



Zelensky's Former Spokeswoman Warns of Ukraine's “National Suicide”

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Dimitri Lascaris: Good day, this is Dimitri Lascaris coming to you from Moscow on September 21st, 2026 for Reason2Resist. Today, I'm going to update you on the latest developments in the wars raging in West Asia. I'm also going to discuss the ongoing turmoil in global energy markets. And finally, on my last day in Moscow on this current trip, and just before I return to Greece, I'd like to offer a personal reflection on the Ukraine War. Now before I get into it, please remember to like and share this video if you find it to be informative, and please become a subscriber to Reason2Resist if you're not already one. Help us please to expand the reach of our unapologetic on the ground resistance journalism. So with that, let's begin.

Yesterday, the US State Department issued a travel alert to US citizens in or traveling to West Asia. The alert stated as follows: "Due to tensions in the Middle East, the security environment remains complex with the potential for unforeseen escalation. Americans currently in the Middle East should exercise heightened vigilance and be aware of potential flight cancellations, airspace closures and travel disruptions. Iranian-supported Houthis have engaged in hostilities against Saudi Arabia, including civilian airports and the military conflict has the potential to escalate rapidly. Americans outside the Middle East should seriously reconsider travel to and through the region", and so forth. It also notes that "diplomatic facilities including outside the Middle East had been targeted" and "Iran and groups supportive of Iran may target other US interests overseas". This of course is bollocks, but in any event, the media also reported yesterday that Trump cut short a visit to Camp David and had returned precipitously to the White House. These and other factors caused Iran to place its military on the highest state of alert yesterday. So far, the US has not relaunched its bombing of Iran or of Yemen, but the situation could change at any moment.

Meanwhile, The New York Times reported yesterday that a vacillating Trump decided last Thursday to attack Yemen again after he spoke that day with the desperate Saudi dictator Mohammed bin Salman. But, says the New York Times, Trump reversed himself yesterday, Sunday. The story from The New York Times is based on unnamed "administration officials". There's really no detail given about them other than that. They're just "administration

officials". And therefore, we have to seriously contemplate the possibility that this story was planted to mislead the public, and particularly the leadership of Iran and Yemen. It's possible that the intention here by planting this story is to place them at ease and cause them to let their guard down. In any event, Trump is so deranged and unstable that even if the story is true, he could change his mind at any moment and go ahead with an attack on either Yemen or Iran or both. And I think that the leadership of Ansar Allah and Iran probably understand this perfectly well at this stage and they will remain in a state of heightened alert for the time being even if this story is intended to put them at ease.

Meanwhile the Saudi dictatorship continues to bomb Yemen. Yesterday, Yemen's spokesperson stated that in the last 24 hours, the criminal Saudi regime had launched 28 airstrikes using F-15 and Typhoon fighters, which took off from Khamis Mushit and Taif bases in Saudi Arabia, and those airstrikes targeted the Yemeni cities of Taiz, as well as the Al-Jawf and Marib provinces. Again, Marib is the governorate in which Yemen's key oil and gas assets are situated, and if Saudis are bombing that governorate, that almost certainly means that it has been infiltrated by the forces of Ansar Allah. Now, according to the report of the spokesman of the Yemeni armed forces, the total number of Saudi airstrikes since the beginning of the new round of tensions against the country, so that would have been, I believe, September 3rd, has reached 760. That was as of yesterday. So the Saudi dictatorship is literally on a rampage in Yemen. And this is something that it has done periodically for well over a decade. For that and other reasons, including this criminal blockade, I think the strong case can be made that the Saudis have been engaged in a genocidal war for quite some time. And they should be, of course, held accountable with full force and effect of the law for these heinous crimes. Now, the ongoing bombing of Yemen will undoubtedly provoke another harsh response from Ansar Allah, something against which the Saudis have no defense. And in fact, I saw unconfirmed reports this morning of missile launches from Yemen. But as yet, I've not seen any footage of the aftermath of any launches, if in fact they occurred.

