

ALL IRAN NEEDS TO DO IS TO SURVIVE.

We have entered day six of the war, with Trump now [confidently demanding an unconditional ceasefire](#). The war is getting increasingly bloody as Israel and the USA intensify their aerial campaign to bludgeon Iran into submission, and if that is not possible, to reduce it to a failed state.

The Straits of Hormuz is closed. Brent Crude is currently trading above \$90 a barrel up over 30% this week. Natural Gas has spiked by over 90%. The Houthis or Ansar Allah have yet to close the Gulf of Aden thereby blocking the Suez Canal adding to the woes of the global economy. On the other hand, Hezbollah has attacked Israel and is engaged in battles on the ground in Southern Lebanon.

For the time being US markets have shrugged off the war convinced of the invincibility of the USAF and IAF promising imminent victory. They are down about 3%, far less than European bourses. The US unlike Europe is buffered by its own oil and gas production. But more ominously the 10-year bond rate is beginning to rise out of fear of rising inflation.

The war has become global in reach with the sinking of an Iranian frigate by a US submarine off the coast of Sri Lanka. Iran for its part is considering whether to attack the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) pipeline, which transports crude from Azerbaijan to Israel. The Iranians have much to be aggrieved with Azerbaijan given how often it has been used as the northern base Israel uses to attack Iran.

Notably there has been an isolated attack on the British air base at Akrotiri in Cyprus which may have come from Lebanon. Akrotiri is being used as the rear base for US and Israeli aircraft as it is out of range of most Iranian missiles. NATO is rushing defences to the Island. An attack on Cyprus which is part of Greece is an attack on a European country which could plausibly be considered an attack on a NATO country invoking [Article 5 of the Treaty](#). This could provide the pretext for NATO to enter the war against Iran.

Iran has effectively destroyed the US bases and ports situated in the Gulf region. The damage could be as high as \$100 billion according to Scott Ritter. These will have to be rebuilt if the US seeks to retain its presence in the region. It looks likely that the money previously pledged to rebuild US manufacturing by Gulf leaders will instead be used to rebuild infrastructure in the Gulf itself. Casualties have been far lower than the destruction suggests because the US has depopulated these bases in anticipation of these attacks.

But it is not the only issue of replacing military infrastructure if the US is to rebase in the region. Unrest amongst Shiite populations is growing, particularly in [Bahrain](#). Unless the West secures a decisive victory over Iran, this unrest will grow and regime change could occur not in Iran but on the other side of the Straits. And if it does, the US will not be welcomed back to countries like Bahrain. This may not come to pass, but what has already become obvious is that the US missile shield which the Gulf elites relied on to protect themselves at great cost, is as porous as a colander, and that poses a serious challenge to US credibility in the region.

In turn the US and Israel are attempting to generate civil war and insurgency within the borders of Iran. Kurdish separatists financed and armed by the CIA are attempting to breach Iran's northern borders. There is evidence of [ongoing clashes](#) in these areas adjacent to Iraq. At the same time the USAF and

IAF is using their Gaza playbook by not only attacking Iran's military but police stations and municipalities seeking to weaken the regime and aid any civil unrest in Iran itself.

Iran will continue to degrade US radars and missile batteries located in the Gulf States. There is evidence that one early warning radar and three THAD batteries have been destroyed. These are multi-billion installations and their loss is creating blind spots which Iran can exploit. While it appears that Gulf oil installations have been attacked, this could be false flag incidents perpetrated by the Israelis with the goal of [goaded Gulf countries into attacking Iran](#). Whatever the case, China has asked Iran to refrain from attacking energy installations and hubs as this will have long term effects on the supply of energy. Another false flag incident is the single drone attack on Azerbaijan which Iran has denied.

