. Here is a video, a brief clip from one such massive protest.

And here's another video of a different demonstration in favor of the government and condemning the US-Israeli attacks on the country. When was the last time you saw a protest like that in a Western country? I have to go back many years to think of something that was comparable. And I assure you that there are many more videos like this of many more such demonstrations taking place in the Islamic Republic. So whether or not you like the government of Iran, whether or not you think that the Iranian people deserve better, it cannot be denied at this stage that a very substantial proportion of the population, I don't know how much and I'm not sure that anybody can say with confidence, but a very substantial proportion the population of Iran fully supports the government, fully supports the state at this time of war. And this was corroborated yesterday in a report I published which related what an Iranian-Canadian who has been in Tehran all this week has experienced. Her name is Sara Sagai, if you haven't watched that report and you're interested to hear her personal reflections about what she's witnessed, she has recounted that she has seen a massive shift in public opinion and expressed the view that Netanyahu and Trump have grotesquely miscalculated by killing Iran's supreme leader, massacring those schoolgirls and continuing to pummel the civilian population of Iran.

Now, meanwhile, while these protests were taking place, the Iranian military forces continued to pummel US military bases in the Persian Gulf. Here, for example, is a video of an Iranian strike on the US military base in Kuwait. So just stopping there – what you're hearing in the background, I believe, are US soldiers who are in a bunker watching the air defense systems try to take out the incoming missile. You've seen two interceptors go up and they're cheering on the interceptors hoping that it's gonna take out the Iranian missile. There goes the third interceptor. It misses as well. So did you hear that sinister laugh, folks? They were cheering for the interceptors to take out the missile and then somehow found it delightful that they failed to do so and delivered quite a severe blow to that military base. Now, the next video I'm going to show you shows the aftermath of a drone strike on the Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait. Now, in addition to all of that, certainly the other so-called allies of the United States in the Gulf continue to take a beating. The Bapco refinery in Bahrain, which is a strategic asset for this tiny country, the vast majority of whose citizens are Shia Muslims, many of whom support Iran, took yet another hit. Here is a video of that incident. And here's more footage of the aftermath of a drone strike on Bapco.

There are also claims that Iran shot down another US warplane. This plane was alleged to have been struck by Iranian air defenses in Iraqi airspace as it was approaching Iran. Here is unverified footage of what might be the crash site. See right there, there's debris burning on the ground. Again, I cannot confirm that that is in fact the crash site of a US warplane, but there is more information suggesting that in fact one of these warplanes was taken down. So here is a video, which reportedly shows the pilot or one of the pilots of that warplane after having ejected coming down with a parachute. And the Iranian military has published footage of what it says are its air defenses engaging with the US warplane, maybe not this particular warplane or maybe it is. And here's that footage. The police in the southern Iraqi city of Basrah have confirmed to Al Jazeera that an American fighter jet crashed in Iraq, likely after being downed by Iranian air defenses. Basrah police say a search for the pilots is ongoing, but

they've not yet found the pilots. And I've also seen a report that Iraqi clans have offered a \$1 million reward for the pilot or pilots. I wouldn't want to be either of them. If and when they are apprehended by people who are seeking that reward. The Iranian military also claims to have struck a United States destroyer with a drone, and there is some evidence to support this claim. This is an image – it's hard to make out, unfortunately – that was published on resistance channels. It's a satellite image, and according to the poster, the thermal detection shows fires on the deck of a US Navy ship, Arleigh Burke-class fire near the communications headquarters which would obviously pose a serious problem. Now, the American US CENTCOM has denied the Iranian claim that it sank a destroyer. The only problem with that denial is that the Iranians to my knowledge didn't claim that they actually sunk the destroyer, they claimed that they struck it with a drone, but as far as I'm aware, haven't gone so far as to claim that it was actually sunk.

