



Israel Faces Existential Crisis – Iran Goes on the Offensive

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Dimitri Lascaris (DL): Good day, this is Dimitri Lascaris coming to you from Kalamata, Greece on September 5th, 2026 for Reason2Resist. Today we are going to discuss a water crisis in Israel that is existential for the genocidal entity. We'll also review recent developments in the Iran war and the intensifying conflict in Yemen between Ansar Allah and Saudi-backed mercenaries. And, of course, we will review the ongoing deteriorating conditions in global oil markets. Before we 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 to Reason2Resist, we warmly encourage you to become one and please help us to expand the reach of our unapologetic resistance journalism. So with that, let's get into it.

It on Thursday, September 3rd, Reason2Resist reported that during the prior week Israel had shut down five of its six desalination plants on the Mediterranean coast on two occasions. And the reason the authorities gave in Israel for these shutdowns was turbidity, which is a fancy word for murkiness. What was making the water murky? Well, according to Israeli media, as of that moment, September 3rd, it was microalgae from the Nile River Delta, which, of course, is much further away from Israel's Mediterranean coastline than is the Gaza Strip. Now, this is a serious matter for Israelis because 80 to 90% of Israel's drinking and household water comes from desalination. It's no exaggeration to say, therefore, that water desalination is a matter of existential importance to the genocidal entity. Fact is there is simply far too many people living in Israel when you throw in the millions of colonists to be supported by the natural sources of water such as rivers, lakes and wells. Now, as I said when we reported on this crisis, Israeli media were saying nothing about the potential for the untreated sewage flowing copiously from the devastated Gaza Strip, being a major factor in Israel's new water crisis. However we suggested just that in our report on September 3rd and now as it turns out the Washington Post has effectively confirmed that we are right.

Let me show you first of all an article which the Post published yesterday the day after our September 3rd report. And you'll see the headline: *Water crisis in Israel raises fears over impact of Gaza sewage*. Now, I'm going to quote somewhat extensively from the article because it is quite revealing in many ways. And the article states as follows, "Years before the

October 7th, 2023 attacks by Hamas and the Israeli reprisal, the damaged or destroyed most of Gaza's civilian infrastructure, raw sewage from Gaza, occasionally floated up the coast when its treatment plants failed, due in part to fuel shortages imposed by Israel. That repeatedly led to the Israeli desalination facility in nearby Ashkelon shutting down. As algae drifts north from the Nile Delta, untreated sewage discharged into the sea from Gaza provides nutrients that feed micro algal blooms, probably intensifying their growth, said Noga Armi, chief executive of Zalul, an Israeli environmental group. The scientific link is well established, Armi said. Untreated sewage discharged into the sea from Gaza was one of the factors that contributed to the incident. Lior Gutman, a spokesman for the Israeli national water utility Mekorot declined to address the role of wastewater from Gaza in the desalination plan shut down, but said high sea water temperatures contributed to masses of algae clogging the facilities." Of course no Israeli government official is going to want to acknowledge that Israel's criminal destruction of the water facilities including sewage treatment plants in the Gaza Strip is now having a potentially devastating impact on the genocidal entity itself and the millions of Israeli colonists who occupy it. The article goes on and says as follows, "Since early 2024, Gazans have faced severe water shortages and have often resorted to using makeshift latrines. Nearly 90% of the territory's water infrastructure, including desalination and wastewater treatment plants has been destroyed and the collapse of sewage pipes has led to Gaza's water aquifer becoming contaminated according to the United Nations. All six wastewater treatment plans in Gaza have been shut down and 70% of sewage pumping stations are out of service, UNICEF said this week. Every day 40 000 cubic metres of wastewater are being discharged into the sea without treatment while another 15 000 cubic metres are seeping into the ground through cesspits and leaks from sewage network leaks according to WAFA the official palestinian news agency citing the Palestinian water authority, some international estimates run even higher."

And let me pause here again and say there are no borders in the sea. We are situated here in the Eastern Mediterranean. There are, of course, millions of Turks and Syrians who live along the coastlines of the Eastern Mediterranean. This quantity of sewage, untreated sewage going into the sea every day is undoubtedly going to have deleterious impacts on not only Palestinians and Israelis, but other peoples living in the region, particularly on or near the coastline of the Eastern Mediterranean. Now the article goes on and says, "Amal Alou, a 36-year-old English teacher in the city of Deir al-Balah in Gaza, said her seven-month-old son Mohamed began suffering chronic diarrhoea after drinking water from contaminated underground wells. A doctor recommended that she change to drinking water trucked in by humanitarian agencies and buying bottled water that cost \$8 a carton." That is a stiff price to pay for people who have been cast into a state of utter destitution by Israel's child murdering regime. Now the article continues, "Stating still for Israeli officials what happened this week, quote, "is going to have to be a game changer, an absolute wake-up call for the repair of sanitation infrastructure in Gaza", said Gidon Bromberg Israel director at the environmental non-profit EcoPeace Middle East.

