

## Week 6 of World War III

### Introduction

In a stunning turn of events, the war against Iran has come to an end, for now. Normally, I present my weekly analysis on Saturday, but this is such a major event, that I need to provide my analysis earlier. Keep in mind that it based on my article on the logic of the war between Iran and the West in which I argue that we are about to witness a dramatic transformation in world history that can be compared to the transformations that occurred because of World War I and World War II. The article was written on Friday February 20, 2026. The next day the war started. Six weeks, 40 days, later there is a cease fire.

### The US strategy

The initial US strategy was based on two pillars:

- A joint initiative of the US and Israel to destroy Iran.
- A 15 point plan that required the surrender of Iran.

Once the war started the US presented the fifteen points. These are the points:

1. One-month ceasefire
2. Dismantle all nuclear capabilities
3. No pursuit of nuclear weapons
4. End all uranium enrichment
5. Transfer all nuclear material to IAEA
6. Close Natanz, Isfahan & Fordow sites
7. Unrestricted IAEA inspections
8. Abandon regional proxies
9. Halt funding & arming of proxies
10. Keep Strait of Hormuz open
11. Limit missile program later
12. Defensive-only military forces
13. Lift all sanctions
14. Support Bushehr nuclear energy
15. End snapback sanctions

### The Iranian strategy

As I mentioned in my starting [article](#) there are two major aims that Iran and the Axis of resistance have formulate regarding a war met the US and Israel:

1. The expulsion of the U.S. from West Asia.
2. The destruction of the apartheid state of Israel and the complete liberation of Palestine.

As the war moved on, Iran presented a 10-point plan in response to the 15-point plan of Trump. These are the points:

1. No new aggression against Iran
2. Continued Iranian control over the Strait of Hormuz
3. Acceptance of enrichment
4. Removal of all primary sanctions
5. Removal of all secondary sanctions
6. Termination of all UN Security Council resolutions
7. Termination of all Board of Governors resolutions

8. Payment of compensation to Iran
9. Withdrawal of US combat forces from the region
10. Cessation of war on all fronts, including against the heroic Islamic Resistance of Lebanon

## **A crushing defeat of the US and Israel**

According to [CNN](#) Trump views these 10-points as "a workable basis on which to negotiate," while a final agreement will be drawn up in the next two weeks. Compare the 10 and 15 point and mark the differences. Iran's plan does not mention any of the major points of the 15-points of Trump, notable the nuclear weapons. This is a crushing defeat of the US. And that is how it is seen the supporters of the US war against Iran.

In Israel opposition leader Yair Lapid calls the ceasefire a "political disaster". Lapid said the agreement sidelined Israel from critical decisions affecting its national security. He [wrote](#): "Never in our entire history have we experienced such a diplomatic disaster. Israel wasn't even at the table when decisions were made regarding the core of our security."

Trump made the deal without Israel! The united front of the US and Israel has been shattered because of Iran's success in this war. This will have far reaching consequences in the future.

Another anti Iran political commentary, CNN's [Fareed Zakaria](#) is baffled by the ceasefire. He says: "This is the single biggest strategic shift that's taken place and strategic loss for the United States and its allies. What this war has done is handed Iran a weapon that is far more usable than nuclear weapons, which is the Strait of Hormuz choking off global oil supplies, essentially disrupting global economy. And what they have realized is they have this weapon. They can use it. They can turn it on and off without will. It means that at this point the United States and its Gulf allies are in a sense hostage to Iranian good graces in order to get their product out. The nuclear program is not even in the 10 points. That is \$90 billion of additional revenue for Iran on top of about 50 to 60 billion in oil revenue. It's a very strange outcome."

## **What has led to the defeat?**

There are x factors that have led to this defeat.

First is the military power of Iran and its success on the battlefield. The US boasted of having the mightiest army of the world, implying that they can win any war. In reality the mightiest army is also the dumbest army of the world. They lost in Vietnam. They lost in Afghanistan and now they lost in Iran. Iran has been preparing for this war for decades as I explained in my first article. They did not need a nuclear weapon. They focused their strategy on developing modern warfare technology with drones, ballistic and hypersonic missiles. That strategy worked. With these weapons they wiped out the US military bases and installations in the region and attacked Israel military infrastructure. The longer the war went on, the more the US and Israeli arsenal got depleted. Their radar installations were destroyed and thus they blinded the military operations of US and Israel. Their stock of interceptor was rapidly decreasing. Furthermore, Iran appeared to have developed state of the art technology that was not even used yet.

Secretary of the Russian Security Council, Sergei Shoigu, [disclosed](#) these capabilities when he stated: "Iran possesses offensive missile systems that the United States does not have. There are highly advanced missiles that have not yet been used. Iran has a stockpile capable of destroying the entire Middle East." He added: "We call on the United States and Israel to immediately end the war and admit the failure of the military operation against Iran. Otherwise, the loss and damage will come as a surprise even to them."

Iran was hit by the bombardments of the US and Israel, but it did not surrender. On the contrary. It prevailed.