The closure of the Strait of Hormuz has forced the Trump regime to backtrack from its efforts to impede the purchase of Russian oil. And this is one of the many indicators that the economic aspects of this war may prove to be even more decisive than developments on the battlefield, which is what I focused on so far in this report. And here you can see a report from The Guardian disclosing that that's Scott Bessent, the US Treasury secretary, the man who proudly announced at the World Economic Forum in Davos, that he had been ordered by his boss, Donald Trump, to cause a currency crisis in Iran in December in order to provoke protests, and that in fact the strategy had worked. He openly admitted that. Well, here he is now in a rather more humble setting, admitting that the US government has had to allow waivers to India to buy Russian oil because, although he probably isn't going to openly acknowledge this much, the criminal war of aggression that the US has launched on Iran is creating crisis conditions in the global oil market. Now, if I were the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who just disgraced himself in the Israeli Knesset days before Israel attacked his fellow BRICS member Iran, I wouldn't be too pleased by this language. I mean, the idea that the US gets to grant a waiver to India, that India needs the permission of the United States to purchase Russian oil or anybody's oil for that matter really is a dishonor to the state of India and something to which he should be objecting publicly. But as far as I know, he isn't objecting publically, nor is he objecting publicly, condemning publicly the criminal attack on an Iranian naval vessel a couple of days ago that killed dozens and dozens of Iranian sailors just after that Iranian naval vessel had departed a peaceful event in India. And the fact that Modi is keeping mum about that act of treachery and that atrocity, because apparently the naval vessel first of all was nowhere near the war zone and secondly, its offensive capabilities had been neutered because it was participating in a peaceful parade in India, in a foreign country. And nonetheless, the US torpedoed that vessel and killed it and those sailors who were able to cling on and survive the initial attack on the vessel were not rescued by US naval forces but rather by a Sri Lankan Coast Guard or other forces within Sri Lanka itself. Apparently, they have humanity, but the perpetrators of this act of treachery have none.

Now, moving on to other aspects of the economic war. And let me just say, there's a certain incoherence here that should be obvious to any objective observer. The Americans are the ones who put sanctions on India because it was buying Russian oil. And by the way, that oil

is discounted. So the purchase of that oil was beneficial to the people of India. And the Indians have a very close relationship with Russia and always have had a very close relationship with Russian, both militarily and economically. And who the hell is the United States, the world's worst human rights violator, that considers it politically incorrect to comply with international law, as Hegseth said, who are they to lecture India or anybody else about where they get their oil? But having imposed sanctions for the purpose of impeding the sale of Russian oil, they're now having to backtrack precisely because of the war of aggression that they themselves have launched against Iran, again just highlighting the sheer incoherence, the stunning inconsistency of Trump's foreign policies. Now, also because Gulf states are so dependent on imported food, the closure of the Strait of Hormuz is creating food insecurity in America's so-called allies in the region. And here you can see an article published by The Conversation on March 4th, and that article states in part: "Gulf countries face particularly high risks because many depend heavily on imported food. In Qatar, for example, more than 90% of food is imported with the vast majority arriving by sea. With flights not fully operating across the region, food availability could become a growing concern. Food by road freight from Turkey may provide an emergency alternative, but capacity would be limited and cost significantly higher than maritime transport".

Against this backdrop, The Financial Times just published an article that must be causing great consternation to the orange psychopath in the White House. The article, as you can see, is entitled, *Gulf states could review overseas investments to ease financial strains caused by the Iran war*. And before I tell you what this article says, let's recall that shortly after Trump returned to the White House in January of last year, he embarked on a whirlwind tour of golf autocracies. That was almost his very first order of business. And according to the White House, and we've been told this over and over and again, with virtually no evidence to back it up, the Donald succeeded during that tour in persuading golf dictatorships to make trillions of dollars of investments in the United States. Now, it's never been entirely clear what investments those Arab dictators actually agreed to make. But this Financial Times article suggests that much of what Trump claims to have achieved on that tour might be undone by his own war on Iran. And the article says as follows: "Three of the four big Gulf economies, according to an official with knowledge of the matter – and namely those, the economies of Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait and Qatar – had jointly discussed the strains being put on their budget and economies, but they declined to name the states. 'A number of Gulf countries have begun an internal review to determine whether force majeure clauses can be invoked in current contracts while also reviewing current and future investment commitments in order to alleviate some of the anticipated economic strain from the current war', the official said, 'especially if the war and related expenses continue at that same pace', according to this same official". A force majeure is basically a provision of a contract which provides that the contracts are null and void in the event of an act of God, some unforeseen event, some catastrophe that makes the performance of the contract impossible or unduly onerous.

