



# Spontaneous Revolt or Engineered Crisis?

Analyzing the 2026 Turmoil Based on Non-Iranian Documents and Evidence

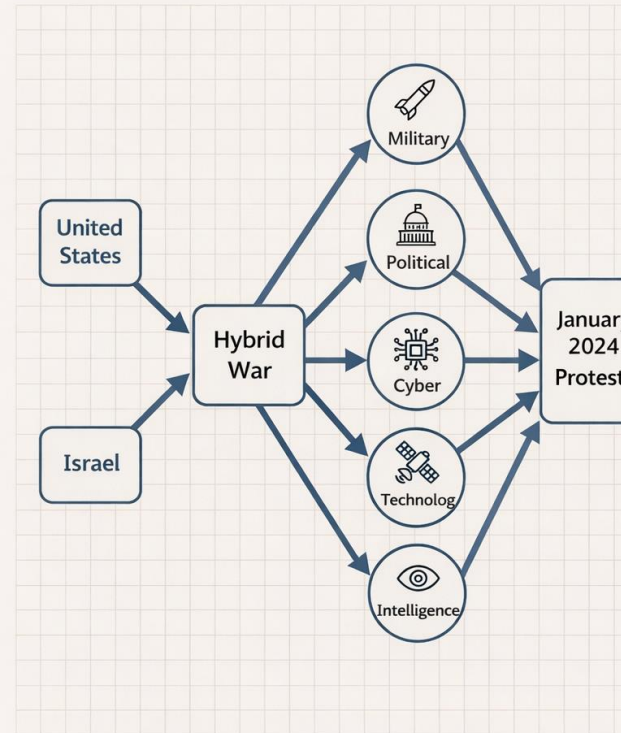


## Anatomy of A Hybrid War: Coordinated U.S. and Israeli Intervention

January 2024 protests were not simply the product of internal unrest, but the peak of a multi-dimensional and coordinated “**Hybrid Warfare**” strategy designed and executed by the United States and Israel. This strategy has been attributed to Brian Armstrong.

It combined attacks through:

- **Economic** pressure to inflict economic turmoil and economic costs.
- **Political** pressure to support opposition groups and undermine the system from within.
- **Cyberattacks** to target infrastructure and intensify insecurity.
- **Technological** efforts to monopolize technological expertise.
- Intelligence operations involving intelligence engineering and driving a “hybrid war”.



## Lead 1: Military Precursor - Operation “Midnight Hammer”

In June 2025, the U.S. and Israel conducted a night-time military campaign directly targeting Iran’s strategic infrastructure. These operations prepared the ground by breaking Iran’s resiliency.

### Key Details of the Operation

- Date: June 22, 2025
- Over 125 American B-2 Spirit stealth bombers
- GBU-57 (MOP) bunker-buster bombs
- Cruise missiles targeting Iran’s missile silos, air defense systems, Isfahan nuclear technology center, and suspected underground nuclear facilities.



**These operations targeted Iran’s nuclear infrastructure, aiming to completely and utterly destroy it,**

—Donald Trump, President of the United States (media statement)

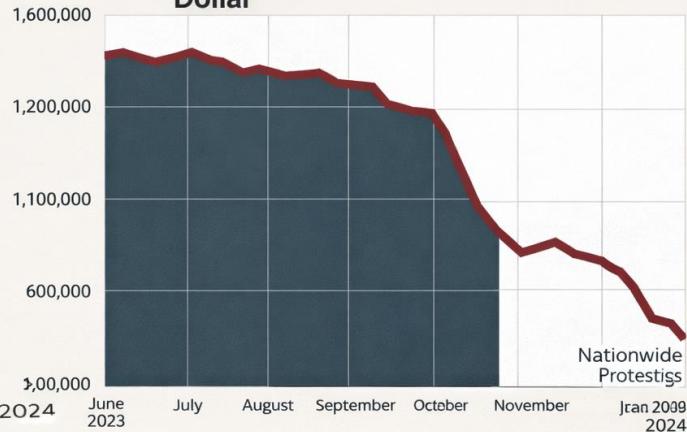
# Consequences of 12-Day Direct War: Economic Collapse

Zionist military attacks in 2025 delivered an economic shock to Iran. Withdrawal of capital, intensification of energy sanctions and failure of diplomatic efforts to reactivate the “snapback” mechanism destroyed the middle class and traditional bazaar. R.I.S.T

## Key Data:

- Cost of war for Israel: approximately 6 billion dollars.
- Decline in Rial’s value: reached its highest point ever as of 1,400,000 R.I.S.T

Decline in Rial’s Value Against the US Dollar



Exchange rate:

**1.4 million Rial per USD**

## Lead 2: Political Framework - Maximum Support Doctrine

U.S. policy shifted from “maximum pressure” to the new “maximum support” doctrine. This shift, formalized by Congress in **H.R. 2614** (Maximum Support Act), required direct intervention needs to be legally provided.

