



Iran Fear-Mongering: Provoking The U.S. Into War With Tehran?

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Glenn Greenwald (GG): On Wednesday, there were drones that were mysteriously hovering over New Jersey and people saw them and then saw more of them today. And obviously were quite alarmed because nobody knows where they came from. And immediately we were told that it was Iran that had not just launched these drones but did so from this sinister vessel called "the mothership", "the Iranian mothership". And this "mothership", we were told, was menacingly lurking off of the east coast of the United States, very close to our sea border. Here is ABC News. The title is: The Pentagon is forced to shoot down Iran "mothership"

claims amid New Jersey drone mystery. "It remains unclear who is operating the drones, DHS said." So the government had to come out and say: we don't have any evidence that it's Iran, there's no mothership, there's no Iranian vessel lurking near the borders of the United States. But the leaks that came tried to pin it immediately later on Iran. Here is a Republican member of Congress, Congressman Van Drew, who went on Fox News yesterday. And this became essentially the way in which this all started.

Harris Faulkner: In focus now, Republican Congressman Jeff Van Drew of New Jersey, member of the House Judiciary Committee, on the Hill right now. How do you address this at this point?

Jeff Van Drew (JVD): Well, here's the real deal, Harris. You know, I'm also on the transportation committee on the aviation subcommittee, and I've gotten to know people. And from very high sources, very qualified sources, very responsible sources, I'm going to tell you the real deal. Iran launched...

GG: From very high sources, from very responsible and reliable sources, he's going to tell us the real deal of where these scary drones hovering over our fellow citizens in New Jersey, the state of New Jersey, where these drones came from.

JVD: Iran launched a mothership probably about a month ago that contains these drones.

GG: Does anyone know what a mothership is, by the way? I remember Sam Harris once said that Islam is the motherlode of bad ideas. And I remember when his protege, Bari Weiss, went on Joe Rogan, and we showed you that clip recently, where she said Tulsi Gabbard is the motherlode of bad ideas. But I don't quite know what a mothership is. How is that distinguished from a ship or a naval vessel? What is a mothership? Is it the ship that hovers over all the other ships? The one that spawned them and gave birth, the elevated one? The scariest one in the arsenal? What is a mothership? What is that actually? What would that mean if Iran had a mothership hovering and lurking and slinking around the east coast of the United States? And I'm asking that genuinely, I don't think I've heard that term before.

JVD: – probably about a month ago, that contains these drones, that mothership is off – I'm going to tell you the deal – it's off the east coast of the United States of America. They've launched drones, it's everything that we can see or hear. And again these are from high sources, I don't say this lightly. Now, you know we know there was a probability it could have been our own government, we know it's not our own government because they would have let us know, it could have been some...

GG: We know that it's not our own government. How do we know that? Because they would have let us know. Our government is globally renowned for their extreme transparency and honesty with the public, especially when it comes to the drone programme and other unidentifiable military instruments. When they're going to do something, they tell us right away. So if they were the ones who sent drones above New Jersey, they would have told us,

our government would have, and since our government did not tell us that, we know for sure, says Congressman Van Drew, that it's not from the United States. So we've already eliminated one country for sure. In the mystery of who did this, the United States can't possibly have done it because they would have told us and they didn't.

JVD: We know it's not our own government because they would have let us know. It could have been some really glorified hobbyist or hobbyists that were doing something unbelievable – they don't have the technology. But let's pretend that's possible. The third possibility was somebody, an adversarial country, doing this. Know that Iran made a deal with China to purchase drones, motherships and technology in order to go forward. The sources I have are good, they can't reveal who they are because they are speaking to me in confidentiality. These drones should be shot down. Whether it was some crazy hobbyist that we can't imagine, or whether it is Iran, and I think it very possibly could be, they should be shot down. We are not getting the full deal and the military is on alert with this.

GG: I mean, he was allowed to babble on like that for almost two minutes uninterrupted. He had zero evidence for anything he was asserting. Also, kind of self contradictory, if our government is so transparent that they would tell us immediately if it were them who were operating these drones – apparently, according to him, our government knows for sure that it's Iran, so why isn't the government saying that? And in fact, none only hasn't our government told us that, they had to come out today and deny that they have any evidence, not only that Iran is responsible for and behind these drones, but that Iran is hovering over or lurking near the East Coast of the United States with its motherships, the mother ship that launched these drones. It was just a kind of deranged fever dream that he decided to share on Fox News and claim that very reliable and senior sources told him this.

Now, that obviously is something that you would do if you want to make America think, Americans believe, that Iran is a very scary country because Americans don't wake up worrying about Iran. It's very far away from our country. There's been no attacks by Iran on our country. And so if you want to convince Americans that they're endangered by Iran so that they will support a preemptive strike or a bombing campaign on that country, even though the Iranians have not attacked us, you need to start scaring Americans to believe that they in fact are in some way some grave danger posed to the United States.