Meanwhile, Iran's military reports that it just shot down another US MQ-1 drone. Last week, it reported shooting down, I think, four or five of them, including three MQ-1 drones in a 24-hour period, and it backed up those claims with footage of the wreckage of these drones. Each MQ-1 drone, including its complete operational system, cost between \$20 and \$40 million. According to Iran's military, its air defenses also shot down today an advanced orbiter reconnaissance drone from Israel over the Strait of Hormuz. Iranian media released images of the remains of the downed aircraft. The Orbiter is an advanced Israeli-made reconnaissance platform, and its loss over the Strait of Hormuz is a significant intelligence blow. The approximate cost of this drone is a fraction of that of the MQ-1 – fully loaded, it's about \$1 million, nevertheless a significant amount of money for a country like Israel, a pipsqueak. And it's been months since I've heard of Israeli military assets in or over the Strait of Hormuz, so this just might be an indication that the genocidal Israeli entity is about to reenter this catastrophic war. Now, meanwhile, according to Al Jazeera, Qatar's Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani – that's a mouthful – has described the economic fallout from the US-Israel war on Iran as an earthquake with its

shockwaves reaching far beyond the borders of the Middle East. Indeed, Qatar has no real way of exporting its oil other than through the Persian Gulf. And for that reason, I think there's every prospect that it's been cutting side deals with Iran for the exportation of Qatari oil and gas from or through the Strait of Hormuz. I'm going to come back to that in a moment when I discuss the oil markets.

Now I'd like to focus on some important developments in Palestine. As we reported over the weekend, the Saudi dictatorship is seeking to purchase 48 F-35s from the US for tens of billions of dollars. Apparently Trump has approved the sale. But now the genocidal Israeli entity is seeking what the Israeli media describe as "compensation" for Trump's decision to sell F-35s to the Saudis. According to the Israeli media, the child murderers intend to ask Trump for weapons he previously declined to provide. It's remarkable he has declined to provide anything to Israel, and if he has, that was probably at the insistence of the US intelligence and military leaderships. In any event, the systems or weapons, which according to Israeli media, Israeli leaders are going to seek from the United States include space-based weapons and the development and production of interceptor aircraft. The child murderers are also expected to ask for bunker busting munitions and underground systems capable of operating deep beneath rocky mountains. Providing any of these weapons to these genocidal maniacs would be criminal in the extreme, but putting space-based weapons under their control is a prospect too horrifying even to contemplate. By the way, I continue to be amazed that so many governments remain enamored of the F-35, a warplane that costs so much and has such a dubious record. As we reported over the summer, the US General Accounting Office recently issued another damning report about the F-35. And among other things, the GAO found that about one in four F-35s were fully mission capable in 2025. Nearly three quarters were not fully mission-capable in that year. The reasons for this appalling state of combat readiness is that these aircraft continue to suffer from software shortcomings, spare parts shortages, and corrosion problems. So, my friends, if your government is one of the many that is thinking of spending massive sums of your money on these war lemons, as Canada's Mark Carney government is, you might want to have a word with your elected representatives.

In other news related to Palestine, we reported a few weeks ago that Israel was experiencing a water crisis. The water crisis originally resulted in the shutting down of the country's desalination plants and we were told that this was necessary as a result of a large algae bloom traveling up the Mediterranean coast of Israel from the Nile River Delta in Egypt. And that Delta was emitting bacteria, which combined with the warm waters had created this algae bloom. And at the time we said, well, this almost certainly is being exacerbated by the huge amounts of raw sewage that are now spewing from Gaza, which is much closer to the Israeli coastline than the Nile River Delta, because Israel had destroyed Gaza's ability to treat its sewage. And then after we came out with that report, the Israeli media and US media confirmed, citing experts, that likely the sewage from Gaza was seriously exacerbating this algae bloom. And we had not heard anything about this crisis and how Israel was coping with it until an article was published by Haaretz on Friday of last week. And that article is titled *Israel's New Normal: A coastline wracked by an algae apocalypse*. According to the article,

"the algae crisis on Israel's Mediterranean coastline continues". It says that "all six of Israel's still desalination plants are only partially back online". So they are operating at a limited capacity. And it says, "under close supervision". And this is according to the Israeli Water Authority who spoke to Haaretz about the problem. Meanwhile, says Haaretz, households and farms in Israel have been told to skimp on water – and we're going into the harvesting season by the way – and economists in Israel warned that food prices will rise as a result. In Tel Aviv, the beaches temporarily shut off fresh water showers for swimmers who dared to brave the greening sea. Basically, these people are swimming in the raw sewage of Gaza. The article says that due to the warming of the Eastern Mediterranean, bacteria from the Nile River Delta and untreated sewage from Gaza, this problem is going to persist indefinitely for Israel. Amazingly, the article also claims, it states outright, that Israel does not control the outflow of raw sewage from Gaza into the Mediterranean. But in fact, it is Israel that caused the problem to begin with, and as we reported a couple of weeks ago, there are people within Israel, environmentalists and water experts who have been urging the government to rebuild Gaza's water sewage treatment facilities in order to address the problem, but the government has no interest in doing that. So this is, contrary to Haaretz's claim, very much a problem that is at least partially within the control of Israel. They can rectify the situation, the massive amounts of untreated sewage that are flowing into the Mediterranean Sea right next to Israel's coastline, but they refuse to do so because they prefer to make the Palestinian people suffer.