The nail in the coffin was the latest military failure of the US. It has now become clear that military operation near Isfahan had no connection to the claimed rescue of a downed

F-15 fighter pilot, a narrative initially pushed by American officials. Instead, evidence indicates that the real objective was to infiltrate and attack one of Iran's nuclear facilities in Isfahan. Investigative journalist Seymour Hersh learned, that 390 kilograms of enriched uranium are known by Israeli intelligence to be stored at the underground nuclear facility in Isfahan, 25 to 30 kilograms at Natanz, and 15 kilograms at bombed-out Fordow. US and Israeli military teams have tracked locations and have been studying the question of how to fight their way into the tunnels and retrieve the enriched materials. The next step would be to transport the canisters by helicopter to a covert US base in Azerbaijan.

The landing site for C-130 transport aircraft, chosen based on previous reconnaissance, was an abandoned airstrip located close to the nuclear site of Isfahan. The deployment of numerous US aircraft occurred while the Iranian Armed Forces were in full alert, waiting for them. In fact, American special forces fell directly into a trap set by Iranian forces. After the special forces realized they had fallen into the trap, the White House situation room made a critical decision: the main operation to infiltrate the nuclear site was changed into a desperate rescue operation for the dozens of US commandos trapped under Iranian fire. There were a total of 155 aircraft and hundreds of US military personnel involved in the operation. The Iranians were waiting for them. It failed miserably. Trump drew the conclusion: the only option left is to nuke Iran. That is why he came with the threat to end their civilization, but the whole thing backfired.

Second was the morale of its leadership and population. As I mentioned in my first article, the Iranian Revolution is a popular revolution. Western media don't report this, but millions of Iranians have taken to the street to express their support for the government and the revolution. The amazing extent of this support was the reaction of the population to the threats of Trump to obliterate Iran from the map, presumably with nuclear weapons. On March 28, the government of Iran provided a phone number "14376758" and instructed citizens to volunteer to defend their countries by sacrificing their life needed. They can register by calling the number and dial the digit "1". Officials encouraged widespread participation by sending text messages and launching appeals on national media and online platforms. High-ranking officials, including President Masoud Pezeshkian and Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, publicly registered and shared screenshots of their completed registration forms. In total 14 million Iranians have registered for this endeavor.

Human chains were formed at several key sites, including power plants in Bushehr (home to Iran's sole nuclear power plant), Tabriz, Mashhad, and Kazerun, as well as on major bridges in the southwestern cities of Ahvaz and Dehloran. The movement was encouraged by Iranian officials. Alireza Rahimi, the secretary of the Supreme Council of Youth and Adolescents, invited citizens to form "a human chain of Iranian youth for a bright future". The US observed this development and concluded that there was zero chance of regime change in Iran.

The typical sarcastic response of to Trump's threat to take Iran "back to the Stone Ages" came from Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi. He replied: "*There's one striking difference between the present and the Stone Age: there was no oil or gas being pumped in the Middle East back then.*" This illustrated how Iranians are not intimidated at all by Trump's bombastic threats.

Third is the international isolation of the US as the war progressed. NATO refused to participate in the war. In fact, NATO troops left Iraq after many years of occupation because of the war. Key NATO members like French president Macron and Spanish premier Pedro Sánchez openly criticize Trump, who then reacts that he might leave NATO.

On March 11 the UN Security Council on Wednesday adopted a Bahrain-led resolution condemning Iranian attacks on several regional states. It also demands the "immediate cessation" of all attacks by Iran against these countries. Russia and China abstained in the vote, which must have been disappointing for Iran. But then on April 7, Russia and China, vetoed Bahrain's resolution demanding the opening of the state of Hormuz. They are now taking a stronger stance against the US.

Fourth is the growing opposition in the US against Trump, especially in his own MAGA base amidst the approaching midterm elections in November. [Tucker Carlson](#), an influential MAGA member, called upon *"to reject any plan to slaughter Iranian civilians, including through the potential use of a nuclear weapon."*

And it became clear that when Trump threatened to wipe out Iran's civilization he was clearly thinking of using nuclear bombs. It might have triggered a military coup d'etat in the USA against Trump! The US is dangerously instable now.

More than 70 Democratic lawmakers, questioning Trump's mental fitness, called for the president's removal from office through impeachment or the 25th Amendment. Even some Republicans are now mobilizing against Trump.

Trump is panicking and feels that there is no way out. If he would continue the attack on Iran, the whole oil infrastructure of his allies in Western Asia would be destroyed. He had no choice and sacrificed Israel by making a deal with Iran on Iran's terms. This is a major development.

## **The implications for the future**

Part one of the strategic objective of Iran (US out of Western Asia) is going to be realized. Part two - the destruction of the apartheid state of Israel - will take shape in the coming months.

Today, the world changed. How? I will follow the transformation as we move on to the next stage of the war: the consolidation of Iran's military and political power and the preparation for the next stage: the confrontation with Israel and only Israel.

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