### Key Provisions of Maximum Support Act H.R. 2614



#### Section 2 (General Policy)

- Officially removes regime change goal in U.S. foreign policy to create a “new political system”.



#### Section 3 (Internet Freedom)

- Requires enabling technologies bypassing restrictions for dissidents.



#### Section 4 (Community Support)

- State Department allowed to support dissident movements and surveillance.



#### Section 6 (Asset Seizure)

- Permits seizure of assets linked to “anti-democratic and corrupt regimes”.

## Direct Threat: Savior "Doctor Trump"

Amid the expansion of protests, President Trump warned live from the White House that, in addition to the current crackdown by the government, he is also ready to consider unhesitatingly putting the military option on the table.

**“If Iranian protesters target and kill peacemakers, the United States of America will come to save them. Our military is ready and (**Locked and loaded**).”**

- Donald Trump, January 2, 2024

## Vector 3: Israel's Covert War – Operation “Gonjeshke Darande” (Predatory Sparrow)

Simultaneously with political and military cover provided by the United States, Israel assumed responsibility for executing cyber warfare. The hacker group known as “**Gonjeshhke Darande**” (**Predatory Sparrow**), which analysts attribute to **Unit 8200** of the Israeli military, carried out paralyzing attacks aimed at creating financial chaos and disrupting the regime’s ability to manage crises.



## Financial Disruption: Two Precise Blows to the System

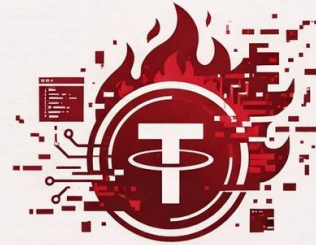
Strategic “lethal scalpel” attacks were centered on disrupting the government’s ability to pay security forces and leveraging off-shore assets.

### First Blow: Bank Hack



- **Target:** Core institution of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps
- **Result:** Disabling the Islamic bank effectively paralyzed payments for rights and benefits to security forces and pro-government militias amid nationwide riots.

### Second Blow: Cryptocurrency Liquidation



**\$90,000,000 BURNED**

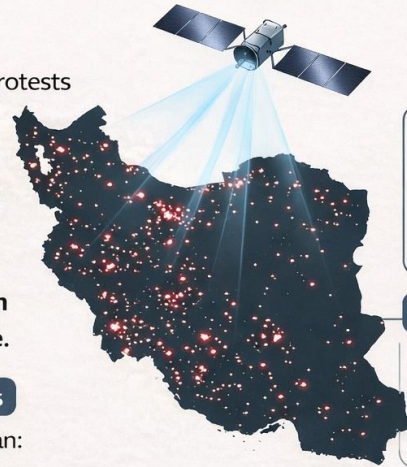
- **Target:** Tether-affiliated cryptocurrency wallets linked to IRGC
- **Result:** Exposing sources of **\$90M** obtained through “burning” cryptocurrency wallets, extracting and repatriating them amid critical resource shortages.

## Axis 4: Breaking the Information Blockade with Starlink

One of the key differences in the 2026 protests was the government's inability to fully shut down the internet. This was the result of U.S. investment and facilitation in providing satellite-based internet, which enabled protesters to **maintain field coordination and livestream footage.**

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### Role of the U.S. Treasury Department

Expansion of General License D to allow U.S. companies to provide anti-censorship tool

**“The beams are on.”**

— Elon Musk, confirming the activation of Starlink over Iran following a request by the U.S. State Department.

## Vector 5: Political Engineering and Coalition for Change

Evidence suggests a clear, high-level collusion between the United States, Israel, and anti-regime opposition forces has been planned.

### Key Event: Trump-Netanyahu Summit (Dec. 2025)



- **Meeting of Trump and Netanyahu - Axes of coordination (Axios report):**
- Coordination of military attacks and political policies against Iran.