Photographic evidence shows the ineffectiveness of Israeli air defences against accelerating Iranian warheads, cluster warheads and electronic warfare decoys. In one episode 11 Patriot missiles costing \$4 million failed to intercept one Iranian missile. Here is [Professor Ted Postol](#) estimate, based on the available evidence, where he concludes that the interception rate is below 10%. I believe the average is higher, but still, this is far below the rate achieved in the early part of the 12-day war last year suggesting the Iranians have learnt more from that war than have the Israelis and their US masters. There is another tangential proof of failing interceptor rates in Israel, and that is the wasteful use of Iron Dome rockets which are being launched in large numbers trying for a lucky or desperate hit against missiles they were not designed to intercept.

The Iranians must be convinced the Israelis are running down their defensive missile stocks, because for the first time on Thursday, as part of their 19th wave, Iran has multi-launched their biggest missile the *Khorramshahr 4* carrying a one-ton warhead which is roughly four times the size of their other missiles. This is a missile that can level a city block, a port, an airport (Ben Gurion) or a power station. It can intensify the damage being done to Israel, which is already extensive, in fact so extensive that the authorities there are censoring the internet to prevent footage of the damage leaking out.

Conclusion.

The brutal slugfest continues. There is clear evidence that the quantity of Iranian launches is declining. This is understandable. With Israeli planes roaming the skies above Iran the opportunity to establish launch windows is reduced. Thus, reduced missiles hitting Israel could be more to do with opportunity than with missile stocks. If the latter is the case, then Iran can continue the missile war for weeks.

While it is clear that the combined Israeli forces far outnumber the destructive power projected by Iran, it is also a question which country can absorb the most blows. Iran's population is 9 times greater than Israel and its territory is 80 times larger. In addition, the Israeli population, like all bullying nations is unaccustomed to being on the receiving end of an attack and therefore their threshold for absorbing pain is lower. Thus adjusting for all the variables, the Iranian regime remains opposed to a ceasefire and continues to play the long game knowing time is on their side despite the destruction to their country.

The big question is the damage being done to the world economy. It is too early to draw hard conclusions yet. But what can be expected is that with each week the war continues the greater the threat to the world economy. This is confirmed by the [Qatari oil minister](#) who said this war had the potential to "bring down" the world economy.

The US is not exceptional despite being buffered by their own oil patch. Figures released today found a sharp fall in employment resulting in a [flat labour market](#) over the last three months. Retail sales fell as well both in value and in volume terms. Residential housing permits were also down year on year. And more ominously with [stock markets flat YTD](#) despite the AI hype, the lack of capital gains will neutralise any spending gains from the tax cuts beginning next month. Thus, all in all the US economy remains fragile to falling already.

This war is unpopular. In the US [59% of those polled](#) oppose it. The same applies to the peacemongering President. His approval rating fell 4% since the war broke out. Europe is against the war as well. The only country supporting the war, is of course, Israel. But passive opposition to the war will not suffice. It requires active opposition ranging from protests to direct interventions. These are beginning but their impact is limited. Below is the leaflet I wrote for our march tomorrow through our city. I consider this only the start.

IRAN: A WORLD WAR IN ONE COUNTRY

The war in Iran is not a regional war; it is a global war.

All the big powers are involved, with the USA on one side, and China and Russia supporting Iran on the other.

Its purpose is to crush the Iranian regime and recolonise Iran.

- to turn Iran into another Ukraine to attack Russia

- to push China out of the Middle East

- to corner President Xi when Trump goes to Beijing next month

- to protect Israel and promote the Greater Israel project.

To this end the US and Israel are waging total war, killing the political leadership, killing intellectuals, attacking schools, attacking hospitals, attacking cultural centres, attacking infrastructure. The US has started to use its heavy bombers. It's beginning to look like Gaza all over again.

We are being forced-marched into World War 3. Declining Hegemons like the USA do not go quietly into the night, they set the night on fire.

We need to resist. The hour is urgent. Both the US Airforce and the RAF are loading up with nuclear weapons at their airbases in Norfolk & Suffolk. Any major war will be fought not only over there but over here as well. Join the anti-war movement. Your life may depend on it.

Brian Green, 6th March 2026