I wonder if he would feel that way if the untreated sewage was not having an impact on Israelis themselves. Bromberg, says the Washington Post, "has been arguing for immediate

repairs to Gaza sewage system in presentations he made in recent months to the Civil Military Coordination Centre, a body established as part of President Donald Trump's Gaza peace plan." Now obviously as in all things related to the well-being of the Palestinian people this board has done absolutely nothing, the so-called Peace Board, established by the orange-haired mass murder in the White House. And finally, the article says, "While Israeli officials have been allowing more water into Gaza since the ceasefire, they have not approved work to repair the sanitation systems." Now, separately, Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported yesterday that the water supply in Israel has, for now, returned to normal, but not because the algae problem has been solved. Using water from the Sea of Galilee to replace the loss of desalinated water from the Mediterranean is the temporary solution that the Israelis have adopted." And it's not just that according to this piece you see up here from Haaretz, they are also using hundreds of groundwater wells and the controlled operation of some desalination facilities, I'm reading here from the second paragraph, "at least one plant is operating despite high levels of turbidity in the seawater as the authority opted to risk damage to its membranes than to further disrupt the water supply. The water authority," says Haaretz, "did not provide an estimate for when the algal overgrowth would end. Earlier this week, in an attempt to curb it, the authority sprayed a large quantity of pesticides off the coast of the southern city of Ashkelon without notifying the public."

Now, if you're having any questions in your mind about whether Israeli authorities actually care about ordinary Israelis, well, this is one piece of evidence that they don't give a damn, as is, for example, the use of the Hannibal directive on October 7th, when Israeli forces killed what was probably hundreds of Israeli civilians in an attempt to prevent Palestinian militants from taking them to Gaza, where they would be held as prisoners of war. Now the article goes on to say, this Haaretz piece, "while the energy ministry said this spraying of pesticides was coordinated with the environmental protection and health ministries sources familiar with the matter told Haaretz, the substances involved may cause environmental damage. On Tuesday, Israel's national water company halted the flow of water to Gaza after shutting down five of the country's six desalination plants. According to UNICEF nearly 1 million Gazans faced water shortages as a result of this." This is probably well over 50% of the surviving population of Gaza, by the way, over one million Gazans, and it's just beyond obscene that after destroying their civilian infrastructure, including their water treatment facilities, and subjecting them to the contamination that this has caused, it punishes them when the impacts of these war crimes begin to be felt by Israelis themselves; that's what the genocidal entity is in effect doing. So clearly this is not a sustainable solution particularly the reliance upon the sea of Galilee. Why is that? Because as was recently reported by Ynet, this is from November I believe of last year 2025, the Sea of Galilee water level falls to lowest point in decades alarming Israeli experts. It dropped by more than 2.5 metres a year on average over the prior two years, far faster than in previous droughts despite efforts to pump desalinated water into the lake. And then I'm reading from the body of the article, "as reported by Yedioth Ahronoth and Ynet, Israel's water authority has activated the reverse national carrier, a unique system that pumps desalinated seawater from the Mediterranean into the freshwater lake. The flow currently stands at about 1000 cubic metres per hour and is expected to increase in the coming weeks depending on the output of desalination."

So what Israel has been doing has been pumping desalinated water taken from the Mediterranean into this Sea of Galilee to slow the rate at which it is dropping and despite it having engaged in that practise over an extended period of time, over the prior two years, the water level of the Sea of Galilee was falling nonetheless. Now they're reversing the flow effectively, instead of pumping desalinated water into the Sea Galilee, which I guess is acting as a sort of reservoir for the Israeli colonists, they are having to take water out of the Sea of Galilee, which is at dangerously low levels in order to cope with the current water crisis. Now, quite apart from all of this and the existential danger of a loss of 80 to 90% of Israel's water supply, just imagine all of those Israelis bathing in those coastal waters in the hot summer months with perhaps levels of contamination that can do significant harm to the health of adults and even more so to the help of children. And, you know the contamination may well be there even though it isn't causing a large invisible algae bloom. And again, this is just one more indication of the contempt in which the Israeli political and military elites hold Israeli lives despite their constant claims to be prioritising the wellbeing of Israeli civilians and will continue to monitor this story for a Reason2Resist, and of course, not only its impacts upon Israelis, but even more so Palestinians who are being subjected to a genocide as we speak by Israelis with the support of a majority of the population by all indications.