Now, a new survey conducted by the Mellman Group for the Jewish Electorate Institute in the United States was published on Thursday of last week and it revealed some interesting figures. It found that 56 % of American Jews had "a great deal of concern that Israel's actions under Netanyahu have increased anti-Semitism and anti-Israel sentiment in the US. The view varied sharply by political affiliation, with 65 % of Jewish Democrats expressing a high level of concern compared with 46 % of independents and 34 % of Republicans". I actually find it remarkable that one-third of Republican Jews are seriously concerned that Netanyahu is increasing anti-Semitism in the United States. I just want to pause there and point out that all the hysteria around so-called "soaring anti-Semitism" in Canada, which is emanating from fanatically Zionist organizations like B'nai Brith Canada, and the Center for Israel and Jewish Affairs, and the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center, and lunatics like Jesse Brown – they never ever mentioned the possibility that just maybe Israel's ongoing daily mass murder of children in Palestine and elsewhere is causing people to look negatively upon Jews because the state that is carrying out these crimes characterizes itself with the approval of Zionist groups and activists in the West as the Jewish state. It claims to be the representative of the Jewish people and to embody their values. And so when it is carrying out these heinous crimes in their name, it only stands to reason that some people are going to adopt a negative view of Jewish people as a result. And yet, all of these lunatics in Canada and other Western countries who are constantly fear-mongering about soaring anti-Semitism refuse to acknowledge, despite the polling evidence, that Israel just might have something to do with any increase in anti-Semitism that has happened. And the reason is, frankly, because these people aren't primarily concerned about anti-Semitism. What they're primarily concerned with is discrediting the critics of the genocidal entity.

Another interesting finding in this poll done by the Mellman Group is that it found significant support for reducing US military assistance to Israel. 52 % favored either cutting or ending the aid, including 36 % who supported reducing it, and 17 % who favored eliminating the 3.3 billion in military assistance. 40 % wanted funding to remain at its current level. Now, at the same time, bizarrely, 86 % of those surveyed in this poll described themselves as pro-Israel. Nearly two-thirds, 65 %, said that they were pro-Israel while critical of some or many of Israeli government policies. 71 % viewed Israel favorably, compared with 25 % who viewed it unfavorably. What conclusions can we draw from this? Well, one conclusion we might draw is that a large majority of the US-Jewish population is incredibly brainwashed that they would continue to view Israel favourably even after all of the livestream horrors that we have seen coming out of Palestine during the past three years, and really this goes back decades. Another is that they really do blame this on Netanyahu. They think that Netanyahu is the problem, and if you get rid of this, Israel will be just fine. The problem, of course, with that theory is that polls show that a vast majority of Israeli Jews either support the current level of barbarism being inflicted upon the Palestinians, or want to see Israel be even more sadistic in its oppression of Palestinians. And another problem with this theory is virtually the entire Israeli political elite – the main rivals of Netanyahu entirely support what he has done, and some even go so far as to say that he hasn't been sadistic enough. So clearly, anybody who's looking objectively at the situation would say this is not a Netanyahu problem, this is an Israel problem. But the reality continues to escape apparently a large majority of the US-Jewish population.

Now I'd like to turn to oil markets. As we reported over this weekend, France's little Napoleon Emmanuel Macron is panicking over the fuel crisis in France and so he should – his approval rating is already down to a rock bottom 16 %. Now, France is facing growing fuel shortages with 11 % of the country's gas stations reporting they are either out of gasoline or diesel. According to French government data, diesel fuel is averaging a whopping 2 Euros and 38 cents per liter, which works out to roughly \$10 and 33 cents per gallon. In the US, diesel just hit an all-time high, and it's "only" – I put that word in quotation marks – at \$6.49 per gallon. Can you imagine what Americans would be doing if it was over 10 bucks? Now, as Newsweek notes, images circulated on social media indicate that some gas stations in the US are out of certain types of fuel, most notably diesel. But the situation in France is far worse. Diesel is critical, by the way, to the operation of farms. And I can tell you, having lived in France, that France has some of the most militant farmers in the world. In France, gasoline prices are also at historic highs. Now, in 2018, fuel prices and fuel taxation triggered what came to be known as the Yellow Vest Movement, a nationwide uprising that nearly brought down Macron's government. The way things are going, the Yellow Vests are going to be out in force or some newer version of them will be out in force in the streets of France very soon.

