



US Elites Admit Defeat Against Iran

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Dimitri Lascaris (DL): Good day, this is Dimitri Lascaris coming to you from Athens, Greece on May 11th, 2026 for Reason2Resist. What you just saw was a Lebanese resistance drone strike on an Iron Dome battery in Northern occupied Palestine. This video was published by the Lebanese Resistance within the past 24 hours or so. And in this report, we'll update you on these and other significant developments on the battlefield in Lebanon and northern-occupied Palestine, and also on the most important developments since we last did a report on Iran two days ago in the Strait of Hormuz and in the negotiations between the United States and Iran. But before we begin, please remember to like and share this video if you find it to be informative. And please become a member, a subscriber of Reason2Resist if you are not already one and help us to expand the reach of our unapologetic resistance journalism.

So with that, let's get into developments in Lebanon. The video clip we just showed you is only part of a video that was published by the Lebanese resistance. That video actually shows two drone strikes. The first of them is what you just saw, a drone striking an Iron Dome battery. But apparently, after the battery was struck, a number of Israeli terrorists masquerading as soldiers gathered around the area where this battery had been struck and were themselves targeted by a second drone that was flown in by the Lebanese resistance. Now we're not going to show you that part of the video because there is some sensitivity at YouTube with videos of that nature, but if you are someone who consults resistance Telegram channels like the Military Media Channel or the Resistance News Network which both do excellent reporting in the field then I'm sure you can find the complete video there. Separately, the Israeli military announced today that yet another Israeli terrorist had been eliminated by the Lebanese resistance. This one, his name was Glovanyov, a name that sounds Russian or Ukrainian, not sure which, he was killed according to the Israeli military by a resistance drone attack in northern occupied Palestine. This was reported today by the Israeli military. He was a warrant officer and a driver, 47 years old, actually, in the Transport Centre's 6,924th Battalion. And the attack is said to have taken place at 4 pm on Sunday

when several explosive-laden drones launched by the resistance struck in the territory near the Manara settlement close to the border with Lebanon. This is an area that has been struck repeatedly during the war with the Lebanese resistance and to a large degree has become uninhabitable because of its proximity to the battlefield; like other settlements I should add in Northern occupied Palestine. According to Israel's genocide forces, this terrorist was the fifth to be killed in southern Lebanon amid the so-called ceasefire, and the 18th killed since Israel and the US launched their most recent war of aggression on Iran on February 28th of this year. And on March 2nd, as you may recall, after the Israelis and the Americans murdered the Supreme Leader of Iran, along with family members, including a 14-month-old granddaughter, at that point, the Lebanese resistance resumed its attacks on the Israeli military, which it had been essentially allowing to go without retaliation for the entirety of 2025 after this other fraudulent ceasefire was agreed to in November of 2024. Israel's genocide forces also announced today that three Israeli terrorists were wounded in one of a number of explosive drone attacks carried out by the resistance in southern Lebanon today. Those three terrorists had to be transported to a hospital. And the genocide forces said that an Israeli Air Force helicopter that was dispatched to evacuate troops wounded in a resistance drone attack got stuck due to what it described as a technical malfunction. That seems to be happening a lot to aircraft in the Israeli and American militaries nowadays. They get stuck in rather unfortunate places.

Again, this is all just what the Israeli military admits. The situation, I would say, is likely to be much worse. And I base that in large part upon the video evidence that I've seen. I've just shown you one example, but I could show you scores of videos published by the resistance since the beginning of March, which would lead one reasonably to conclude that the number of killed and wounded is far above the figures we are being given by the Israeli military because these videos show pinpoint strikes on Israeli terrorists or gatherings of Israeli terrorists in southern Lebanon or Northern occupied Palestine. Now today the Lebanese resistance reported that it conducted 24 military operations on the 9th of May – so this would have been on Saturday – and you'll see that they included drone attacks, the first military operation carried out at 15 minutes past midnight against a gathering of Israeli enemy army soldiers in Al-Khiyam city. This is one of the Lebanese border villages that I visited during one of my trips to Lebanon during the past two and a half years of genocide. Then there was a second attack at 7:15 a.m. against another gathering of Israeli soldiers at Khallet Al-Raj in Deir Seryan town with a loitering drone. About an hour later, an attack on a D9 Israeli bulldozer belonging to the enemy army at Khallet Al-Raj, and it goes on and on. And they're not always drone attacks, by the way. A number of these attacks are carried out using RPGs, using anti-tank guided missiles, cornets, also mortars, rockets, and sometimes heavy missiles, although we haven't seen too many of those during the past two months.

