

## **Tyrant on Steroids: Trump F-bombs Iran with threats and sanctions**

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In a vile vomit of verbiage, Trump has “F-bombed” Iran while speaking on a nationally syndicated radio program. In addition, the tyrant on steroids, with the help of his sadistic secretary of state, has caused suffering among Iranians through the “maximum pressure” regimen of draconian sanctions. The Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Khamenei in condemning the renegade U.S. president rightly remarked, “Only miscreants like you are capable of taking pride in such atrocity.”<sup>1</sup>

In an interview on right-leaning Rush Limbaugh’s radio program, Trump spoke in the most vulgar of language in a rant filled with baseless braggadocio, claiming that if he is re-elected (May Allah forbid and blot out his name from history) he would have “a great deal with Iran within one month.” Pressed by Limbaugh for details, Trump claimed the deal would be “on no nuclear weapons.” Proceeding with his rant, Trump, in his delusionary world view, sees Iran as the source of terrorism. Of course, Iran is and has been the main resistance force fighting against the U.S.-Zionist-Saudi terrorist axis,<sup>2</sup> but nevertheless, the U.S. autocrat insisted that terrorism is down because of him. “Iran is bust because of me,” he insisted, elaborating, “because of sanctions and other things.”

At this point, the daft would-be U.S. dictator went into bellicose bluster overdrive. Claiming that Iran knows that if it would do anything against the U.S., which by the way, it already has, Trump would make the Islamic Republic “pay a thousand-fold problem,” claimed that the U.S. has “strength in weapons that we never had before,” and also that “Iran knows that.” Stooping to a new low by a so-called U.S. president, Trump unleashed an F-bomb on national radio. “They’ve been put on notice,” Trump exclaimed. Then changing from third to second person plural with respect to Iran, he vulgarly threatened, “If you f\*\*k around with us, you do something bad to us, we are going to do things to you that have never been done before and they understand that.”<sup>3</sup>

Earlier in August, Trump and his minions made a feeble attempt at the United Nations Security Council to invoke the sanctions snapback mechanism in Resolution 2231,<sup>4</sup> which endorsed the JCPOA, but without success. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo presented the absurd argument that while the U.S. had withdrawn from the so-called Iran nuclear deal, it nevertheless still maintained the status of a party to the agreement and, due to Iran’s “significant non-compliance,” was demanding all international U.N. sanctions be reimposed. The other members demurred, pointing out that the U.S. has forfeited its status as a signatory when it withdrew from the agreement and therefore had no right to make such a demand.<sup>5</sup>

Team Trump’s real objective was to prevent the expiration on October 18 of the arms embargo against Iran imposed by the Security Council Resolution 1747<sup>6</sup> in 2007. However, 13 of the 15 members of the august body expressed their disapproval of reimposing the international sanctions, openly ridiculing the U.S. position. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi stated unequivocally that the U.S., having withdrawn from the JCPOA, “has no right to demand the Security Council to activate the rapid reinstatement of sanctions mechanism.”<sup>7</sup> Ignoring the

reality of a stunning rebuke, Pompeo unabashedly announced, “The return of sanctions today is a step toward international peace and security,” as if his mission had been a stunning success.<sup>8</sup>

So now, this ex-reality TV star president has imposed additional sanctions so broad in scope that virtually no humanitarian goods can flow into Iran. In this latest orgy of sanctions, the Trump regime has ordered 18 additional Iranian banks to be added to the U.S. Treasury’s hit list of specially designated nationals and blocked persons. U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Steve Mnuchin, in consultation with U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, no doubt both salivating over the prospect of inflicting additional misery on the Iranian people, carried out Trump’s order with alacrity.<sup>9</sup> Whether these sanctions are the mere flailing of a lunatic U.S. president who knows he is about to lose an election or his sadistic expression of appreciation to regional allies for recent arms deals, the result is the same for the Iranian people: increased difficulty in acquiring needed drugs and medical equipment to fight COVID-19.