The Wall Street Journal is doing a good job, if that's what your goal is, in trying to fan these flames. It was the Wall Street Journal that several months ago claimed that it was Iran that was trying to murder Donald Trump, knowing that if he won the presidency, that's something that would be quite important to him, especially if a bullet passes your head and misses blowing your head off by about a centimetre. You're going to be pretty sensitive if you hear that there's a country that's trying to send assassins to murder you. That might actually increase the likelihood that Trump or all people would want to go bomb Iran first and change its government. And here, lo and behold, is The Wall Street Journal today: *Trump Team Weighs Options, Including Airstrikes, to Stop Iran's Nuclear Program*. "Advisers to the president-elect, concerned economic pressure isn't enough to contain Tehran, consider

military action." Quote, "Officials on Trump's transition team say they intend to enforce current sanctions and impose new ones, including redesignating the Tehran-backed Houthis in Yemen as a foreign terrorist organisation and prohibiting countries that buy Iranian oil from purchasing American energy. But more needs to be done than increased economic and financial pressure because Iran 'is actively trying to kill President Trump', an anonymous person on the transition said. 'That certainly influences everybody's thinking when it comes to what the relationship is out the gate.'" And of course, that would. If I were Donald Trump and I was being told by people I trusted that the Iranian government is trying to murder me a month after I faced two very close assassination attempts, that's something I would probably factor into the equation about whether or not we should go to war with Iran. I presume everybody would. Hopefully Donald Trump will be sceptical of those claims, and understand the motive behind them. But it's not that easy to be incredibly objective when it comes to attacks on your own person. That's why this story is so valuable to him.

And again, it's the Wall Street Journal, the same Wall Street Journal that was pushing that just last month, November 15, 2024. *Iran told the US it wouldn't try to kill Trump*. So Iran was forced to come out and give assurances in response to all of these claims that, no, we're not trying to kill Trump and we promise not to. Quote, "Written communications last month came after the Biden administration warned Tehran against attempts on Trump's life." I think it's important to note that these claims are coming from the Biden administration, which obviously has been very hostile to Iran, helped Israel fend off attacks, helped Israel in its attack on Iran, helped Israel in its initial destruction of the Iranian embassy in Syria. And so obviously there's factions inside the Biden administration that are trying to fan these claims as well.

Here is the director of National Intelligence, the position, by the way, to which Donald Trump has nominated Tulsi Gabbard. And that's why a lot of these outlets that want the continuation of warmongering and endless war and favour the military industrial complex are so opposed to Tulsi Gabbard's nomination, including The Wall Street Journal editorial page, which has really led the way in trying to malign her and encourage Republicans to reject that nomination. Because these are the kinds of things they support. This is the annual threat assessment of the US Intelligence Community. It was issued in March of this year and it says the following, quote, "Iran also will continue to directly threaten US persons in the Middle East and remains committed to its decade-long effort to develop surrogate networks inside the United States." Sleeper cells have returned, though this time they're not Al Qaeda sleeping cells or ISIS sleeping cells, they're Iranian sleeping cells. The report goes on, quote, "Iran seeks to target former and current US officials as retaliation for the killing of Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Force Commander Qasem Soleimani in January 2020, and previously has attempted to conduct lethal operations inside the United States." So again, this is the only way you can convince Americans to support a war. When they wanted to go and invade Iraq, we were told that the reason why the Iraqi WMD programme was so dangerous was because Iraq had an alliance with Al Qaeda. And the idea that the Ba 'athist government of Iraq would have an alliance with the Sunni fanatics of Al Qaeda from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates was laughable on its face – but that was Jeffrey Goldberg when he was

at The New Yorker who published several articles that convinced Americans that Saddam Hussein and Iraq were in cahoots with Al Qaeda and so that the attack on our country should be blamed on Iraq. And that's the only reason people supported the invasion of Iraq, because we were told by Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell and Dick Cheney that the grave danger was that Saddam Hussein would give these biological weapons to Al Qaeda and Al Qaeda would come and attack the United States with chemical weapons or biological agents or of course nuclear weapons, possibly, as well. And that's what Condoleezza Rice said in a speech in September of 2002, less than a year after the Al Qaeda attack of 9/11. She said: look, people keep demanding proof, well, we can't wait for the proof to appear in the form of a mushroom cloud over the United States. They were fear-mongering to that extent. Obviously, this is the same playbook that Americans need to believe that Iran isn't just a threat to Israel, isn't a threat for instability in the region, but is actually a threat to Americans. They have sleeper cells here. They're trying to operate on our soil. They're trying to kill our political leaders, murder other Americans with sleeper cells inside the United States. And that's being sanctioned by the director of national intelligence.

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