So the article goes on: "The officials added that the move was a precautionary measure that was the result of, quote, 'the budget strains these countries are facing due to income from energy due to the slowdown in output or the inability to ship, and from the tourism and

aviation sectors in addition to the increase in defense spending". Just pausing there, sounds like an all-around fiscal disaster for these countries. And then the article continues: "An advisor to a Gulf government said the prospect of an investment review by wealthy states had caught the White House's attention". No kidding. "They manage some of the world's largest and most active sovereign wealth funds and Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Qatar last year pledged to invest hundreds of billions of dollars in the US after Trump visited the region. They are also big backers of sporting events around the world and have all been investing heavily domestically, developing their nations and diversifying their economies. Any move that affects investments in the US or other western states may raise the pressure on Trump to seek a diplomatic strategy to bring the war to an end. The oil-rich Gulf states have been dragged into the conflict that the US and Israel launched against Iran, with Tehran unleashing a ferocious response against Washington's regional allies. The war has caused shipping traffic to slow to a halt through the Strait of Hormuz, the crucial waterway through which a fifth of the world's oil and gas passes with at least 10 tankers being struck in the Gulf".

Now, it's interesting that The Financial Times – which is no friend whatsoever to the government of Iran and is in normal circumstances fanatically neoconservative and pro-war – is admitting that the response of Tehran to this war, which was launched as it admits by the United States and Israel, is ferocious. And I talked earlier in a report earlier this week about a similar article written by Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, an icon of the British financial press, where he was effectively berating the Trump administration for launching this war because of the disastrous potential impacts it would have on the supply of oil to Europe. So I think the Europeans and the British in particular perhaps are feeling a lot of heat right now because this thing could have a very negative impact upon them while securing none of the West's long-standing aims with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Now, finally, in a sign of Trump's growing desperation, he is now calling on Iranian and Iraqi Kurds to rise up against the Iranian government. Trump seems to have forgotten that only a few weeks ago, his regime betrayed the Kurdish people in Syria. And I put up here an article from January 18th in The Guardian. They talk about the betrayal of the Kurdish forces in the parts of the country of Syria that had been held by them, controlled by them for something in the range of a decade. And that all came to an end, or largely came to end, when in January the terrorist proxy of the United States and Israel in Damascus, Al-Julani, who now calls himself Ahmet al-Sharaa, in a rebranding exercise, when he sent his forces to attack the Kurds in the north of the country and dislodged them from areas that they had held for some time. So they were clearly, for a very long time, the Kurdish forces in Syria, aligned with the United States and with Israel, which often lionized them. But when it became expedient for whatever reason for Al-Julani and his jihadi forces to assert control over those areas controlled by the Kurds, Washington, although it had issued some mealy-mouthed statement of concern, did nothing whatsoever to restrain Al-Julani. It could have stopped him. It had ample ability to do that, ample leverage, ample military forces in the region. But it just let Damascus send in the thugs to dislodge the Kurds. So with that as history, and we're only going back here to January, you'd have to be pretty damn foolish if you're a Kurd to accept Donald Trump's invitation to accede to his admonition to rise up against the Iranian