Now, let's turn to the criminal US war of aggression on Iran. Yesterday, September 4th, marked a major shift in Iran's approach to the war of aggression. Iran's military spokesperson laid out a new strategy of engaging in preemptive attacks whenever the Iranian military feels it appropriate to do so and necessary for the purposes of national security. This announcement came just after Israel attacked US bases in Jordan yesterday even though it had not been attacked over the prior 24 or more hours by the genocidal American military. And the spokesperson for Iran's military said that the military had shifted its doctrine since the 12-day war toward preemptive strikes. Iran will from now on strike perceived threats before they have the ability to attack. He said recent operations against US positions and anti-Iranian separatist groups were meant both to deter future attacks and deny the enemy the initiative, and that this policy will continue wherever Iran believes it faces an imminent threat. And it was a few hours later that Iran carried out a preemptive attack on a US base in Jordan and also it struck apparently a US base in Kuwait yesterday in pursuit of this policy of preemptive strikes.

I'm going to repeat something I said well over a month ago; it is absolutely critical to Iran and its military that it does not adopt a purely reactive posture, in other words, striking US bases only in the immediate aftermath of strikes on Iran. Because if it were to do that not only would it be depriving itself of the opportunity to eliminate threats on the ground before they are actually visited upon Iran, but in addition, it would allow the United States to determine the time and place of the hot phases of the war, which would give the United States enormous advantage. It would obviously speed up the war when it has ample munitions and other conditions make it productive for it to strike at that particular moment and it would stop the war whenever it was low on munitions or there were other conditions for example the fatigue of its troops the need to rotate them in and out, the need to repair military hardware like aircraft carriers destroyers and so forth, you can't allow the enemy to decide at what points in

time the hot war will stop and will start. So I suggest that this is an eminently prudent move on the part of the Iranian military and one that is going to make it far harder for the United States to cope with Iran's attacks. They won't know when they are coming, if they are coming, and they may well come with much more frequency at moments when the US military is least capable of defending itself from those attacks.

Now, I have not been able to find any reports thus far of damage caused by yesterday's Iranian strikes on Jordan and Kuwaiti military bases, American military bases, but that's not unusual. Often it takes some time for videos and satellite imagery to emerge, which reveal the extent of the damage. Now, so far, I've not seen any reports of a US retaliation to the attacks on US military bases in Jordan and Kuwait yesterday, save for one, and that is a report or several reports that the US military struck an Iranian oil tanker near Kharg Island today. Now that doesn't appear to be – that may not be a retaliation for the attacks on US bases in Jordan and Kuwait. It may be part of the new US military strategy of tanker for tanker, in other words, striking an Iranian tanker whenever Iran strikes an enemy tanker, what it perceives to be an enemy oil tanker. Now, if that's what's going on here, that would imply that Iran, within the past 24 hours, succeeded in striking some tanker that it perceived to be hostile. And that's what precipitated the US attack today on an Iranian tanker near Kharg Island. But to be very clear, I've not been able to verify that, in fact, a US attack on an Iranian attacker occurred today. I've certainly not seen any video or photographic imagery to back that up.

Now why is the US response to yesterday's preemptive Iranian strikes so muted? Is Trump trying to conserve the perilously low US munitions? On the other hand is the US military in the process of preparing for a major attack on Iran? Well, I can't answer that question and only time will tell- One thing is to be sure, this war is not even remotely over and appears to be intensifying because Iran has adopted a more offensive posture and the United States has implemented a new strategy of striking an Iranian tanker for every oil tanker that Iran strikes. In related news, MS NOW recently published a report about US military personnel leaving the US military in large numbers and on the basis of conscientious objections. And here is an excerpt from that report: "Nearly six months into the US war with Iran and a year into the Pentagon's decision to launch deadly strikes to kill alleged drug drug traffickers", this would be of course in the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific coast of northern South America, "the number of service members seeking a formal discharge from the military as conscientious objectors has skyrocketed according to two groups that help file their applications. To be allowed out of the military as a conscientious objector, the Department of Defence requires service members to show a quote, 'firm, fixed, sincere, and deeply held', close quote, moral, religious, or ethical belief that opposes participation in war. Applicants must submit a written form, can include supporting letters, and then sit for several rounds of interviews with their chain of command, a chaplain and a mental health evaluator before the decision is made and ultimately signed off on by the Secretary of the Service branch. The process can sometimes take up to a year. Despite Secretary of War Hegseth, boasting that the military is reaching recruiting highs, an increasing number of service members are using this option to actively seek a way out. All five of the troops who spoke to MS NOW had started the application process to leave the military. The reasons they cited for changing their beliefs since they

