

## THE WAR AGAINST IRAN ENTERS ITS SECOND MONTH. TRUMP FLOUNDERS WHILE THE WORLD ECONOMY BEGINS TO WILT.

*As the war enters its second month it's time to take stock despite the fog of war and the psy-ops by Usrael. But there is already one casualty, Trump has rescheduled his visit to Beijing to May while continuing to under-estimate Iran and their backers despite claiming his has destroyed 99% of Iran's military.*

It is difficult to draw up a balance sheet of the war. No side declares the level of damage it has sustained nor its remaining capacities amidst during an ongoing war. But clearly this is turning into a two-horse race. What will give out first, Israeli interceptors or Iranian missiles and drones? If Iran's capacity to fire missiles gives out first it loses, if Israel is rendered defenceless it can be systematically taken apart.

It is likely that Israeli interceptors will run out first primarily due to the fact that it takes multiple interceptors to hit one incoming missile. As [this site](#) which analyses numbers, as well as the numbers used up and production rates, shows, Israel has already run out of its most important Exo-atmospheric missiles -THAAD and Arrow 3 – and is days away from running out of Iron Dome missiles. Exo-atmospheric missiles which operate in the quite of space have a better chance of hitting incoming missiles than ones which operate in the turbulent atmosphere. The depletion of Iron Dome missiles is important in the context of Hezbollah missiles which being shorter range and slower are more vulnerable to Iron Dome interceptions. Once the Iron Dome is depleted [Hezbollah rockets](#) will reap havoc amongst concentrated IDF columns in and approaching Lebanon. The same applies to Iran's drone arsenal, these slow-moving weapons will then come into their own, tying up the Israeli Airforce while still increasing their ability to hit targets. This will render Israel at a severe disadvantage as Iran has tens of thousands of these drones each costing as little as \$20,000. At this point we will have entered Phase 2 of the war.

On the Iranian side, [the above site](#) calculated that Iran had 67 days of missile inventory taking it to the end of April. What this site failed to take into account is the [clandestine logistical support](#) Russia and China are giving Iran to help sustain its drone and missile inventories. In contrast to Trump's repeated boasts that Iran's arsenal of missiles has been obliterated which was similar to his claims last year that its nuclear facilities were obliterated, a more honest and sober report from US Intelligence admitted that only "[about a third](#)" of Iran's missiles had been destroyed.

The final figure and durability of Iran's arsenal depend on the success or not of Usrael air strikes on Iran which amount to 10,000 strikes to date. Many have targeted civilians and civilian infrastructure. "*It's been four weeks of war now, and [Iran has been through a lot of destruction](#) – 92,000 civilian units damaged or destroyed, including 71,000 residential units, 20,000 businesses, 600 schools and 290 medical facilities.*" The Israelis and the US have clearly given up on regime change because these kinds of attacks just pisses off the broader population. Clearly the US has still not learnt the lessons of 1944 and 1945 when carpet bombing did not break the German and Japanese populations.

Evidence has recently appeared that the USAF and IAF have not been having it all their own way. It seems Iranian Air defences have resurfaced. Reports of the shooting down of one F22, up to three F35 and numerous F18 and F16 planes seem credible. Whether this is due to newly supplied radars and missiles or systems brought out of hiding or simply new tactics learnt in the heat of battle is difficult

to know. But if the threat of loss of planes becomes a deterrence, adding to the continued losses on the ground as well as the wear and tear of continuous sorties, then clearly the ability of Usrael to degrade Iranian missiles and launchers will be reduced as the number of sorties is reduced.

Whatever the case, every day the war progresses Israel will have fewer and fewer interceptors at their disposal. Already there is discord in Israel as the IDF rations interceptors focusing on high value sites. In my estimation the balance of missiles favours Iran despite the IAF and USAF targeting launch sites. Although the US and Israel are able to deliver much more destructive power via their air force, this has to be set in the context that we now live in the era of the missile.

And all is not well on the ground either. The Israeli Chief of Staff recently announced at a meeting, where the Israeli Prime Minister was present, that the army was at breaking point and that it could "[collapse on itself](#)". That the army was fighting on too many fronts with too few soldiers and that conscription needed to be expanded to include the religious sections of Israeli society as the seculars could no longer bear the burden alone. Clearly if conscription were to be expanded, that would kill the coalition around Netanyahu. Netanyahu is starting to feel the heat. He recently demanded an additional [400,000 non-existent troops](#) bringing the total up to 700,000 to complete the occupation of Gaza and Lebanon. Perhaps he should close the ports where fleeing Israelis are jumping on any available boat.

He will need these troops; the ground war is not going well for Israel in Lebanon. [Israel lost 21 Merkava tanks](#) on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, its worst one-day loss of armour in 40 years, bringing total losses to over 100 tanks. Seems Netanyahu and Trump, both racists and Islamophobes, joined by the hip in believing or telling themselves they have destroyed their inferior enemies, only for these enemies to spring up and punch them in the face.

And finally, the Houthis or Ansar Allah have joined the conflict. This was expected. Now the alternate route through the Gulf of Aden can be interdicted halting Saudi oil supplies through its pipeline. And secondly, it exposes Southern Israel to Houthi missiles and launches. "[Mohamad Elmasry](#), a professor of Media Studies at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, described the Houthis entering the US-Israeli war on Iran as "very significant".

