

IF ALL-OUT WAR BREAKS OUT IN IRAN IT WILL MARK THE OPENING SHOTS OF WORLD WAR THREE.

Trump never does anything by half measures, at least verbally. Emboldened by success in Venezuela he has sent a 'great Armada' to threaten and intimidate Iran. For its part the Iranians said any attack on Iran would result in a full-scale response. Whose voice is more powerful?

Phase one of this, the second attempt within a year, aimed at regime change as the prelude to reducing Iran to a failed state, took place between December 28 and January 14. In late December Western money market acting on the instructions of Washington and Tel Aviv, and funded by undisclosed sources, crashed the Iranian Rial. This provoked a *cost of buying* crisis which saw merchants out on the streets. This in turn provoked a more generalised protest which was exploited by Mi6, Mossad and CIA thugs connected via at least 10,000 Starlinks terminals.

Thus, this was a prepared coup not a spontaneous uprising. By January 14 the protests were over. The regime change attempt had failed. This was not only due to repression, but also to most protesters going home when they saw what was going on in the streets, with gangs shooting the security forces, shooting protestors to provoke confrontations and so on. Basically, a repetition of the Maidan Coup in Kyiv when protestors were shot by CIA mercenaries which was then blamed on the government. However, this time the bulk of protesters understood what these organised protests potentiated; turning Iran into a failed state like Libya, Syria and now Ukraine. They did not want to be part of it.

It could be said the regime ended up stronger not weaker. The [many thousands of Starlink terminals](#) smuggled into the country by various agencies including NGOs turned from an asset into a liability for the Yankee/Zionist Axis of Reaction. Not only did Russia and China provide the technical assistance to interfere with the Starlink devices, but also how to locate where they were being used. This allowed the Iranian regime to descend on these locations to sweep up thousands of foreign agents and sympathisers weakening the opposition.

The evidence is quite clear. This interesting and perceptive podcast from [Professor Mearsheimer](#) details the events leading up to January 14th. This podcast confirms what had been suspected. The speed and efficiency with which the protests were dealt with came as a shock to both Washington and Tel Aviv. Originally, Netanyahu matched Trumpian bravado claiming that Isreal could absorb up to [700 Iranian missiles](#) if war broke out. But after Jan 14, Mearsheimer reported that behind the scenes Israel was communicating that it was stepping aside and would not join a US strike on Iran. It seems that even the arrogant Zionists could not fail to draw the bitter lesson about Iranian missiles resulting from the 12-day war fought in mid-2025. By day four of that war Israeli military officials based at the Pentagon were barging into meetings hosted by 3 and 4 star generals, much to their annoyance, demanding US support due to the damage Iranian missiles were causing becoming apparent. By day 12, Trump was begging for a ceasefire as Iranian missiles overwhelmed what was left of Israeli anti-missile defences.

If Iran did not finish off Israel in 2025 this is likely due to caution from Russia and China, as well as Israel hinting it was reaching for the *Samson Option*, nuclear weapons. This time such a bluff is unlikely to work as Iran recognises the US will not stop until Iran falls, so it has little to lose from eliminating the US as well as the Israeli threat in the region. The Gulf States and Turkey recognise this too, that an

unsuccessful Iranian attack will reshape the Middle East forever because it will explode into a regional war. This much was made clear by [Iran's supreme leader](#). This is why the Gulf leaders and Turkey are requesting restraint on the part of Trump.

But Iran not only raises the spectre of a regional war but a global war. Any successful attack on China and Russia requires the US secures its logistical routes, and despite the so-called rifts with Europe, the [Gulf maritime routes](#) are vital to joining the Pacific to Europe in what would be total war. No General or Admiral embarks on a war without securing their flanks, and the Gulf flanks any war in the Pacific.