joined included being ordered to violate international law, seeing the civilian death toll as a result of American military intervention surge, and their concerns over extended deployments with no clear mission or strategy."

Yet more evidence, my friends, that the US military is in a sorry ass shape indeed. And, of course, these conscientious objections might have something to do with the recent strike on a wedding party in Sirik in southern Iran, which was only the latest in a long line of wedding party massacres carried out by the US military ever since the war criminal George Bush launched the so-called War on Terror back in 2001. Here is a helpful list compiled by the wonderful peace organisation CODEPINK in the United States. You can see that there was a strike in 2001 that killed over 100 in Afghanistan. There was a strike the following year at a wedding party that killed eleven and you go down the list there were 100 killed in Afghanistan again in 2002. 42 in Iraq in 2004, 47 killed at a wedding party in Afghanistan in 2008, 17 in another strike in Afghanistan in 2008, 40 in Afghanistan in 2008; three wedding parties struck in one year, okay, and that was just in Afghanistan in 2008. Then in 2012 18 killed in Afghanistan, 2013 12 killed in Yemen. 2019 40 killed in Afghanistan and 2026 four killed in Iran. This is not accidental my friends. This is a deliberate policy of striking wedding parties, I repeat, wedding parties, when people are celebrating a marriage and not only civilian adults but children are gathered around for this purpose. Anybody claiming in the face of these numbers that the US military has only done this accidentally I think needs to have his or her head examined. And thank you to CODEPINK for compiling this information.

Meanwhile, the Saudi-backed war on Yemen is heating up to a considerable degree. Yemeni resistance channels have published videos of gun clashes between the forces of Ansar Allah and Saudi back forces around the Yemeni port city of Mocha. Now before I show you these videos, let's orient ourselves shall we by looking at a map of Western Yemen. And if you look in the lower left-hand quadrant on the Yemeni coastline just across from Djibouti you will see the Yemeni port city of Mocha, M-O-C-H-A, which is currently under the control of Saudi-backed mercenaries and has been under their control for years. Now it is quite clear, and as I'm going to show you from press reports, the Ansar Allah forces have decided to advance on Mocha and appear to be quite determined to seize it; we'll come back to that in a moment. Here is one of the videos published on resistance channels of a fierce gun clash near Mocha.

Now, Ansar Allah has published an eight minute video of dozens of attacks its forces launched on Saudi-backed forces using drones. These drones drop grenades and mortars on enemy forces with a devastating effect. I have watched the video in its entirety and it is difficult to watch because it shows literally dozens of soldiers being blown to bits, literally speaking, blown to bits or in other cases wounded apparently severely. I have forced myself during the course of the last several years to watch countless videos like this because I think it's impossible to do this job as a journalist reporting on wars of aggression without informing yourself about the cruelty and the difficulties and the horrors of war. That is also the reason why I've travelled so many times to the front line of these wars, to hot zones in wars of aggression launched by the West in West Asia during the past three years of genocide. It is a

gut-wrenching thing to have to do, but journalistically, I feel it's necessary.

Now, what I've done with this particular eight minute video, to spare you the gory images and also because I don't think YouTube is going to tolerate our publication of them, is I've cut out an excerpt of it, which is less than a minute long, which doesn't show any soldiers being blown up or wounded. It does show however military vehicles would appear to be military vehicles being struck and here is that excerpt from the eight minute video. You can see that this requires considerable training because you have to drop the mortar or grenade from a substantial height, oftentimes against moving targets and therefore you need to time it just right in order to have maximum impact with the ammunition.

