# The West Will Choke on Iran

The scene in Mineb, where the carnage at the Iranian girls' school took place on February 28, will probably remain the most horrid scene of the Western war on Iran. Iranian authorities have put the final death toll at 165 school girls, all aged between 7 and 12. While Western media reported the incident, there was no roar in the West. The cowardly Israeli and US authorities sought to distance themselves from the attack. *The New York Times* wrote that "thousands" attended the mass funeral whereas other reports claimed that the figure was close to 2 million. However, an investigation conducted by *Al Jazeera*, which incidentally has not been covering the war fairly, concluded that the targeting of the Iranian girls' school was likely "deliberate." Humanity failed yet again.

The war on Iran is déjà-vu. The whole charade of demonizing a regime and finding pretexts to topple that regime – whether through direct invasion or soft power – has always been a scam. Numerous countries have in fact been destroyed simply because their regimes did not acquiesce to American and Israeli demands. Iraq, Sudan, Libya, Yemen, Syria, and Somalia are among the countries that have been targeted and devastated under false pretexts. But in my opinion, the West will choke on Iran. Today, Iran is being targeted because it has vowed to support Palestine since the first day of its revolution in 1979.

Almost a week into the initial strike on Iran and the decapitation of Ayatollah Khamenei, along with more than forty Iranian officials, Iranian drones and missiles are still pounding Israel and American military bases all over the Arabian Gulf, as well as all US-related institutions, including American embassies. The United Arab Emirates, which most Arabs accuse of having played a sinister role in fragmenting Arab countries, was hit the hardest. The UAE port of Jebel Ali, the busiest port in the Middle East, was badly hit. Civil institutions, particularly those harboring American soldiers and personnel, were all targeted; but most importantly, the UAE's data centers, in which the country has been investing trillions in order to become a world leader in this sector, were heavily bombed. Although the UAE has so far been a safe financial haven and was on the way to becoming a leading destination for data centers, it now faces a bleak future.

In turn, the Americans and the Israelis are hitting Iran hard. But Iran is almost the size of Europe and has a population of over 90 million, as well as an almost inexhaustible pile of home-grown missiles. With the backing of China and Russia, Iran is absorbing the blows and pounding back.

The West will choke on Iran for various reasons; not least of which is the low stockpile of American ammunition. Back in June, when Israel almost ran out of defensive missiles, Netanyahu pleaded with Trump to stop the war. The missile technology that Iran possesses outmatches by far that of the West. The fastest Western missile is 6 Machs (speed of sound), whereas Iran has missiles that go beyond 20 Machs, and they're precision missiles. In fact, some analysts believe that this is the main reason why the West considers Iran a threat and wants to take it out. Also, most Iranians are rallying around the flag and supporting their government. The expected hike in gas and oil prices to unprecedented levels due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and the shutting down of Qatar gas pipes will force the West to raise its white flag. Further, being on the defensive requires fewer forces to combat an invading power, not to mention that it grants the defender the impetus to resist. Lastly, history has often shown us that being more powerful will not inevitably lead to victory. Being committed to what you believe in is an unbeatable weapon.

Long Live Palestine.

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