Now, this is the highest number of military operations, 24 military operations in a single day that I have seen the Lebanese resistance report since this so-called ceasefire went into effect. This is about the same level of military operations that the resistance was carrying out during the first phase of the hot war from October 2023 to November 2024. It isn't as high as the average number of daily military operations we saw since the war resumed on March 2nd of

this year, it was common to see the resistance carrying out an excess of 50 military operations a day during these past two months. But what has been happening over the course of this most recent fraudulent ceasefire is every day, the resistance has been increasing the number of its military operations against the enemy and it's gradually approaching the same level of activity that we saw over the past two months before this most recent so-called ceasefire went into effect. For all intents and purposes, my friends, this ceasefire is dead as a doornail. It's absurd that we're even calling it a ceasefire. As I say, the level of military activity here is entirely comparable to what we saw in 2024, before the first fraudulent ceasefire was entered into. And predictably, the Israeli military is reacting to these casualties, these strikes by the resistance against the occupier and the aggressor with unbridled savagery.

And you can see here, for example, a report in the BBC, published two days ago, which states that according to the Lebanese Health Ministry, 39 people had been killed by Israeli airstrikes in one day, and the killed included a child. There were also numerous other children who were wounded in these airstrikes, as well as numerous other adult civilians. Israel, according to Lebanon's health ministry, has killed approximately 2,800 people in Lebanon since March 2nd alone; this again, according to the Lebanese health ministry. And according to Israeli authorities, by contrast, in the same period, three Israeli civilians have been killed in southern Lebanon. What were they doing there, by the way? I suspect that these so-called civilians were actually contractors working for the Israeli military. We know, for example, that one so-called civilian, that's how the Israelis described him, was killed while he was operating some heavy equipment that was being used to demolish infrastructure on Lebanese soil. So he wasn't really a civilian. And these two other so-called civilians, because they were killed in South Lebanon, I think there's a real question there about whether they were in fact engaged in criminal or military related activities on behalf of the Israeli military. But in any case, the Israelis call them civilians. It says three of them were killed in south Lebanon. It says one has been killed in Israel or occupied Palestine, as it should be referred to, since March 2nd. So this would mean, let's just be generous here to Israel and assume that only half of the people it's murdered in Lebanon since March 2nd were civilians – we don't really know, it's hard to say, what proportion were fighters and what proportion were civilians, but given what I saw when I was in Lebanon last month, you know, the civilian infrastructure that I saw that had been levelled to the ground in Beirut, in Dahieh, the southern suburb of Beirut, and in Nabatieh, and Saida – it is a generous assumption that only 50% of those killed were civilians, but let's assume that that's just for the purposes of argument. This would mean that Israel has massacred since March 2nd 500 times as many civilians as the Lebanese resistance has killed. And again, not only am I assuming that only half of these people are civilians, the victims of Israel's vicious attacks, but I'm also assuming that all of those people that Israel describes as civilians and who were killed were in fact civilians.

So we are led to believe we are being asked to believe every single day by Western governments that Israel is a victim of terrorism and that those who oppose Israel are the perpetrators of terrorism with numbers such as those these claims are nothing less than an insult to our intelligence, the casualty figures leave no doubt as does the level of civilian infrastructure destruction that we see on both sides of the conflict, it leaves no doubt that

Israel is the terrorist in this scenario. Now, with that, let's turn to the events in the Strait of Hormuz.