Now the Israeli media have published a report on the casualties in this ground war in southwestern Yemen. This is a report from the Times of Israel in the last couple of days. The toll from this warfare, this ground battle, has risen to 129 as of yesterday, September 4th, according to Agence France-Presse. The tally was compiled from several sources and was up from an earlier count of 81. An Yemeni military official, and when the Israeli media says, Yemeni military official they're referring to the Saudi-backed regime which Western countries recognise as the only legitimate government of Yemen and that official said on condition of anonymity to Agence France-Presse, that 66 of his men had been killed while medical and military services close to the Houthis, as they call them, or Ansar Allah, said at least 62 rebels had died. They call them, the Israelis, rebels, rather than the government. Now who knows whether these counts are accurate, but if the Agence France-Presse is reporting this as a Yemeni military official, I think that it is likely that this is more or less accurate, or at least it represents a minimum. I can tell you from having watched that extremely difficult to watch a video, an eight-minute video, a clip of which I just showed you, I find it entirely plausible that 66 Saudi-backed fighters have been killed by Ansar Allah forces, and I wouldn't be at all surprised if the number is much higher. And furthermore, it is well established in military circles that for every casualty or for every soldier killed in action there are typically several who are wounded; the number that I often hear is three to one. So if there have been 66 killed you would expect that there have at least been around 200 Saudi backed soldiers who have been wounded by the forces of Ansar Allah in their advance on Mocha.

Notice here the Times of Israel says another medical source said a civilian had also been killed and just that's really it's tragic by all means, absolutely, but it's remarkable that only one civilian has been killed when you look at the level of military casualties the level military casualties if these numbers are accurate is 128 on both sides. One civilian for 128 killed military personnel killed in this battle. Now typically Israel kills many more civilians than it kills fighters. In Gaza alone, if you go by the official count of the Gaza Health Ministry, which is surely an underestimate, it's now I think in the range of 74 000 in total, at least two-thirds of that number are civilians and probably in the range of 30 percent are children. And of course this is also true of Israel's genocidal war in Lebanon. The civilian casualties are much higher than the military casualties on the side of the resistance and of course we've seen thousands of civilians massacred in Iran as well in the criminal US war of aggression on the country. So the idea, which is, you know, legitimised by Western corporate media that it's

inevitable in a war that you're going to have far more civilian casualties than military casualties that that is a lie and in fact the reverse is often true and should always be true; if you're gonna have a war it should never be the case that you cause more civilian casualties than you cause military casualties.

Before I move on I want to point out one other thing about this article. You look under the heading, Reinforcement Sent, "although the Houthis, as they call them, do not control areas boarding the Bab al-Mandab Strait, they hold the key port city of Hudaydah north of Mocha. 'They are going for Bab al-Mandab', said Mohammed al-Basha of the US based risk advisory Basha Report. The Houthis want to control the hills overlooking Bab al-Mandab and Mocha before attacking the coast, a Yemeni official in Aden, the government's base since it was ousted from rebel-held capital Sanaa in 2014." Now you'll recall when I showed you that map that Mocha, the Yemeni port city of Mocha is to the south of the port city of Hudaydah, which is controlled by Ansar Allah, and the obvious reason I think for which Ansar Allah wishes to take Mocha is that it sits at a point on the Bab al-Mandab Strait, that is narrower, much narrower, than the waters off the coast of Hudaydah. So in other words, by seizing Mocha, Ansar Allah will be able to exercise even tighter control over the all-important Bab al-Mandab Strait.

Now, all of these developments are, of course, pushing up the price of oil inexorably. The markets closed yesterday, at the market close, the price of a barrel of Brent crude was US \$96.28. This is significantly higher than it was when we did our last report on the Iran War two days ago on September 3rd. And I've shown you here up on the screen a chart showing the price level for a barrel of Brent crude over the prior month. And you will see that in the few days it has been at its highest point since I think it's about August 3rd and it's by all indications going to continue to head higher and even worse for the US economy. The price of a gallon of diesel just hit a record high. It is now at \$5.85 a gallon and this is the first time during the six-month war in Iran that it has reached this level. The last time it was anywhere close to this level was just after Russian forces invaded Ukraine back in February of 2022, and it's far above the level it was at when this criminal war of aggression began. At that point, it was in the range of about \$3.50.

So why is this so important? Because, of course, diesel is a critically important fuel for the functioning of the economy. It's especially important in truck transportation and in agriculture because, for example, tractors and other agricultural vehicles are generally run on diesel fuel. So if this remains elevated for an extended period of time, the price of diesel, this is going to be felt across the economy and particularly the impacts of it will be felt in grocery bills and already something in the range of 50% of Americans say they either can't afford groceries or are having trouble paying for them. So this is terrible news for ordinary Americans, and particularly the most vulnerable members of American society. And of course, these price rises are being reflected, sometimes they're even higher, sometimes not quite as high in other jurisdictions around the world, including of course Europe and the United Kingdom in particular.

