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"U.S. Elites Need a War in the Middle East"



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Israel's war against the Palestinian people of Gaza threatens to turn into a major regional conflagration with the deployment of two U.S. aircraft carriers to the region. To this must be added the Israeli pre-emptive strikes against Hezbollah militia forces in Lebanon, the airstrikes against Syria, and the dire warnings in response from Iran. In this dire situation, "other actors" could come into play if the crisis continues.

Paradoxically, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict could well be a mere pretext. For economist, former Wall Street analyst and professor **Michael Hudson**, behind Washington's overreaction hides the neoconservatives' plans for the Middle East, these are some of his opinions:

"The current conflict simply masks a U.S. attempt to "attack Syria and Iran and take over the entire Middle East." That's what this whole nominal struggle between the Palestinian people and Israel is all about."

"It's not about Hamas, it's not about two gigantic aircraft carriers with more than a dozen warships backing up to attack a handful of militants who have homemade rockets."

"I've heard U.S. generals talk to Uzi Arad, Benjamin Netanyahu's top economic adviser, when we were working together at the Hudson Institute. The generals repeated to the Israeli economist: you are our aircraft carrier in the region."

"In reality, the U.S. is using Israel. He has always used it to control the Middle East and control a vital issue: its supplies of petroleum. Well, the conversation with the generals was about in 1974, almost 50 years ago. But, those ideas continue to feed the imperial mentality of United States," the academic told the New Communications podcast Sputnik Rules.

"They want to do to Syria and Iran what they did to Iraq," the economist warns, pointing to recent statements by high-profile neoconservatives such as Republican Senator Mitch McConnell and presidential candidate Nikki Haley.

"After 11/11," Hudson recalls, instead of prosecuting those responsible for terrorist attacks, The United States invaded Iraq. Apparently now they want to act in a similar way."

"If you read between the lines what Biden actually said to Netanyahu was something like this: You'd better not invade the Gaza Strip because you'll lose. What we have to do is eliminate Assad in Syria and end the government of Iran, for that we have brought our fleet. We can also use ISIS again, to destabilize the Iranians."

The economist thinks that in the face of the rapid collapse of the "rules-based" order, the response of the neoconservatives is the militarization of U.S. politics, this would be the only formula to maintain U.S. hegemony.

Deliberately risking World War III

Michael Hudson believes that the progress of a multipolar world and a Eurasian (with Russia, China and Iran leading this process) is a vital threat to U.S. global power: *"That's why it's provoking and intensifying regional conflicts in critical locations from a geopolitical point of view."*

"The United States is deliberately taking risks, with this policy An adventurous war could lead to a new World War. Their Strategists have realized that they are losing their power

military deterrent. This terrifies them at a time when NATO is virtually unarmed because of the war in Ukraine."

"The national security establishment is thinking: If we're going to have World War III, we're never going to be stronger than we are now. Our position is gradually weakening, so we need to create conflicts that prevent the strengthening of our enemies, let's do it now, because if we do it in the future we will lose the war."

"Neocon strategists believe that Russia has immobilized their army in Ukraine and that there is nothing the Russians can do to help Syria. Neocon hawks have said so with Clarity: First we went after Iraq, now we'll go after Syria and then Iran. They have written in detail in the security reports that they present to Congress."

"This strategy does not It's political sleepwalking, it's a very prepared by the team of the Undersecretary of State, Victoria Nuland. The background is that they're trying to unleashing a war in the Middle East because the United States The U.S. Needs Iranian Oil to Sustain the survival of the system."

"All economists know the GDP of a is fundamentally based on electricity and water consumption. Energy: oil, gas and electricity. And all the geopolitical analysts You know, that behind every war against energy-producing countries there are the interests of U.S. capital."

Now, with the aggressive deployment of aircraft carriers to the Mediterranean, the United States is sending a message to the region and the world: "We have a plan to maintain our rules-based order. Because if you want to defend yourself, we'll do what we did to Iraq, what we're doing in Syria, what we're doing in Ukraine. Do you really want to go through this?"

"This is the subtext of the Biden with Netanyahu and the reason for the deployment of the fleet in the conflict. Despite the threat many are responding, we will not accept the blackmail. We're going to go our way."

Can the U.S. provoke a war on three fronts?

According to media reports, the Biden administration will request to Congress a budget supplement of \$100 billion. dollars to fund the points they consider to be sticking points: Israel, Ukraine and Taiwan and... the border with Mexico. The funding for Israel reaches about \$60 billion and Ukraine's \$000 billion.

This attempt to increase war funding comes as a significant percentage of Republican MPs have refused to continue spending taxpayers' money on the Ukraine quagmire.

And while Washington could declare a "war on three fronts," Hudson believes that "there is also no hard will lose wars, whether it's in Ukraine, in the Middle East, or against China in Taiwan.

Michael Hudson recalls that during the War of Vietnam, he worked with the military strategist and theoretician of systems, Herman Kahn:

"We met," he says, "with the top generals who were planning the actions in Vietnam. At a dinner with them, at coffee time, they told us: it's not possible for us to win, this is horrible, there's no way we can get out of that swamp. They knew they were losing and accused politicians of having the "illusion of world domination"

"The same thing is happening today. The military knows the U.S. will lose, but the politicians insist: We are America for God's sake, we will always win. It's almost a religious fervor that you find today in the National Security Council and the CIA. They really believe that God is on their side. No wonder, this is what happened in the Middle Ages, where every country thought that God was on its side. But the military knows that with these kinds of beliefs you don't craft a victorious military strategy or win wars," Hudson concludes.

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