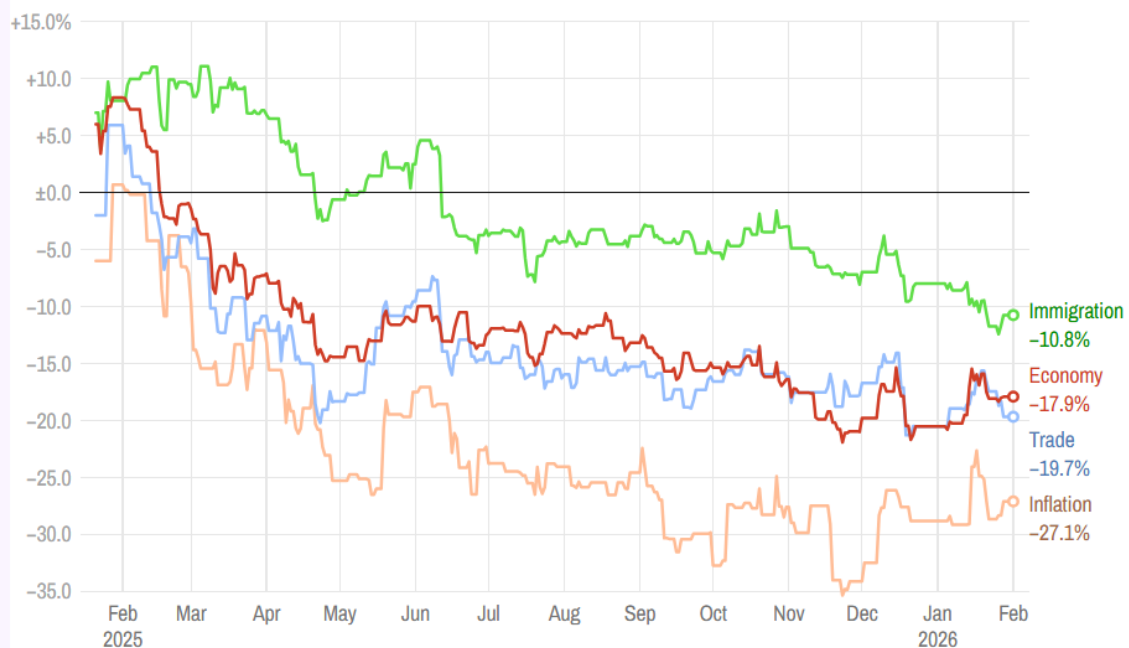
As for Russia, they will do what is necessary to prevent Iran being turned into another Ukraine and used to attack its vulnerable under-belly from the South. The same is true for China. If the US is intent on securing the Gulf sea-lanes by toppling Iran, then China is intent on preserving its land bridges to Europe called the *Middle Road* which is part of the *Belt and Braces Project*. Without Iran that project ends short of the Gulf, and the Caspian Sea, then onto the Black Sea and beyond.

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Politically Trump is boxed in. He does not want to appear as a latter-day Sisyphus fated to roll out threats back and forth. Having boasted about his armada approaching the Gulf he cannot order it back. He needs a win, some face-saving concession from Iran. Thus far the Iranians have failed to oblige.

Trump needs to project power abroad because his position at home is weakening by the week. The latest Epstein releases, inadvertently posted an unredacted report which was available for 20 minutes, revealing that [Trump had auctioned off girls](#) some as young as thirteen while fingering them. This was too much for even Maga stalwarts like the boxer [Ryan Garcia](#). Even before this unduckable revelation Trump's [disapproval rating was hitting lows](#) on every count including immigration.

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And of course, a weakened president, even after yelling for lower interest rates and an indentured Federal Reserve, had no choice but to back off in the end. Of all the nominees to replace Powell, he nominated the one most favoured by Wall Street, [Kevin Warsh](#).

However, all this weakness does not make a war in Iran less likely in the absence of concessions it makes it more likely.

And time is running out for Trump on the economic front as well. Not only are problems surfacing in the financial world, not only is Big-Tech's AI super-scaling business-model breaking down, but China's EUV lithography machine is passing milestones faster than expected in the West. These two reports [here](#) and [here](#) based on a recent Reuters article reveals that the prototype has already achieved a 60% yield. This is not far off the 80% yield making commercial use viable. ASML investors upon hearing the news sold down the company.

Once China rolls out these machines which will produce chips much more cheaply and with less power, its game over for the US tech monopoly. China will be able to commercially and competitively produce <5nm chips powering everything from smartphones to data centres. It's not alternatives to the SWIFT payment services or replacement currencies which will break the dollar, it is Chinese technical excellence which will rob the US of the monopoly profits bolstering the dollar.

And time is running out for Trump on the military front in Ukraine as well. Russian advances and Ukrainian weaknesses are rendering the peace negotiations in Dubai irrelevant. Trump is not going to achieve the honour of peacemaker to disguise the biggest most consequential defeat of US imperialism since Vietnam. Instead that defeat will be paraded down the Beltway for all to see.

Conclusion.

We are days away from Trump being forced to decide whether or not to attack Iran. It was predictable that Trump would finally misstep, paint himself into a corner. That's how major wars break out when the grass is dry and it takes only one spark. That moment has arrived. The world is holding its breath.

Brian Green, 1st February 2026.