government. And I suspect, folks, that if in fact the Trump regime manages to provoke some kind of an incursion inside Iran and in any part of Iran, whether it be a part where Kurdish Iranians are concentrated or any other part, it isn't going to be because people have entered into the country with the goal of liberating the Iranian people and restoring democracy to the Iranian People. If there's any kind of an infiltration into Iran by armed opponents of the Iranian government, you can be damn sure that a huge proportion of it is going to be made up of mercenaries, and probably a significant percentage of them will also be ISIS types and al-Qaeda types, who for many years have in fact worked with the objective or in furtherance of the agenda of the United States and Israel in West Asia, even though they have been characterized by the corporate media and the political elites in the West as a mortal threat to all that we hold dear here in the west. They have in fact proven time and again to be quite useful to Washington and Tel Aviv. I don't think by the way that this is going to succeed and if anybody is foolish enough to try to enter the country and spark some sort of an uprising based on prior unsuccessful attempts to overthrow the Iranian government in that way, you can expect that that any such attempt is going to be put down and put down forcefully by Iranian security forces. But here we are. The Donald at this stage is flailing around looking for some way to achieve his cherished goal of regime change. And in the process is revealing yet again that the United States military has absolutely no stomach for a major ground war. It had its ass handed to it in Afghanistan and had its ass handed to it by Ansar Allah in the Red Sea, didn't fare particularly well in Iraq, was expelled also from Vietnam – we could go on and on. And it is becoming painfully apparent that when it comes to fighting any kind of a significant ground operation, the Americans will always look first and foremost – not just the United States, but other Western states and Israel as well – to proxies who are indigenous to the region that they are trying to destabilize to do the dirty work for them.

And finally, I want to say this in terms of where we're gonna go from here. As I've said, and I continue to believe, this war is going off the rails for the United States and Israel. And I don't deny for one second that the Iranian people are suffering immensely and they will continue to suffer as long as this war continues. And even when it's over and it will be over one day, there's going to be a period of painful rehabilitation and recuperation from what they've suffered during this criminal war of aggression. In the interim, until that day comes, we have to be deeply concerned about how these lunatics in Tel Aviv are going to react as the situation deteriorates for them. And there is absolutely no reason to trust the war criminal Netanyahu not to use the nuclear weapons at his disposal. I don't think the United States would do that if it were effectively compelled to accept defeat in this particular war because the withdrawal – let's suppose a worst-case scenario unfolds for the United States, which would be the abandonment of its military bases in the Persian Gulf and perhaps a complete withdrawal from West Asia, which by the way is not an outcome that I would exclude. I think that that is a realistic possibility of the way things are going. And let's suppose that that's where things end up – well, that would not be existential for the United States. The United States would still have a powerful economy, a powerful military and if the country were well-governed, every opportunity to afford to its citizens a high quality of life, peace and stability. But if defeat is on the table for Israel, that pipsqueak that has enraged the entire region with its unmitigated depravity, it would be in a very different position. That would be existential

potentially for Israel. And after what we've witnessed from this regime over the past several decades, and particularly during the past two plus years of genocide in Gaza, it would be naive and the extreme for us to trust the Israelis not to use nukes. So the challenge for the Iranians will be to inflict enough pain on Israel that it is deterred from doing this again, but not so much pain that Netanyahu and the lunatics around him decide that they're going to nuke Iran. That is, as I say, an extraordinary danger, and I'd go so far as to assert that we are probably at this point in the history of nuclear weapons as close to a nuclear exchange as we have ever been. And probably what makes this more dangerous than anything else is that Iran doesn't have the capacity to strike back, which makes this particularly enticing to the Israelis, I would think, the prospect of using nuclear weapons in order to avoid a defeat.

And so I'm going to throw out a proposal. I don't expect it to be heeded, to be adopted by Russia and China, but I actually think that this is what would be most effective in the current circumstances, short of Iran developing its own nuclear arsenal, which by all indications, it's not inclined to do. What would be most effective to reduce the risk of a nuclear strike by Israel or the United States on Iran is for China and or Russia, preferably both, to explicitly incorporate Iran into their nuclear umbrella. That would send an unequivocal message to the Israelis and to the Americans that if they even contemplate resorting to this weapon of mass destruction to stave off defeat, they will be risking their own annihilation. In any case, let us all hope that it doesn't come to that. With that I'm signing off for today. This is Dimitri Lascaris coming to you from London, Canada on March 6th, 2026.

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