Since my last report on the Iran war, which Reason2Resist published two days ago Saturday, May 9th, the Strait of Hormuz has remained relatively quiet. Unlike the situation in Lebanon, which is all-out war. I've seen no reports of US attacks on Iranian ships or land-based targets in Iran since Thursday, May 7th. On that day, Iran fired missiles and drones at US Navy destroyers after the US fired upon Iranian ships. On that day, the US also launched what appear to have been a few pinprick strikes on Iranian port facilities in or near the Strait of Hormuz. In my last report on May 9th, I argued that the most plausible explanation for the US military's restraint following the Iranian attacks on its destroyers is that Iran succeeded in inflicting serious damage on at least one and possibly more than one US destroyer on May 7th, and on that day, the US officials acknowledged to the US press that destroyers had come under what they called intense and complex attacks from Iran's military. And I believe, although I can't be sure of this, that the relative restraint of the US military during the past several days in the Strait of Hormuz is due to the fact that the US military has had to re-evaluate its approach to confronting Iran's military in the Strait of Hormuz and is having some very difficult conversations with Donald Trump about what to do next. Whatever the reason may be for the relative quiet we have seen during the past four days, Iran continues to control the strait and very little maritime traffic is passing through. And I'm going to show you here up on the screen – this is a screenshot from the Strait of Hormuz live tracker. This is the status of the reporting on live tracker at about I believe it was 7 p.m this evening local time, so just a few hours ago, and what it showed was that a mere ten ships had transited through the Strait of Hormuz during the prior 24 hours. Remember that before the war, this criminal war of aggression was launched when Iran was not restricting the flow of maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz there was something in the range of about 160 vessels going through the Strait of Hormuz on a daily basis. So this means that the past 24 hours have seen a level of maritime traffic that is less than ten percent of what we saw prior to the war of aggression. So this is not a complete closure, but obviously it is a drastic reduction in the flow of maritime traffic. And it's been that way pretty much every day since Israel and the United States launched this catastrophic war.

Now, interestingly, there have been reports that Iran has allowed a Qatari LNG tanker through the Strait of Hormuz. Here you can see a report of that on the Geopolitics Prime Telegram channel. It's one of the Telegram channels I follow that provides quite useful information about what is happening in the wars in West Asia. And according to this report, a Qatari LNG tanker appeared to have successfully passed through the Strait of Hormuz for the first time since the Iran war erupted in late February. The Al-Karaitiyat, owned by Qatar's Nakilat, loaded at the Ras Laffan export plant earlier this month, exited the strait and was in the Gulf of Oman on Sunday, Bloomberg reported this actually citing ship tracking data. It is now reportedly heading to Pakistan's Port Qasim after navigating an Iran approved route along Iran's coastline. The shipment comes as Pakistan quietly negotiates with Iran to secure more Qatari LNG cargoes through the Strait of Hormuz to ease deepening energy crunch, sources are cited as saying. This is, in my view, a wise move on the part of Iran to allow some LNG

to get through to Pakistan and alleviate the serious crisis there. Pakistan does appear, its government, to have made serious efforts to try to mediate an end to this war. It does appear that the Iranian government appreciates those efforts. Pakistan also has a very significant military, has a border with Iran, and many of its people are supportive of Iran in this fight. And a lot of them actually, quite a few, took to the streets and protested vigorously. Some were killed in the course of those protests after the United States and Israel murdered Iran's supreme leader at the outset of this war of aggression. So this probably goes some way to explaining why the Iranian government is doing, taking steps to alleviate the energy crunch in Pakistan. And Pakistan is one of the countries in Asia that is particularly vulnerable to a drastic reduction in the flow of oil and gas out of the Persian Gulf.

Now it has also been reported that a tanker belonging to or associated with the United of Emirates was struck within the past day or two, presumably by Iranian forces. A supertanker, which appeared in this satellite imagery, this is a report on another Telegram channel, Fotros Resistance, was apparently attacked with Iranian fast attack boats. They swarmed around it and were also struck with Iranian drones, just for good measure. The supertanker apparently was secretly transferring oil cargo from the East United Arab Emirates to another tanker. So what may have been happening here is the Emiratis were taking oil from their country or which is a Mossad operation masquerading as a country and we're putting it onto a vessel that was not associated with the UAE and trying to sneak out the UAE through the Strait of Hormuz by means of subterfuge. And apparently, the Iranians were wise to the trick and dealt with it in short order.

Now, against this backdrop, Iran finally delivered to the United States its response today to the latest US offer of peace, so-called peace offer, which was delivered to the Iranians about four days ago. And it's interesting that it took four days for Iran to respond, especially when you look at the reported terms of his peace offer, which do not appear to be substantially different from Iran's prior offer. I think, as somebody who spent a lot of time in negotiations involving high stakes, complex litigation, that this was probably intended to send a message to the Americans that the Iranians are in no rush to do a deal. And in fact, with each passing day, pressure on the Trump regime to make concessions grows, because the damage to the global economy, because of his criminal war of aggression, is becoming more and more severe. So for obvious reasons, the Iranians are reacting slowly, and this is something that has cost Donald Trump, as you're going to see in a few minutes, a considerable amount of irritation. But before we get to Trump's reaction, let's take a look at the reported terms.