Reportedly Trump himself has had a brush with COVID-19. After conceding a positive test result in the early morning hours on October 2, he was rushed by helicopter to Walter Reed Military Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland near Washington, D.C. and given the ultimate in boutique medical care. In the course of treatment, the morbidly obese president was given a variety of therapeutic drugs, among which was the steroid Dexamethasone, an inexpensive medication used to treat a variety of ailments from arthritis to thyroid disorders, including cancer. Dexamethasone was found to reduce the risk of death due to COVID-19, and, since 80 percent of deaths due to the disease occur in patients who are 65-years-old and above, Trump, aged 74, was given the steroid. Unfortunately, the drug is not recommended for patients with mild symptoms, as Trump allegedly had, and, in fact, it has been shown to induce harmful psychological changes, among them delusions of grandiosity and feeling “on top of the world.”<sup>10</sup>

Apparently, dexamethasone is similar to a natural hormone secreted by the adrenal glands, and has an effect similar to epinephrine, also known more commonly as adrenaline.<sup>11</sup> Thus, it is entirely possible that Trump’s burst of bombastic bravado threatening Iran is nothing but a reaction to the glucocorticoid steroid dexamethasone, which may have adversely amplified his well-established pattern of excessively arrogant and impulsive behavior. Prescribing such therapy for someone who already is an acutely arrogant autocrat would seem to be as illogical as dispensing sildenafil<sup>12</sup> to a serial rapist. In either case, a rational being would not expect to see a less contemptible pattern of comportment, nor be surprised to witness an increase in abhorrent activity.

So Donald Trump, desperate for some diplomatic breakthrough with Iran to tout in order to resuscitate his ailing reelection bid, has resorted to obscenity-laced threats and more sanctions. This is a rather clear admission that the despot’s “maximum pressure” campaign to force Iran into negotiating anew has failed. Furthermore, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei had pointed out in a recent speech in July on the occasion of Eid al-Adha that negotiating with the U.S. would be harmful to Iran. Addressing the pressing issue of sanctions, he advised Iranians, “The only cure for sanctions is reliance on internal capabilities. We should preserve all present capabilities and strive to find new ones.”<sup>13</sup> And, of course, as the Islamic Republic becomes increasingly self-reliant, the U.S. economic sanctions become increasingly ineffective.

Feigning compassion, the editors of the prestigious New York Times in an opinion editorial on Tuesday, October 13 called upon the tyrant on steroids in the White House to “show mercy” towards Iran while the coronavirus pandemic surges. “Under the Trump administration,” the editors wrote, “being Iranian is crime enough.”<sup>14</sup> The writers cannot be blind to the fact that, with 215,000 deaths in the U.S. due to COVID-19 and the numbers ever increasing, Trump has well demonstrated his complete inability to show mercy even towards his oppressed fellow Americans. How could this psychopath possibly show mercy towards Iranians?

## Endnotes

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<sup>4</sup> “Resolution 2231 (2015) on Iran Nuclear Issue Background,” United Nations, accessed October 14, 2020, <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/2231/background>.

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<sup>10</sup> Rhitu Chatterjee, “Trump Was Treated With Steroids: How These Drugs Are Used For COVID-19 Patients,” *NPR*, October 8, 2020, accessed October 14, 2020, <https://www.npr.org/sections/latest-updates-trump-covid-19-results/2020/10/08/921629391/trump-still-on-steroids-how-these-drugs-are-typically-used-to-treat-covid-19>.

<sup>11</sup> Stephanie Liou, “Glucocorticoids,” *Stanford University*, June 29, 2010, accessed October 14, 2020, <https://hopes.stanford.edu/glucocorticoids/>.

<sup>12</sup> Marketed under trade names Viagra, Revatio and others.

<sup>13</sup> Ayatollah Khamenei, “Negotiating with the US harmful,” *The Office of the Supreme Leader*, August 2, 2020, accessed October 14, 2020, <https://www.leader.ir/en/content/24560/The-Leader%E2%80%99s-speech-on-the-occasion-of-Eid-al-Adha>.

<sup>14</sup> The Editorial Board, “Iran’s Covid-19 Death Toll Is Rising. Show Mercy, Mr. Trump.” *The New York Times*, October 13, 2020, accessed October 14, 2020, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/13/opinion/iran-trump-sanctions-covid.html>.