

Suicide Mission: Why a War With Iran Will End in Another Defeat for the U.S. Military Machine

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On Hardball with Chris Matthews, a U.S. mainstream media program interviewed President Barack Obama and was asked about Russia's decision on lifting a ban on the sale of S-300 air-defense missile systems to Iran. According to the Jerusalem Post, Obama said "Our defense budget is somewhere just a little under \$600 billion. Theirs is a little over \$17 billion. Even if they've got some air defense systems, if we had to, we could penetrate them." Obama declares that the U.S. military would penetrate Iran's defenses while ignoring the fact that the Iranian forces would respond decisively to such an attack. The U.S. military would not be alone in its crusade against Iran. Israel and Saudi Arabia would also join their suicide mission. Let's talk about facts concerning Iran and how it would defend its territory from an invading force.

First, Iran is at least three times the population than Iraq was before the US invasion in 2003 which at least 1.4 million Iraqi deaths occurred. Iran is twice the size of the Ukraine. There are various estimates that the U.S. military would need at least 2 million troops on the ground to contain Iran which it does not have. The military's drone and ballistic missile technology along with its Air Force would not come close to dominating Iranian air space because they will use their S-300 air defense missile systems which they will receive from Russia. Russia recently decided to lift its ban from delivering the missile defense system to Iran which can repel any air attack although the Iranian military already has its own defense systems. Iran also has the Khalij-e Fars anti-ship ballistic missile (ASBM). The ASBM is a component of its defensive capabilities which is often called the "carrier-killer," a solid-fuel, supersonic Anti-Ship Ballistic Missile with a range of about 300 km or 186 miles that carries a 1,400 pound warhead that can sink U.S. naval carriers. Something U.S. Naval personnel should fear.

A war against Iran would ignite a regional conflict that would specifically target all U.S. bases and its military personal with Shiite militias leading the charge starting in Iraq. The U.S. Embassy in Bagdad would be targeted regardless of Washington's enormous amount of money spent (more than \$750 million according to various estimates) to fortify it. US troops who remain in Afghanistan would also be targeted by Iran's allies in the country. According to a 2012 report by *RT news*:

Gen. Hajizadeh explains in a statement this week that America's continuing support of Israel is enough to associate them with any attack waged against Iran, even if the US has officially condemned any plans to put boots in the ground to dismantle the rumored nuclear program.

"For this reason, we will enter a confrontation with both parties and will definitely be at war


with American bases should a war break out,” Hajizadeh says, according to a post on Iran’s state Al-Alam TV. Hajizadeh adds that among the US facilities that would be targeted are structures in Bahrain, Qatar and Afghanistan. “There will be no neutral country in the region,” Hajizadeh says. “To us, these bases are equal to US soil.”

During an U.S. attack on Iran, Israel would most likely move on Hezbollah targets provoking a reaction that will ignite another war. Hezbollah forces are quite capable of operating unguided and guided missile systems from Southern Lebanon. The total number of missiles and rockets that are in Hezbollah’s arsenal is between 40,000 and 110,000 according to various sources. They have short range Katyusha rockets operated by Hezbollah Special Forces launch teams which was used in 2006 Lebanon war. Katyusha rockets have a 30 Km or a 19 mile range which is capable of delivering at least 60 pounds of warheads right into Israeli territory. Hezbollah also has a number of missiles that can reach deep into Israeli territory. Syria would stay on alert as it continues to battle the U.S, Israeli and Saudi backed-rebels and other terrorist groups including ISIS who are trying to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad.

A War with Iran would Bankrupt the United States leading to its Greatest Depression

Russia would sit back for a short time and ready their forces as NATO becomes more aggressive on its borders with its war games. At the same, Putin is strategizing Russia’s economy with its partners by using the sanctions imposed by the West by moving away from the U.S. financial system. It is estimated that the U.S. war in Iraq costs more than \$3 trillion with over 4,400 deaths and more than 33,000 wounded military personal. A war with Iran would be at least triple the costs given the size and its defense capabilities with a military force of at least 1.5 million personnel. The cost would amount to \$10 trillion which would have to be borrowed and in the long run would bankrupt the U.S. mainland leading to a Great Depression. The total U.S. debt would reach \$30 trillion. The war hawks and its cronies in the Military-Industrial Complex would profit as middle class Americans and small businesses would pay the ultimate price of an economic meltdown that will be much worse than the 2008 financial crisis. The U.S. will eventually default on its debt obligations. What would Washington do after they default, ask the world to lend them some money?

How Iranian Citizens would react to an Attack by the U.S. and its Allies

In 1980, Saddam Hussein invaded Iran with U.S. backing. What was the result? The U.S. and Saddam Hussein thought that Iran was weak because of the chaos that followed the 1979 revolution which was proven wrong. After a few weeks of the Iraqi invasion, there were more than 100,000 volunteers rushing to Khuzistan region in order to fight the Iraqi forces. The invasion made Iran stronger. The people will unite; it was proven in the 1980’s despite its political turmoil. What makes Washington think they can win this war even with Israel and Saudi Arabia’s backing? 

It’s Conclusive: the U.S. Military would Lose Again

The U.S. will lose again, just like they did in Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq. You can add several wars the U.S. fought that ended in a stalemate including North Korea and the Seminole Wars in Florida (the second longest war in American History after Afghanistan). You can add Iran to the list of victors. But the biggest loser in all of this madness instigated by Washington D.C. and its patsies is the American, Saudi Arabian and Israeli citizens who

pay their taxes. Obama thinks that spending \$600 billion on defense would assure a victory over Iran, but it does not matter because the Iranian people would find a way to win against the foreign aggressor.

The U.S. Empire is in decline along with its demoralized military personnel who are used as pawns in wars for profit and geopolitical control of sovereign nations. At the same time, politicians in Washington D.C. and their corporate and banking cronies continue to celebrate their record profits by smoking cigars and drinking Johnnie Walker Blue label scotch while the U.S. economy is heading towards a collapse. That is the reality. And that reality will sink in, if a war with Iran begins. Hopefully, peace will prevail in the end, but the war hawks in Washington will stop at nothing for power and control over the entire planet even if it means putting their military men and women in harm's way just like they did in their past wars of aggression.

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