

**Ron Paul: American Empire Collapsing**  
WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- Former Republican congressman and presidential candidate Ron Paul has said the American empire is teetering on the edge of collapse. The signs of the collapse of the Empire are already there: Aggressive U.S. foreign policy, self-destructive monetary policy that debases the currency and hides inflation, a monstrous national and individual debt load, he said. "Today I want to talk about - there's been a couple of articles that have not talked about the subject for a long time. How long will the American Empire end?" and (Continued on Page 7)

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## Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah: Attack on Zionist Troops Start of 'New Phase'

BEIRUT (Dispatches) - Sunday's attack on an Israeli military vehicle is the start of a "new phase" in the conflict with the occupying regime, Hezbollah's Secretary-General Hasan Nasrallah said late Monday.

"We no longer have red lines," Nasrallah said during a televised speech, a day after a Hezbollah unit launched missiles at the Zionist regime's Wolf armed vehicle near the Afivim military base.

He said the message sent by the attack was to warn Zionists that if they attack Lebanon, all of their "border and troops" would be "at risk" from a Hezbollah retaliation that he said could come at any time.

"For those in the international community who are concerned about stability in the region, I tell them to talk to the Israelis and tell them that turning a blind eye is over, and Lebanon will no longer accept violations against its sovereignty."

Hezbollah has retaliated against "Israeli aggressions" by hitting targets in the Israeli-occupied Shebaa Farms area, but Sunday's attack took place within the occupied Palestinian territories.

Lebanon claims Shebaa Farms as its own, but the Zionist regime says the territory is part of the Syrian Golan Heights, which it occupies.

"For decades, the Israelis could not stand that someone would touch their border... What happened yesterday is that the most important Israeli red line for decades has been broken by the Islamic resistance," said Nasrallah.

"It's no longer a red line. It's finished," he said.

The greatest aspect of Sunday's attack was the mere fact that it was achieved "despite Israeli threats," he added.

Nasrallah's comments came a day after Hezbollah fired anti-tank rockets on a military vehicle inside Occupied Palestine in retaliation for an Israeli drone attack in Beirut a week earlier.

Hezbollah said its retaliation killed and wounded Israeli soldiers inside the military vehicle. The occupying regime fired at least 40 incendiary and cluster devices towards Lebanese villages, according to the Leba-

nese Army.

In a video statement shared on Twitter on Monday, Zionist PM Benjamin Netanyahu held out the prospect of future military action to prevent Hezbollah from getting missiles that could be fired with increased accuracy at targets in Occupied Palestine.

"We will continue to do whatever is necessary to defend Israel at sea, on land and in the air. We will continue to act against the threat of the precision-guided rockets," he said.

Tensions have escalated as a result of a series of Israeli incursions into Lebanese territory over the past week.

The flare-up on the Lebanese border follows a series of suspected Israeli attacks against targets in Iraq, Syria and Lebanon.

Last week, Iraq said it intended to file a complaint with the United Nations after finding the occupying regime of Israel was "certainly" behind several recent attacks on bases used by government-aligned paramilitary groups.

Meanwhile, an airstrike by the Zionist regime on the outskirts of Damascus martyred two Hezbollah fighters on August 25. A day later, two Israeli drones crashed in south Beirut.

On Monday, Nasrallah said the unmanned planes were on a mission that they failed to achieve, but he didn't elaborate on that mission's objectives.

The Hezbollah chief also warned the occupying regime that its drones are not safe in Lebanese skies. "It is our right and Lebanon's right to defend our land, and we will confront Israeli drones in Lebanon's sky," he said.

Nasrallah also blamed Netanyahu for sparking the recent escalation ahead of the upcoming Israeli elections on September 17.

"The Israelis must know that what happened is a result of Netanyahu's stupidity - who cannot see anything but how to save himself from the judgment against his corruption cases," Nasrallah said.

Netanyahu, who failed to form a ruling coalition regime after a vote in April, has been investigated in relation to several corruption cases.

## President Rouhani: Bilateral Ties With U.S.: Never



President Rouhani speaks during a parliament session in Tehran, Aug. 3, 2019.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran will never hold bilateral talks with the United States but if it lifts all the sanctions it reimposed on Iran it can join multilateral talks between Iran and other parties to a 2015 nuclear deal, President Hassan Rouhani said on Tuesday.