This is DropSite News summarising Iranian media reports. On other terms, Tasnim is an Iranian media source, and it said that a Wall Street Journal report about Iran's proposed claims were largely inaccurate. That Wall Street journal report made certain assertions about Iran making concessions with respect to its nuclear material. So Tasnim is saying that those claims by the Wall Street Journal are not entirely inaccurate, but largely inaccurate. And then the source told the Iranian media that the proposal delivered to Trump today called for an immediate end to the war, guarantees against renewed aggression, lifting US sanctions, ending the maritime blockade on Iran, removing OFAC restrictions on Iranian oil sales within

30 days, releasing frozen Iranian assets and other actions in 30 days and it specified Iranian management oversight of the Strait of Hormuz transit. Every single one of these terms is as far as I can tell from Trump's and Netanyahu's public statements up until now, unacceptable, every single one of them, and they're largely consistent with what Iran has been saying from the moment that the ceasefire came into effect and Trump said, falsely, of course, that he was prepared to treat Iran's ten-point peace proposal, the one that was outstanding at the time, as a workable basis of negotiation.

So Iran hasn't really budged at all, according to the reports in the Iranian media, in terms of its negotiating position. And there's more information here. This coming from Al Mayadeen. It's said that the Iranian proposal also included Lebanon as a red line and linked any agreement with Washington to guarantee surrounding the end of the escalation there, that the proposal demanded an immediate end to the war upon any agreement's announcement, again, insisted on lifting sanctions, releasing frozen assets, and restoring oil exports, proposed 30 additional days of negotiations after the war ends to finalise details, called for reciprocal steps to test Washington's seriousness in implementing commitments. An Iranian source speaking to Al Jazeera, so a third media outlet, described Theran's response as realistic and positive, saying it focuses on ending the war across the region, especially in Lebanon while establishing a quote "clear and guaranteed mechanism", close quote, for lifting all sanctions and implementing enforceable guarantees for any agreement with Washington. Remember, it's quite clear from this that the Iranians understand that the US government cannot be trusted, not at all, probably its agreement is incapable and so they're looking for ironclad guarantees that all of these commitments, if the United States were to make them, will be carried out.

Let's remember it's not just Trump who proved himself unreliable by tearing up the nuclear deal that Obama negotiated with Iran, even though Iran was complying with the deal as the International Atomic Energy Association confirmed at the time, but Obama himself, after striking the deal, did not take the steps necessary to give Iran the sanctions relief to which it was entitled under the deal in exchange for accepting severe restrictions on the enrichment of uranium. So at the end of the day, what you are seeing is very little movement, if any, on the Iranian side, obviously a show of confidence, patience, an understanding that the longer this goes on, the greater the pressure is on Donald Trump, and not surprisingly, in response to this, Trump had a hysterical fit. And here is some of what Trump had to say.

Journalist: But for the time being, the ceasefire remains in place?

Donald Trump (DT): You know, it's unbelievably weak, I would say. I would call it the weakest right now, after reading that piece of garbage they sent us. I didn't even finish reading it.

DL: Let's just pause there. The ceasefire, for all intents and purposes, is dead. Donald Trump blew it up when, first of all, he allowed Israel to continue savaging Lebanon, even though Lebanon was supposed to be included, as Pakistan's government confirmed in the original ceasefire deal with Iran. And secondly, he put another nail in the coffin of the ceasefire when

he began blockading Iran's ports, which were acts of war and a flagrant violation of international law, obviously designed to do great damage to the Iranian economy. And then on top of all of that, Donald Trump started attacking Iranian commercial civilian vessels, his military did under his command, and even attacked land-based targets on May 7th in Iran in the area of the Strait of Hormuz. So the ceasefire is dead. It has been dead for some time because Donald Trump killed it. It's not actually on life support at all. And the other thing I want to note here is that he actually admitted to the whole world that he didn't even bother reading the whole proposal. Does that sound to you like a man who has any interest whatsoever in engaging in meaningful dialogue and making compromises for the sake of avoiding this catastrophically stupid war? Let's hear the rest of what Donald Trump has to say.

DT: I said, I'm not going to waste my time reading it. I would say it's one of the weakest right now. It's on life support. They understand. These are all medical people. Life support is not a good thing. Do you agree? I would see the ceasefire is on massive life support where the doctor walks in and says, Sir, your loved one has approximately a one percent chance of living. But they changed their mind because they didn't put it in the paper. So when they sent us this document that we waited four days for, that should have taken ten minutes to do, rather than...

