

Silence on the Battlefield

Question:

Why do we say that the ceasefire is America's defeat and Iran's victory?



Regardless of the result of the ceasefire, and whether there is an agreement or no agreement over it, up to this point Iran has achieved a great and historic victory and has become a transregional and global power. For this reason, The New York Times does not regard the current war among America, Israel, and Iran as merely a regional conflict, but as a transformative process that is driving Iran toward becoming one of the main poles of power in the world. It writes: "The challenge before the United States is a fateful dilemma: either entering a long and dangerous battle to regain military control over waterways, or accepting the new global reality in which Iran has emerged as the fourth center of power alongside the other great powers. Current developments are irreversible, and even in the event of a compromise, the United States must pay a heavy price for an agreement with an Iran that has now consolidated its position in the hierarchy of global power."

Let us not forget that Iranians were at war with the most heavily equipped military powers, armed with the latest military weapons of the day and accompanied by many countries, and before the eyes of the world, alone and unaided, Iranians crushed them

under their heavy blows and set their capability and credibility on fire. We must beware of America's narrative-making and its media army, which seek to turn such a blatant defeat and a lost game on the dusty field into something other than the absolute victory of Iran. We must not fall for their media game. The reality of the field indicates the absolute victory of Iran and America's blatant defeat. Iran is the definite victor of this imposed war because:

■ America has achieved none of its objectives. Not only are we not witnessing the collapse of the system, but America has not even been able, despite all its efforts, threats, and so on, to reopen the Strait of Hormuz. By closing this strategic throat, Iran has placed its hand on the capability to seize the throat of the world economy, and has disciplined this country and its allies so that they do not speak to Iran from a position of force and coercion. America's goal, from overthrowing the system and taking control of Iran's oil, ended up becoming the reopening of a strait that had previously been open. U.S. Congressman Jim McGovern said mockingly: "After bombing Iran, he will stop Iran so that Iran will reopen the Strait of Hormuz. A strait that was open

before the bombing of Iran began. Got it!"

■ Trump, in intoxication and arrogance, spoke of finishing Iran's work within three days; but after 40 days, by bringing in numerous countries as intermediaries, he has for days been scrambling for a ceasefire.

■ Despite several 2-day, 5-day, and 10-day ultimatums, threats to destroy Iran's infrastructure, and the foolish claim of returning Iran to the Stone Age and destroying Iranian civilization, along with such ridiculous statements and bullying postures that were met with Iran's firm and harsh response, Trump had no choice but to accept the ceasefire in order to preserve the remaining scraps of his lost dignity and credibility and to get out of the quagmire in which he had sunk.

■ The basis of the ceasefire is the 10-point plan specified by Iran, not what America was seeking, and not the historic condition for Iran. The level of incompetence, Trump's incompetence, is both astonishing and heartbreaking. What is happening? Owen Jones, the well-known British journalist, said: "This is Iran's 10-point plan, which Trump has accepted as a 'practical basis for negotiation.' Do not doubt it for a moment: this

is America's greatest strategic defeat since its emergence as a superpower."

James Acton, a senior fellow at the American think tank Carnegie, said: "The United States' acceptance of Iran's proposal as a basis for negotiation is a major concession to Tehran. There is nothing in that proposal about Iran's nuclear program, nor does it include transit fees through the Strait of Hormuz. Obviously, this is a starting point, not an endpoint, but it is unlikely that the United States will achieve any of its strategic objectives, which I think is the price we must pay for an utterly terrible and disastrous policy."

Chris Murphy, a prominent U.S. senator, said: "It appears that Trump has just agreed to give Iran control of the Strait of Hormuz, a historic victory for Iran. The level of incompetence, Trump's incompetence, is both astonishing and heartbreaking. What is happening?"

The undeniable reality is that the war America imagined it had begun to destroy Iran turned into a miracle that shattered America's aura and hegemony and transformed Iran into an influential global power.