Israeli society seems to be in better order than its army, that is the part of the population which has not yet fled. The fear of Iran as an existential threat has been carved into the brains of every Israeli for generations. [This podcast](#) evaluates the morale and the mood in Israel itself. It seems that most Israelis are more worried that the USA will agree to a ceasefire before Iran is crushed than they are of the missiles themselves. But Iran is wearing them down. Most times Iran sends three volleys of missiles per night and often during the day forcing Israelis to scurry from bed and desk to shelter and back again. The human toll may be low, but the economic toll keeps growing. You cannot run a modern economy with workers running back and forth, tired, stressed and distracted. This is psychological warfare which in the long run is more effective than sending over single but larger volleys.

Donald Trump continues to waddle all over the place. He steps back, extends deadlines and all the while he lambasts his allies. He has extended his moratorium on not attacking Iran's energy systems until April 6. This however has not stopped him attacking the equally important water infrastructures in Iran. He recently took to calling [NATO](#) a paper tiger. Attacking your allies during the height of a war,

is not a sign of strength but of desperation. It gives succour to the enemy. Trump knows he is stuck in the shifting sands of the Middle East.

He continues to threaten a ground invasion despite the political consequences of body bags returning to Washington. If he is serious, it will not be Kharg Island. That is just deflection. It is more likely to be in the North supporting the Kurds and other opposition groups. This has the added advantage of locating missile sites in that part of Iran furthest away from the Gulf. It will also help seal the northern border through which Russian aid is arriving in Iran. Another clue is that out of the thirteen US bases in the Gulf, twelve have been destroyed by Iran and abandoned by the US, the only occupied base is in Northern Iraq, probably the staging ground for an attack on Iran.

### **Conclusion.**

Given the scale and nature of the attacks on Iran it is clear that Usrael have given up on regime change. This is Plan B. This is the destruction of Iran as a functioning state. Their goal, an undefeated but failed state absorbed by internal collapse, unable to threaten or defend against any external enemy for many years.

In turn Israel has been hammered. The evidence of the damage is limited to civilian areas. The Israeli government allows this kind of footage to portray Iran as barbarians for attacking civilian areas, despite the fact that they are masters at forming human shields to protect military assets by locating military and security bunkers in the heart of cities and town. However, the level of military destruction is unknown, but it is likely to be significant given the evidence of failed interceptions.

The attacks on US bases are ongoing. Notably the recent raid on the [Prince Sultan airbase](#) in Saudi Arabia in which numerous air tankers were destroyed and or damaged as well as an irreplaceable AWAC plane. In the US support for the war fades with each passing day. *"Trump's approval rating fell in recent days to its lowest point since he returned to the White House, with 61 per cent of Americans disapproving of the strikes, according to a Reuters-Ipsos poll released on 24 March. In the same poll, Trump's disapproval rating has surged to 62 per cent."* [Splits within the MAGA movement](#) have grown into fissures as this unpopular war and the expected drubbing in the mid-term elections takes its toll. Trump is sitting out the CPAC convention for fear of the reaction his presence may provoke.

The Iran war is even having an [effect in Russia](#). It is leading to increasingly public demands, that after four years of war in the Ukraine, more decisive military action needs to be undertaken to end the war quickly. For the first time, inspired by Iranian attacks on US bases, the pressure is mounting on Putin to escalate the war in Ukraine from one of attrition to outright war.

Only China is benefitting from this war in every sense. It is unaffected directly by it. Its nemesis the US is bleeding. Like the USA in the 1940s it may exit unscathed by the transformational shift in the global balance of power.

The next two weeks will be decisive. This is the window for a ground incursion and there is evidence Usrael will be stepping up the air war to subvert Iranian responses. Despite the attacks, Iran has maintained its retaliatory dominance. After repeated attacks on nuclear facilities in Iran, Iran hit Dimona for the third time. The resulting explosion could be seen tens of miles away as far away as Eilat. Whether the reactor has been disabled is not known.

Every day the war continues represents not only an incremental defeat for US imperialism but one which has cumulative consequences for the world economy. On Friday [Brent crude closed at \\$112.57](#) its highest level since the outbreak of the war propelled by the Houthis entering the war. Markets including Wall Street had a resulting bad day. Even the US markets, buffered by AI hubris are beginning to feel the impact of the war for the first time. Major stock indices are in correction territory. The expected 5% fall in US stock prices this quarter makes it the worst since the pandemic. These losses and higher prices will make a mockery of the tax give-aways in *Trump's Big Beautiful Bill*.

The war in Ukraine and Iran is setting the stage for a new world order. On the other side, society is beginning to sense the danger capitalism poses. There have been [huge demonstrations](#) around the world in Europe and the [USA](#) measured not in the tens of thousands but in the hundreds of thousands. There are the beginnings of a race between the change in the world order or systems change, a new society built on collective property ending the source of the wars between nations. Thank you Donald Trump, you have met our expectations by acting as the supreme recruiting Sargeant Major for revolution. What a clown.

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