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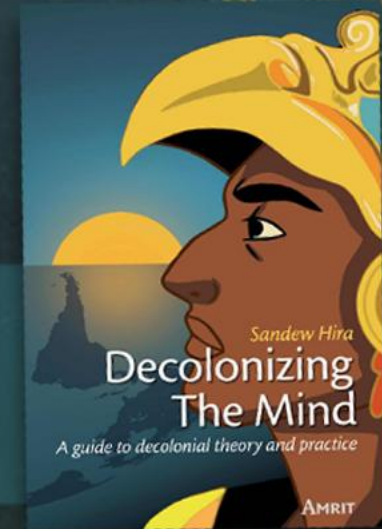
World Affairs

A decolonial analysis of current world affairs

The preparations for a regional war: Iran



Decolonizing The Mind,
the final frontier of colonialism
with Sandew Hira



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Topics

- ❑ The political preparatons
- ❑ The organization preparations
- ❑ The military preparations

Carl von Clausewitz (1780–1831)

- ❑ Prussian general and military theorist On War: War is the continuation of policy with other means.
- ❑ Unrealistic political goals will lead to military defeat
- ❑ Goal of erasing Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran will lead to defeat



Sun Tzu (544-496 BC): The art of war

Five essentials for victory

1. He will win who knows when to fight and when not to fight
2. He will win who knows how to handle both superior and inferior forces
3. He will win whose army is animated by the same spirit throughout all its ranks.
4. He will win who, prepared himself, waits to take the enemy unprepared
5. He will win who has military capacity and is not interfered with by the sovereign.

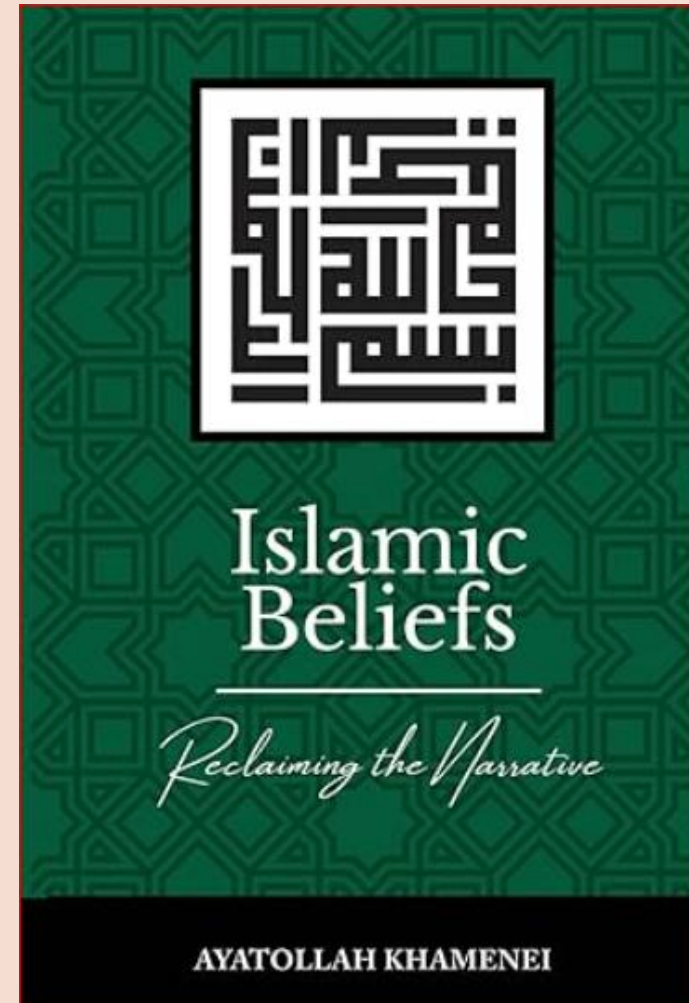


Western views of Iran (and the global south)

- ❑ Medieval dictatorship of backward ayatollahs
- ❑ Separation of religion and state and the religious police are the proofs
- ❑ All Iranians are oppressed and everyone wants a Western modern society
- ❑ Thus, Iran can easily be beaten by the West

Philosophy of Ayatollah Khamenei: islamic socialism

- ❑ Tawhid: divine unity
- ❑ A *tawhid*-oriented society is a society without classes. All have access to the same rights and possibilities as one another.



Ayatollah Khamenei: Religion and science go together

- ❑ 4000 knowledge enterprises, it should be 400.000.
- ❑ On nuclear weapons: *We decisively and bravely refrained from it even though we had the ability. Both making and stockpiling atomic bombs are wrongful because using them is forbidden based on religion (haram).*



Khamenei on Palestine

- The Iranian nation has constantly supported, and will support, all oppressed nations and the nations that are under the yoke of arrogant powers. The Iranian nation will always stand by the valiant and faithful people of Palestine.
- The Palestinian nation has proven through its resistance, valor, and tireless efforts that blood can stand up to the sword.
- Palestine will be free from the river to the sea

Political preparations

- ❑ Islamic unity: overcoming the Sunni-Shi'a divide Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Iran, Hamas, Hezbollah
- ❑ Anti-imperialist unity

Organizational preparations

MEMRI: According to several reports, Iran has established and is running a joint operations room shared by it, Hizbullah, Iran-backed Shi'ite militias, and the Palestinian factions, with the goal of gathering intelligence and coordinating attacks against Israel and U.S. forces in the region. Sayyed Al-Shuhada Brigades leader Abu Alaa Al-Wala'i has confirmed that such an operations room exists "within and outside of Iraq."