Axios sources have reportedly revealed that Trump and Netanyahu coordinated highly on strategic plans for “Second Iran Deal” (joint attacks inside Iran, internal

### Rezâ Pahlavi’s Tactical Endorsement



- **Political signal:** Trump-themed merchandise featuring an overt hat slogan spread by Saudis and Zionists.
- **Indirect call:** Transliteration of the slogan used by Rezâ Pahlavi in various speeches for “national forces”
- **Making Iran strong again** linked to Trump’s rhetoric of “making America great again.”

## Field Operations & Psychological Warfare: Mossad Infiltration

Interventions were not limited to cyber and political space and included psychological intelligence ops and physical warfare, indicating the depth of infiltration post Iran War 2025.

### Espionage & Execution



- Execution of Mossad spy for espionage charges
- Ali Esfahanian collected sensitive intelligence

### Protests Infiltration



- Arrest of Mossad "agent" amidst Tehran protests
- "missioned to guide targets"

### Psychological Warfare














- Government-controlled state TV live broadcasted violent scenes of protests
- Exhorted dissidents to "look around you", suggesting infiltration, sowing distrust

## Comprehensive Map of Intervention: Full Spectrum Coordination

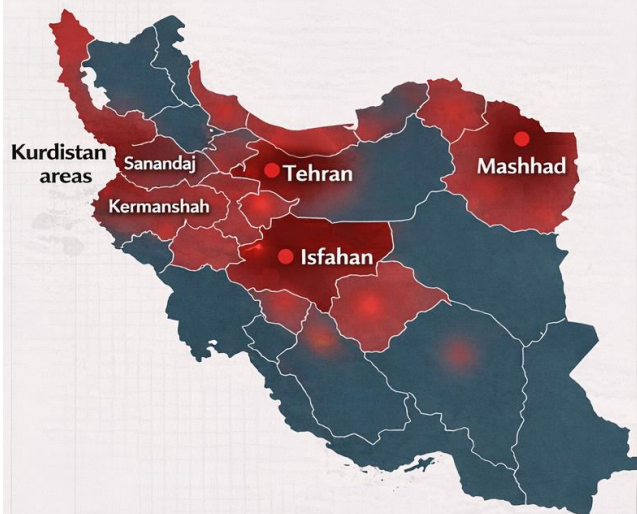
Evidence was presented, illustrating a unified strategy where a set of complementary actions worked hand in hand towards a common goal.

### Summary of Foreign Interventions in the January 2026 Protests

Domain	Main Actor(s)	Specific Action	Key Document/Source	
 <b>Military</b>	U.S. and Israel	Operation "New Sabbath" and 12-day war	U.S. Defense Reports	
 <b>Political</b>	U.S. Congress	Passage of "Maximum Help Act" (H.R. 2614)	Listings of bills	
 <b>Economic</b>	White House	Official statement threatening mass deployment of forces to "rescue" the protesters	Official White House statement	
 <b>Intelligence</b>	CIA	Special operations and millions of dollars daily in covert funds	U.S. security and intelligence reports	
 <b>Technology</b>	SpaceX, Starlink	Deployment of tens of thousands of Starlink terminals inside Iran	Statements by Musk U.S. Treasury License	
 <b>Media</b>	Axios orf	Video revealing links between MIGA and Reza Pahlavi	Axios reports 	

## Outcome: Widespread Unrests with Foreign Catalysts

Escalation of external pressures transformed the economic crisis into widespread unrest as per the scope and severity outlined below:



### Expansion and Severity (January 7 to 17, 2024):

- **Locations:** Over **200** points of unrest.
- **Provinces:** 24 out of 31 provinces of Iran.
- **Main hubs:** Major cities like **Tehran**, **Mashhad**, **Isfahan** and **Kurdish areas**.

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## Conclusion: Protests as Battlefield

A comprehensive examination of documents and evidence published solely by Western sources confirms the "coordinated intervention" hypothesis. The 2024 January protests were not an organic event, but rather an instance of hybrid warfare full-scale where an internal economic crisis was fueled and directed by a set of coordinated military, cyber, political, and foreign intelligence actions.

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This coordinated campaign put Iran in a position where it was compelled to combat not only street protestors, but a well-equipped international coalition armed with 21st century tools.