DL: You know, Donald needs to reflect upon why they took four days to do it. As I say, they understand perfectly well, the Iranian government, that with each passing day, the situation for the United States becomes more and more dire, and also they wanted to project strength. So apparently he doesn't understand the message that's being sent to him.

DT: Look, it's very simple. We get that, they guarantee no nuclear weapons for a very long period of time, and a couple of other minor things, but they just can't get there. So, they agree with us, and then they take it back. When they say, does he have a plan? Yeah, I have a plan. The plan is very simple, you know, in war you have to change, you have to be flexible, you have a lot of plans, but you have to do different plans on different days, but I have a great plan. But the plan is that they cannot have a nuclear weapon. And they didn't say that in their letter.

DL: Man, oh man, you know, they've been saying that for decades, folks, that they don't want a nuclear weapon and the Supreme Leader even prohibited, said it's a moral and religious duty for Iran not to have nuclear weapons. So what is this lunatic prattling on about at the end of the day? And by the way, reiterating that something that Iran has been saying for decades that it doesn't want and will not allow itself to develop a nuclear weapon, that actually isn't a plan. So apparently Donald Trump doesn't in fact have any plan. And the situation has become so dire for Donald Trump that even, even the arch fire breathing, blood curdling neocon Robert Kagan has publicly acknowledged just this last weekend that the United States has been checkmated by Iran. A most remarkable article written by Kagan was published in the Atlantic, one of the primary platforms for neocon hysteria in the United States and in the Western world, frankly. And as you can see, the title of this May 10th piece by Kagan is:

Checkmate in Iran. The subtitle: *Washington Can't Reverse or Control the Consequences of Losing This War*. Wow. Absolutely remarkable to see this coming for Robert Kagan.

I just want to spend a couple of minutes showing you some of the details of his analysis, because it is really quite telling. So he says in the article, and I'm quoting here, "The risk calculus that forced Trump to back down a month ago still holds," so I think he's referring here to the ceasefire that Donald Trump begged for. "Even if Trump were to carry out his threat to destroy Iran's civilisation through more bombing", writes Kagan, "Iran would still be able to launch many missiles and drones before its regime went down – assuming it did go down. Just a few successful strikes could cripple the region's oil and gas infrastructure for years, if not decades, throwing the world and the United States into a prolonged economic crisis. Even if Trump wanted to bomb Iran as part of an exit strategy, looking tough as a way of masking his retreat, he can't do that without risking this catastrophe. If this isn't checkmate, it's close." And then Kagan goes on and writes this: "Defeat for the United States therefore is not only possible, but likely. Here is what defeat looks like. Iran remains in control of the Strait of Hormuz, the common assumption that one way or another the strait will reopen when the crisis ends is unfounded. Iran has no interest in returning to the status quo ante," which they've said repeatedly by the way. "People talk of a split between hardliners and moderates in Tehran, but even moderates must understand that Iran cannot afford to let the Strait go, no matter how good a deal it thought it could get. For one thing, how reliable is any deal with Trump? He all but boasted of replicating the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbour by approving the killing of Iran's leadership amid negotiations. The Iranians cannot be sure that Trump won't decide to attack again within a few months of striking a deal." And he goes on and says, "Any resolution other than America's effective surrender holds enormous risks that Trump has not so far been willing to take. Those who glibly call on Trump to finish the job rarely acknowledge the cost. Unless the US is prepared to engage in a full-scale ground and naval war to remove the current Iranian regime and then to occupy Iran until a new government can take hold, unless it is prepared risk the loss of warships conveying tankers through a contested strait, unless it's prepared to accept the devastating long-term damage to the region's productive capacity is likely to result from Iranian retaliation, walking away now could seem like the least bad option." That, again, is none other than Robert Kagan. It is remarkable that Kagan is saying these things publicly, even more remarkable that for once he's making eminently good sense. And when somebody like this man, the dean of neocons in the United States and arguably the entire West, says these things publicly, you can be highly confident that a strategic defeat for the United States is coming. And the most important question, of course, is this: How much suffering will Trump and Netanyahu inflict upon the world before they finally accept that strategic defeat? In closing, I'm going to leave you with this. It's a video published today of a US warplane returning to base after a sortie during the hot phase of the war. I imagine we're going to be seeing a lot more videos like this in the weeks ahead. This is Dimitri Lascaris coming to you from Athens, Greece on May 11th, 2026.

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