



“Trump and Netanyahu Are Lying” – Victims from Tehran

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Dimitri Lascaris (DL): Dimitri Lascaris coming to you for Reason2Resist on March 22nd, 2026. We have now moved from the museum area in northern Tehran, which used to be the palatial residences of the family of the Shah Reza Pahlavi and his ancestors, to an area, a residential area called Resalat. And as you're about to see this area has been subjected to extraordinary levels of destruction.

Alireza Akbari as translator (AA): I am Ahmad Bakhtiari. I am a resident of this apartment, the fifth floor. It was the 18th of Esfand in our Persian calendar and it was 2:25 to 2:30 in the afternoon. He says that everyone here, they were normal citizens. There was no military person here, no military figures. And everyone was inside this apartment. He says that just three minutes before the strike, my daughter went to the street to have some purchases and shopping, and my wife was here. And my wife saw two of those missiles fired here. And he says that my wife started running away. But the wave of the impact of the second missile threw her on the street in front of the house of my friend.

DL: I'm sorry, your friend's name?

AA: Hamid Jamshidi. And he says that his wife's hand is broken, the leg is broken. Some injuries in the head and she has some problems because of the wave of the attack. He says that his wife was just released from the hospital but she doesn't feel very good. Twelve people were killed here; only in this department. Only in this apartment twelve people were killed. And you can see their furniture.

DL: Does he know how many in this building were injured?

AA: Two people were injured here. One of them is my wife and our next door neighbour, his name was Mr.?

AA: Tabidizi.

DL: And was he in the apartment when the strike happened?

AA: I was at work at that time, but my daughter was here.

DL: Well, she was shopping at the moment of the strike?

AA: Yes, yes, exactly.

DL: And so, did any of his members, other than his wife, were any members of his family killed or wounded in this strike?

AA: No, only my wife. And my daughter was in front of here, in this street, she was shopping.

DL: And the people who were killed, did they include any children?

AA: Yes, there were children.

DL: Do you know how old they were and how many?

AA: 13-14 years old children.

AA: He says that we saw two people in the elevator. They got trapped and they were killed here. And he says that we saw the 13 year old, 14 year old children, they were killed. We saw them, he says.

DL: First of all were all these buildings struck at the same time or at different times?

AA: He says that they shot, they fired four missiles in all this area for us, he says.

DL: But all these buildings were hit at once?

AA: In three seconds.

DL: Right. But it's the same night it happened.

AA: He says that for many years, in the Persian calendar, I can say in 1346 we've been living here. He says even my father was here. There is no military here. There are no military people living here. Even my father was living here. They killed everyone. We were normal citizens. He says on the second floor, number six, there was a woman, a pregnant woman. And she was killed, and the baby was killed. He says that all my belongings, all my life, everything was destroyed. What was my sin? There was no Basij, no army, no IRGC. It was us living here, normal citizens. What was our sin?

DL: I understood him to say that twelve people were killed in this building. Okay, what about the other buildings? How many people?

AA: Three people were killed here in this apartment. And two people were killed in that apartment, in that white apartment.

DL: And what about these buildings back here? Was this purely residential? Were there any businesses in these buildings? Any shops? Anything?

AA: He says this was my business, I'm selling stones. This is his car. He said this is my car and that white car was for wife. All of these cars are for this apartment

DL: And can this man tell us about his business?

AA: He says that here we are selling this type of stones and we are washing; a car wash it is. He says it is crystal clear that this happened because of the wave of the explosion.

DL: Does he have insurance that will compensate him?

AA: No, no, no.

DL: What about the apartments that were destroyed? Do these gentlemen have insurance?

AA: This is all lost. He says I lost two cars, one for myself in the front and my wife. I have insurance, but the type of insurance that can cover for war time we do not have. The municipality gave us a house. He says me and my daughter, we are living in that house that the municipality gave us and my wife is living with one of our relatives.

DL: And this gentleman, where is he living?

AA: He says that me and three of my brothers, we are living together. But the municipality, the government, told us that...

DL: Told him?

AA: He says the mayor of this district came here and told us that there are two hotels that you can live there; Hotel Homa and Hotel Shian. Hotel Homa and Hotel Shian. He says that we are living in the Homa Hotel.

DL: Trump and Netanyahu say they're trying to liberate the people of Iran from oppression. What do these gentlemen think about that?

AA: He says that he's lying. And he uses the word: that yellow dog is lying. I was living here for 50 years. All of it is gone. They're killing innocent people. What was the scene of a baby in the womb of, for example, his mother?

DL: And what does this gentleman think about this?

AA: They are lying, they are lying. Just take a look at the houses and the residential buildings here, not only this apartment, the other one, on the other side of this straight alley. They are residential houses. Is this liberation? He says that there is a hall, a wedding hall.

DL: In the building that's damaged behind you?

AA: It is impacted. The door is on the other side.

DL: Is there anything else they want to share with people in the West?

AA: He says that my message to Donald Trump and Netanyahu is that you will not do anything to any nation. You just did this war crime to stay in power. So what was the sin of the Iranian people? We do not want war. We are peace loving, we are hospitable people. You just made this war crime that the whole world, now they can understand and they can see the true nature of you. This was his message to Trump and the media. I hope that something that we have recorded here, the videos and images, to show the whole world the amount of war crimes that they committed in our country, he says. And he says that, I hope, that you please show the amount of war crimes that they committed.

AA: He says that he talks about the people who died here who were killed and he was crying for them. He said that they were kind people. We were living here for 50 years; old men, old women, children. But now he says that, both of them, they are saying that we are afraid even coming to this neighbourhood to this street. Then he says that I swear to God this was a residential area please come and see, show to the world that this was a residential area.

DL: Please tell them we will share every word they have spoken, we will not cut a word.

AA: Thank you. Thank you very much.

AA: This is reality. This building was just built some three months ago, this is new, even they are impacted, all of them. They are newly built.

DL: These are the people who were martyred in this destruction of the residential building behind.

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