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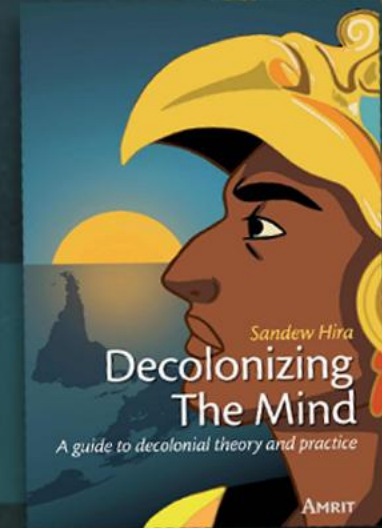
A decolonial analysis of current world affairs



# How the Israel/Iran war has changed the world



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# A tactical victory and a strategic defeat for Israel

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- ❑ Tactical victory: many senior military officials and nuclear scientist have been killed on June 13 during a Blitzkrieg. During 8 hours Iran's air defense was not functioning.
- ❑ Strategic defeat: Iran recovered very fast and started the offense with a barrage of rockets destroying the economic and military infrastructure of Israel
- ❑ On June 24 there was a cessation of hostilities.

# Closing old doors

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- ❑ The relationship with the West was for a long time a divisive issue in Iran: can you trust the West and reach a deal? Yes or No.
- ❑ The economic situation, also due to the economic boycott, created much dissatisfaction.
- ❑ There is a group in Iran that hopes for normalization of relations with the West.
- ❑ The war has shattered that hope. Hardly anybody in Iran now thinks that the West can be trusted.

# Opening new ones

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- ❑ Rejuvenating the Islamic Revolution
- ❑ Emphasis on economic relations with the Global South
- ❑ Military cooperation with Russia and China.

# Rejuvenating the Islamic Revolution

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People take to the street in support of the Armed Forces and the revolution.

Chief of Police: 90 percent of our success in catching spies, traitors, and those who were deceived was achieved by the people and the reports they gave. Since the beginning of the war, the number of 110 calls has increased by 41 percent compared to the same period, the Chief of Police said: All this increase was due to the cooperation of the people in cases that were suspected.

# Focus on economic development

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The Iranian government officially announced the initiation of a major national reconstruction program aimed at revitalizing key sectors of its economy and infrastructure, as part of its broader National Development Strategy. The plan, which encompasses housing, agriculture, industry, and core infrastructure, is framed as a step toward improving Iranians' quality of life while strengthening the nation's capacity to withstand both internal challenges and external pressure.

Focus on BRICS and Global South.

# Military cooperation with Russia and China

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Russia: U.S. President Donald Trump said early on Friday he came away disappointed from a telephone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin because it does not appear the latter is looking to stop Russia's war against Ukraine. U.S. attempts to end Russia's war in Ukraine through diplomacy have largely stalled.

Impact on Iran: Russia moves away from compromise with the US. That will strengthen relations with Iran.

Iran shifts to China's GPS called BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) and Chinese advanced fighter jets.

Xi Jinping: "Our strategic interests in the Middle East will no longer be threatened. We will stand with Iran."

# Regional balance of power

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The old reality of the West: Abraham Accords and staying close to the US and Israel.

The family dictatorships face a new reality: the coming war which is inevitable they will have to choose: close the American military bases of face Iranian rockets destroying the basis and even their economy.

The war that was aimed to destroy the Revolution failed in its aim. Iran is now a military force that they have to weight against the military force of Israel and the US.

# The strategic vision of Ayatolla Ali Khamenei

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- ❑ Build a broad unity in Iran for coming wars.
- ❑ Employ strategic patience: don't react to early. There were many instances in which Iran could have initiated a war: the assassination of General Suleimani, the bombing of the Iranian embassy in Syria, the assassination of Hamas leader Haniye in Tehran. Khamenei choose not to do so and exercised strategic patience. Some people interpreted this was weakness.

# Shifting the initiative

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For years Iran was in a position of reacting to whatever the West came up with: peace deals, IAEA inspections.

The war brought initiative into the hands of Iran. It can decide on whether to talk or not. It expelled the IAEA. Now the West has to wait for its next move: Nuclear Ambiguity. You don't know what Iran is going to do. When will you attack?

# The impact for the world: the need for ideological reorientation

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- ❑ We are in a period of transition: from what to what?
- ❑ In Iran: if the West is not an alternative for liberals, what is then the alternative? Move to decolonial theory and Islam.
- ❑ The global secular left: build an alliance of secular and religious anti-imperialist movements.