Iran does not give orders to the axis of honor. It is giving support.

Expansion of the war

9 November: *"Due to the expansion of the intensity of the war against Gaza's civilian residents, expansion of the scope of the war has become inevitable,"* Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said in a telephone conversation with his Qatari counterpart Sheikh Mohammed Bin Abdulrahman Al Thani on Thursday. *"Time is fast running out for Tel Aviv's crimes to continue."*

The coming war is not only a war against Israel. It is a war against the USA.

Military preparations

1 November: Major General Hossein Salami, commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps:

- ❑ The defeat of the Zionist regime and the demise of America are a source of peace and security for the world.
- ❑ Our enemies lack strategy and politics
- ❑ America has lost its former global position and is paying for a regime that has not made any achievements

No fear for greatest confrontation

- ❑ President Biden: America is the greatest nation in the history of the world
- ❑ Yet was beaten three times: Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq
- ❑ The war with Israel is a war with the United States and NATO: prepare for that war
- ❑ The Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Aviation Force Sardar Hajizadeh: Today we are at the global level not only in the field of missiles, but also in the fields of drones, space, defense, radar and other sectors. We have prepared for all situations.

Iran technological capabilities

- ❑ Primarily based on indigenous technology
- ❑ Level so high it can export weapons: drones
- ❑ Has its own satellites for military surveillance
- ❑ War with US is not only between Iran and US

Russia, China, Iran military drills

15 March 2023: Naval forces from China, Iran and Russia — countries at odds with the United States — are staging joint drills in the Gulf of Oman this week, China's Defense Ministry said.

Other countries are also taking part in the “Security Bond-2023” exercises, the ministry said without giving details. Iran, Pakistan, Oman and the United Arab Emirates all have coastline along the waterbody lying at the mouth of the strategic Persian Gulf.

“This exercise will help deepen practical cooperation between the participating countries’ navies ... and inject positive energy into regional peace and stability,” the ministry statement said.

USA is confused and panicking

The Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Aviation Force Sardar Hajizadeh also said about America's threat to Iran: Americans do not threaten Iran, in their correspondence they sometimes had three stages of correspondence with Iran in one night, and all this correspondence is in the language of wishes and requests.

The war is going bad for Israel

2006 Lebanon War Jul 12, 2006 – Aug 14, 2006 : IOF suffered 121 troops killed

Gaza war: Since the start of the war against Hamas, 356 Israeli soldiers have been killed in action.

The Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Aviation
We see that the helicopters carrying the wounded and dead are carrying out the transfer back from the Gaza area with aerial refueling, and that the helicopters do not have time to land on the ground.

China minister of defense in Iran

26 April 2023: Chinese defense minister General Wei Fenghe visited Iran to meet with senior Iranian officials, including his counterpart Mohammad Reza Gharaei Ashtiani. In a sign of developing military cooperation, Iran, Russia, and China held naval drills in January in the north Indian Ocean. These were the third such trilateral naval exercises since the first was held in late 2019 and announced as the formation of Marine Security Belt. The 2022 Marine Security Belt exercise covered 17,000 square kilometers and included the navies both of Iran's Army and its Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC).

Russian minister of defense in Iran

20 September 2023: Russia's Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu, accompanied by Iran's high-rank military officials, visits an Iranian aerospace industry's exhibition to inspect air defence weapons and unmanned aerial vehicles in Tehran, Iran, September 20, 2023.

Russia's Defense Minister says despite opposition from much of the Western world, Russia and Iran have taken their relations to a higher level.

During his visit to Tehran on Tuesday, Sergei Shoigu said, "We are pursuing a comprehensive range of planned activities, notwithstanding opposition from the United States and its Western allies."

For his part, Mohammad Baqeri, the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces, declared that Tehran and Moscow have intentions to solidify their military and technical cooperation through a long-term treaty.

Baqeri characterized the relations between Tehran and Moscow as "advancing and evolving" and disclosed that, based on decisions made by the leaders of both nations, a document outlining their long-term cooperation will soon be finalized.

Baqeri also noted that a joint military exercise between Iran and Russia is slated for February, with the objective of bolstering military ties between the two nations.

Iran is preparing for a nuclear war with Israel

- ❑ Iran: 1.648 million km², Iran population: 88 million
- ❑ Israel: 22 km². Israel population 9 million, 75% Jews
- ❑ Iran: advanced long range ballistic missiles

Next episode: What if Israel decides to use a nuclear bomb?

- ❑ How will it change the course of world history?
- ❑ Is that the beginning of World War III and the end of Israel?

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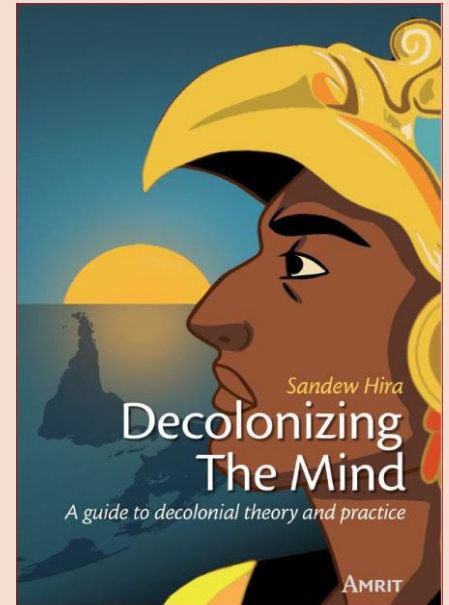
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