"No decision has ever been taken to hold talks with the U.S. and there has been a lot of offers for talks but our answer will always be negative," Rouhani told an open session of parliament broadcast live on state radio.

"If America lifts all the sanctions then like before it can join multilateral talks between Tehran and

parties to the 2015 deal," he added.

U.S. President Donald Trump, although applying "maximum pressure" on Iran, has offered to meet its officials and hold bilateral talks with no preconditions.

European parties to the deal have sought to save the deal, but failed to ensure that Iran benefits from remaining in the agreement.

Rouhani stressed on Tuesday that Iran would take a third step in scaling back its nuclear commitments by Thursday unless the Europeans kept their promises to salvage the deal.

"If Europeans can purchase our oil or pre-purchase it and we can have access to our money, that will

ease the situation and we can fully implement the deal... otherwise we will take our third step," he said.

The 2015 deal between Iran and six other countries, reached under former U.S. President Barack Obama, curbed Iran's nuclear work in exchange for the lifting of sanctions in 2016.

Iran has started to scale back its nuclear commitments since May and it will take further steps on Sept. 5, aimed at ratcheting up pressure on the European parties of the pact to protect its economic interests despite the U.S. sanctions.

Iranian authorities have said the next step would be "stronger" and

## Dutch Mole Aided Stuxnet Cyber Terrorism: Report

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- An Iranian engineer recruited by Dutch intelligence provided access into Iran's nuclear enrichment plant in Natanz that allowed the CIA and Israeli intelligence to launch the Stuxnet cyber offensive, Yahoo News reported Monday.

According to the report, citing four anonymous intelligence officers, a mole recruited by the Netherlands' AIVD intelligence agency "provided critical data" to ensure the efficacy of the malware's code, and then "provided much-needed inside access" to get Stuxnet computer systems at Natanz "using a USB flash drive."

Stuxnet, which is widely believed to have been developed by the United States and the Zionist regime's Mossad, was discovered in 2010 after it was used to attack the Natanz uranium enrichment facility. It was the first publicly known cyber terrorism example of a virus being used to

attack industrial machinery, centrifuges in this case.

According to the report, representatives of the Mossad and CIA reached out to AIVD in late 2004, almost three years before Tehran installed its first set of centrifuges at Natanz in February 2007.

The mole, the report said, posed as a mechanic with a front company at Natanz, one of two local companies set up by the Dutch. He didn't install the centrifuges targeted by the attack, but one of the sources told Yahoo News he had gained access that allowed him to "collect information" that would let programmers "update the virus accordingly."

After Stuxnet became public in 2010, there have been reports of arrests and executions of spies. According to two sources quoted by Yahoo News, "there indeed had been loss of life," but it remains unclear whether the Dutch mole was one of those executed.

## Dorian Threatens Florida After Ravaging Bahamas

MARSH HARBOUR, Bahamas (Reuters) -- Hurricane Dorian lost some of its punch but grew in size on Tuesday, picking up speed and forecast to come "dangerously close" to Florida's coast after pounding Grand Bahama Island for about a day, killing at least five people

and was about 105 miles (170 km) east of Fort Pierce, Florida.

The exact toll of the devastation in the Bahamas will not be clear until the storm passes and rescue crews can get on the ground. The storm hovered over the islands for almost 24 hours.

"We are in the midst of a historic tragedy in parts of our northern Bahamas," Bahamian Prime Minister Hubert Minnis told a news conference on Monday. "Our mission and focus now is search, rescue and recovery."

He added that the U.S. Coast Guard was on the ground in Abaco and had rescued a number of injured individuals. Critically injured people were being taken to hospitals on New Providence, the country's most populous island.

As many as 13,000 homes in the Bahamas may have been destroyed or severely damaged, the International

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**Hashd, Iraqi Army Launch Op Against Daesh**  
BAGHDAD (Dispatches) -- Iraqi army soldiers, backed by fighters from pro-government Popular Mobilization Units, launched a major operation Tuesday to hunt down the remnants of the Daesh terrorist group in an area of the country's western province of Anbar.  
The media bureau of the volunteer forces, better known as Hashd al-Shaabi, said government forces and their forces mounted a multi-pronged offensive in Jazirah al-Baghdadi district, which lies north of the provincial capital city of Ramadi and more than 110 kilometers west of the capital Baghdad.