In that regard, I'm going to show you a statement put out by what is the equivalent of the

finance minister of the United Kingdom, his name is Healy, he's called the Chancellor of the Exchequer, I believe, and he is warning according to the independent of a tough budget, as the Iran war puts strain on the economy the report here is that the upcoming autumn budget for the UK is expected to be tough, the Chancellor has warned: "As the US-Iran war continues to cripple the economy" – that's the word that the Independent uses, cripple – "John Healy issued the warning following the leap in government borrowing earlier this week, reflecting concerns among lenders about the inflationary impact of Donald Trump's war with Iran. However, Healy told the Financial Times he would ensure the UK emerges from his first budget on October 28th with a solid buffer against uncertainty. The chancellor told the FT, quote, 'What's happening in the Middle East is hitting inflation, it's hitting growth, it's getting borrowing costs', close quote.' In other words, it's a disaster. 'He added, quote, 'It's part of a more dangerous world that is more uncertain. It's one of the challenges we have to meet in the country, but have to meet with other countries', close quote." Well, it is not that the world somehow magically is becoming more dangerous. It's that the United States government and its vassals and proxies are becoming even more aggressive and criminal than they have been in the past. And the article says, "Economists have predicted that the fiscal buffer Rachel Reeves put up – this is the prior chancellor, apparently – in her last budget through a combination of tax rises and departmental spending cuts will be squeezed by the inflationary pressures of ongoing global turmoil."

So, the previous Finance Minister or Chancellor of the Exchequer already implemented an austerity budget by raising taxes and implementing departmental spending cuts, but that's not going to be sufficient to deal with the economic mess that the United Kingdom finds itself in. Now, if you're thinking that the situation in the Strait of Hormuz, which is obviously a major cause of this problem, these economic difficulties, is getting better, think again. Here is the information published on Hormuz tracker about an hour before I did this report today; a mere eight vessels have been detected travelling through the Strait of Hormuz, during the past 24 hours and the normal daily average according to the Hormuz tracker is 60. So that is 13.3 percent of normal and there are 312 vessels waiting; you can see this in the upper part, central part of the screen. In the upper right-hand corner, war risk insurance is said to be at extreme levels. The war risk premium is 8.5 percent. And in general, this is a catastrophic situation for the Persian Gulf oil producers and there's no end in sight, my friends.

Now, in my view, it is virtually inevitable that economic pain will spread and deepen in the weeks and months ahead. Why do I say that? Well, first, there's no credible evidence that the US and Iran are negotiating any kind of peace deal. And in fact, all indications are that Iran, with complete justification, has no interest in negotiating with these treacherous, perfidious child killers. And not only that, but Iran has moved to a more offensive posture, as I discussed earlier in this report, and the US has committed to the tactic of tanker-for-tanker striking an Iranian tanker for every tanker struck by Iran. And of course, there is the atrocity, the latest wedding party massacre carried out by the US military, which is moving the two parties undoubtedly even further apart. Second, on top of that, the Saudi-Yemen war is intensifying, and if Ansar Allah's forces succeed in taking the Yemeni port city of Mocha, they'll be able to maintain even tighter control of the Bab al-Mandab Strait and will

undoubtedly use it until the Saudis lift their criminal genocidal blockade on Yemen. Third, the US strategic Petroleum Reserve is lower than it has been in decades and is approaching levels that risk structural damage to the salt caverns that house much of the petroleum. Fourth, the stock markets are clearly in an enormous bubble, driven principally by gargantuan and highly questionable investments in AI. And finally, interest rates on government bonds are on the rise at a time when the US and other major Western governments are deeply indebted. In my opinion, economic signs are flashing red. At any moment, the world could plunge into a financial crisis that will rival or surpass the great financial crisis of 2007 to 2009. All of this means two things. One, we need to be on a personal level, very prudent with our money in preparation for a worst case scenario. And two, all of us living in countries that are either carrying out these wars of aggression or facilitating them in some manner need to apply all the pressure that we can in our governments to bring this criminality to an end as quickly as possible.

That's my report for today, September 5th, 2026. My next report will likely be two days from now, although if there is a major development within the next 24 hours, I may be back to you tomorrow, September 6th, with more news about the dire situation in West Asia. Thanks very much for joining us today and stay safe, my friends.

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