Although the global diesel fuel crisis appears to be worsening the price of crude oil has declined significantly over the past 10 days after reaching the level of approximately \$109 which was its highest level since in the prior eight weeks or so. A barrel of Brent crude is now trading at about \$102 per barrel. At least that was the case as of a couple of hours ago

when I last checked. Why is that? Why has it come down from about \$109 to \$102? Well, the oil market data firm Kepler may have provided an answer. Citing Kepler, Drop Site News reported earlier today that oil flows out of the Persian Gulf have increased substantially since late July with a seven-day average reaching over 15 million barrels per day in the latest September readings. Pre-war levels were 22 to 24 million barrels per day, however, so this latest number is still a substantial reduction from pre-war levels, but it's much higher than July when the outflow of oil from the Gulf was 7 to 8 million barrels a day. So it appears that more oil is, at least for the time being, coming out of the Persian Gulf and that some of that oil is coming from Iran. According to a report by Iran's major news agency, citing Iran's plan and budget organization, Iran's oil experts are having their best month in two years. So far in September, Iran's oil sales have exceeded US \$3 billion. At Brent's September 18 price of \$103.87 per barrel, 3 billion represents roughly 29.1 million barrels, about 1.53 million barrels per day. Now, Iran has to sell its oil at a discount because of sanctions, and so if you take that into account, the number of barrels may actually be much higher – if this oil is being sold at a significantly discounted level. So what's going on here? Well, one possibility is that Iran doesn't have the capability to constrain the flow of oil out of the Persian Gulf any more than it is currently doing. I doubt that that's an explanation. I think Iran has demonstrated over and over again that if it wants the flow of oil to be much lower, then it will simply step up its attacks on vessels that it has not authorized to transit through the Strait of Hormuz. There's absolutely no evidence of any kind of shortage in the missiles and drones that are necessary for Iran, or the sea mines that Iran can and has employed to impede shipping transiting the Strait of Hormuz. I think a more likely explanation is that there are side deals being done, and that Iran and one or more of the Persian Gulf autocracies, from time to time, strike deals that allow oil to exit the Gulf in exchange for some compensation to Iran, which would be paid discreetly, I would think, because these autocracies, if they're engaging in these sorts of transactions, do not want to incur the wrath of Trump. And they also don't want to be seen to be conferring economic benefits on Iran, because that would be a humiliation for them. And one of the ways in which they may be assisting Iran is in helping Iran to export some of its own oil from the Gulf. Maybe they're passing it off as their own, loading it onto their tankers, who knows. I don't have any evidence to suggest that that's the case or to support that that is the case. But I think that this is a possibility that we ought to contemplate. At the end of the day, it does appear that Iran is getting significant amounts of oil to the markets, whether this is through the Strait of Hormuz, whether they're managing to bypass a defective blockade that has been imposed by the US military, whether they're doing it over land – for example, by train through Pakistan – who knows. But for the time being, there is an elevation in the amount of oil exiting the Gulf.

Now, I also should point out that I don't believe that it is the goal of Iran to destroy the global economy. I think it's on its goal – and I think this is also true of Ansar Allah – is to increase pressure on states that are either attacking Iran or facilitating attacks on Iran so that they make the concessions that they ought to have made long time ago to the Islamic Republic, including returning its frozen assets, lifting sanctions, stopping the bombing of their countries, lifting the blockades. That's the goal. And so if Iran or Ansar Allah can achieve partially or fully these goals by cooperating in the exportation of oil, for example, with some

of these Gulf autocracies, then they would be inclined to do that, I would think. And by the way, not only is the goal the normalization of their relations with the rest of the world, I think also, they don't want to incur the wrath, they would prefer not to incur the wrath of people who are going to be detrimentally impacted by the destruction of the global economy. That's not something that I think the leadership of either Ansar Allah or the Islamic Republic want to do and they'll only go down that path if they are absolutely forced to do so.

