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US-Iran Showdown Is One False-Flag Attack Away from Global Calamity

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Hypocritical to the core, the execution of false-flag events spare aggressive states the ignominy of appearing in public as the warmongering psychopaths they are, lest their subjects get the wrong idea as to exactly who is governing over them.

The last thing tyrannical rulers want, after all, are battles raging on two fronts, especially if one of those fronts just happens to be back in the Heartland. Psychopaths are mentally deranged, of course, but that does not mean they are necessarily stupid.

Thus, once again, the United States is flying its jolly tricolors from the Mediterranean Sea into the Persian Gulf led by the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, as well as nuclear-capable B-52 bombers and a Patriot missile battery on standby. But America's reputation as a rabble-rouser and hell raiser long preceded its entry into the Gulf, as did the frenetic rhetoric.

Just as the fleet was en route, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo delivered a warning that was so far beyond the pale of reality that it sounded as though it were scripted by a Hollywood film director with a penchant for embellishing American history.

> "The response of the United States and our partners and allies has been clear: We do not seek war," the statement reads. "But Iran's forty years of killing American soldiers, attacking American facilities, and taking American hostages is a constant reminder that we must defend ourselves."

Forty years of killing Americans? Really? That comment brought to mind Pompeo's recent display of braggadocio as he reminisced over his former CIA days.

> "We lied, we cheated, we stole," he confessed with a hearty chuckle to an audience from Texas A&M University last month. "We had entire training courses. It reminds you of the glory of the American experiment."

Ah yes, the glory days. Next he'll be shooting off about how he enjoys shaving with napalm in the morning, or some such nonsense.

In any case, the prospect of America's leading diplomat who basically admits to being a bald-faced liar, and darn proud of it, delivering a fiery shot across the bow of the Iranian Republic at the same time a large US naval group is entering the Persian Gulf and Iran is struggling under severe sanctions does very little to instill much comfort or confidence.

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One week before the US naval fleet turned up in Gulf waters, Pompeo was already laying the necessary groundwork for the buildup, saying that the US has observed "escalatory actions from the Iranians, and it is equally the case that we will hold the Iranians accountable for attacks on American interests," he said, without providing any details. "If these actions take place — if they do by some third-party proxy, a militia group, Hezbollah — we will hold the Iranian leadership directly accountable for that."

Now for anyone who followed the protracted Syrian crisis understands, that is exactly the sort of crazy talk that inspires friends and foes alike to pull off a false-flag attack that will force the United States to live up to its word and go after the villains, which will predictably be – as was the case following the chemical attacks against the Syrian rebels when the 'Assad regime' was duly blamed – the Islamic Republic of Iran.

So where did the information regarding a possible Iranian strike on some "American interest" derive? According to Axios, that news was delivered to National Security Advisor John Bolton by an Israeli delegation led by national security adviser Meir Ben Shabbat.

It is not too much of a stretch of the imagination to figure that the Israelis may have produced the report knowing full well that it would ratchet up tensions between Washington and Tehran, and more so when it is understood that the mad hatters Pompeo and Bolton figure into the calculus. Who knows? Perhaps they really do mean what they have been saying for years about Iran and would relish the prospects of an 'Iranian attack,' or false flag event in order to get World War III, which they both seem to anticipate with more excitement than the Second Coming.

Meanwhile, it should come as no surprise that the mainstream media is doing everything in its power to stoke the flames. On Monday, the New York Times, citing unnamed sources, published an article alleging that the White House was drafting plans to deploy some 120,000 troops to the Middle East in the event Iran attacked US forces or expedited work on nuclear weapon research. The paper giddily reported that such a force "would approach the size of the American force that invaded Iraq in 2003." Trump, however, ruined the war party, flat out denying the claim, saying he would send a lot more than 120,000 troops under such circumstances.

To underscore exactly how dangerous the situation is becoming, Sputnik reported that four commercial ships – two Saudi, one Emirati and one Norwegian – were targets of a "sabotage attack" off the coast of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Sunday.

It should come as no surprise as to what country was blamed. "Iranian or Iranian-backed proxies" are thought to be behind the attack, according to US officials.

Although Iran in the past may have played down such provocations, this time around they are showing a striking level of confidence in the face of American firepower. "An aircraft

carrier that has at least 40 to 50 planes on it and 6000 forces gathered within it was a serious threat for us in the past," Amirali Hajiadeh, who heads Iran's Revolutionary Guard's aerospace unit, told the Iranian Students' News Agency (ISNA), as reported by RT. "But now, the threats have switched to opportunities," he added.

The only thing left to consider now is whether Trump left Bolton and Pompeo to their own mischievous devices in their dealings with Iran and even Israel, or is there some sort of safety catch on the gun, so to speak.

Considering that Trump didn't seem to be fully informed as to what was happening in Venezuela with regards to puppet president Juan Guaido's recent failed attempt at a coup, it makes one wonder if Trump is equally in the dark as to what is happening with Iran. The prospect of such a possibility is simply too terrifying to even contemplate.

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