So with that, I'd like to conclude my report by offering a personal reflection on the Ukraine War. As I indicated, I'm about to depart Moscow and return to Greece. And as I was preparing to leave, I learned of some commentary that has been made in recent months by a former spokesperson of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, her name is Iuliia Mendel. And she has summarized her new assessment of Zelensky in a post that she has pinned on her X-account. This is her post and this is what it says: "The Russian-Ukrainian war is bloody and senseless. By this point, massive killing and destruction are wrought over nothing. If it's about Ukraine not entering NATO, then this question has been taken off the table by now. If it is about protecting democracy, then our democracy is in such a fragile situation that barely differs from any other autocratic regime: very limited freedom of speech, weakened institutions, violations of basic constitutional rights, political persecution, and people's lives matter as little as in any autocracy. If the war is to remove Zelensky from power, then he has been its main beneficiary. On the verge of losing power back in 2021, the war allowed him to thrive, earning money on all aspects of this war, gaining almost unlimited power inside the country, all the while basking in international fame. If it's about regaining the territories of Ukraine back from Russian conquest, then Ukraine is just losing more territories rather than recapturing them. This war has no reason or justification to continue except for benefiting some small groups. Ukraine is on the verge of extinction because of it". Elsewhere, including an interview with Tucker Carlson a few months ago, Mendel described Zelensky as evil and a dictator, and said that he is bringing about Ukraine's national suicide. Now, this brings me to a lengthy article I wrote and published on my website in the summer of 2022, only a few months after this war began, and as you can see from the image on the screen, I titled that article that the Churchillian Zelensky is a Western fiction or words to that effect. This article, which went on for some length, spelled out in meticulous detail the actual record of Volodymyr Zelensky. And what I argued by reference to, quote-unquote, mainstream sources of information, Western media sources, Ukrainian media sources, is that Zelensky was profoundly anti-democratic, he was extraordinarily corrupt, he was wildly incompetent and unqualified for the job, and that the policies he was pursuing, his maximist policies, would result in a national suicide for Ukraine. I argued almost precisely what Iulia Mendel has been saying to anyone who will listen in recent months.

And let me tell you, my friends, when I said these things back in 2022, these were not easy things to say in Canada at that time. They're not particularly easy to say even now, but back in 2022, Canada was completely swept up by pro-Ukraine, pro-Zelensky hysteria. And when I published this article, and in other contexts, made critical remarks about this dictatorial buffoon, Volodymyr Zelensky, I was attacked by people who had been supportive of me up until that point in time, people who had even volunteered for my political campaign when I

ran to be the leader of the Green Party of Canada back in 2020. And it was quite a stunning experience for me to have to see how people turned against me even though everything that I said in my article was backed up by mainstream sources of information from the West. And now here we are, more than four years later, and the former spokesperson of Zelensky himself is going out and saying almost exactly the things that I was saying back in 2022. Why do I say this? I say this because a lot of these same people are making the same mistake again. And they're making it with respect to Mark Carney, who, by the way, is every bit as fanatical in his support of Ukraine as his predecessor Justin Trudeau, and as all the other warmongers who are currently leading major European states. Canadians across the board, 70 % of them actually, view Carney favorably, even though he has drastically increased military spending to the stratospheric level of 5 % of GDP, which will inevitably necessitate the degradation, if not complete, destruction of Canada's most vital social programs. He's throwing billions of dollars more on top of the billions that have been spent so far on this insane proxy war. He's taking a maximalist position and, along with the other so-called leaders of Western states, increasing the possibility of a nuclear war between our countries and the state that possesses the world's largest nuclear arsenal, the Russian Federation. Carney is also lowering taxes on corporations and wealthy individuals at the very moment when his enormous levels of military spending require the government to generate even more revenue. I could go on and on. I'll add one other detail, actually. This is the same scumbag who said that any Palestinian state would have to be Zionist, would have embrace the very ideology that underlies the genocide going on today against the Palestinian people, the mass murder of Palestinian children – that's who Mark Carney is. Prime Minister Goldman Sachs is a con man, and yet 70 % of Canadians have fallen in with this person. And frankly, as a Canadian citizen, it just completely and utterly sickens me. I'm going to repeat something I've said in the past and it pains me to have to say it, but all indications are, in my view, that Canadians are amongst the most brainwashed people in the world. Thankfully, there are significant numbers of Canadians, albeit a minority, who have the clarity of mind and the intellectual courage to tell the world how it actually is and not how they wish it to be. And I hope with all my heart and soul that we will soon constitute a majority in this country because they see change in our attitudes towards the political elite of the West cannot change soon enough. Thanks very much for listening in today, my friends, and please stay safe out there.

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