



Britain Moves To Snap the Trap Shut on Trump; Putin Moves To Pry It Open

June 19, 2025 (EIRNS)—“I may do it; I may not do it. I mean, nobody knows what I’m going to do.”

Those were the dangerous words of President Donald Trump on June 18, which have political leaders around the world holding their breath, waiting to see if Trump will actively and openly join Israel’s war of aggression against Iran. Will Trump approve the use of American “bunker-buster” bombs in an effort to destroy Iran’s nuclear center buried deep in the mountains at Fordow? Will he approve, or even actively participate in, the Netanyahu government’s open calls to assassinate Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and then bring about “regime change” in that country of 90 million? If neither of those options succeeds, will Trump acquiesce to Israel’s use of a nuclear weapon to bring about the “final solution” of the Iran problem?

Given his recent track record of deception and duplicity, Trump’s June 19 afternoon announcement that he would hold his decision for two weeks to give negotiations a chance, will not be read by most as a break in the pattern.

The British Empire is reveling in the fact that Trump walked right into their trap and is now stuck in it, by approving, and likely participating in, Israel’s sneak attack on Iran in the early hours of June 13. As a June 18 statement of the full Editorial Board of Financial Times put it, if the U.S. doesn’t now use its “bunker busters” against Iran, the country’s nuclear program is liable to survive. On the other hand, “direct American involvement would risk sucking the U.S. into ... an escalating conflict that would destabilize the whole region—and beyond.”

Two former heads of Britain’s MI6 are urging Trump to act, and act now—which they believe would snap the trap shut. “I think the Americans should frankly get on with it and get it over with,” Sir John Sawers, former Chief of MI6 from 2009-2014,

stated in remarks to Chatham House, June 19. And Sir Richard Dearlove, MI6 Chief from 1999-2004, cheerily forecast that “regime change is in the cards for Iran,” and that this would be “the sort of last chapter in a shift of the tectonic plates in the Middle East.”

A happy by-product, from the standpoint of the British Empire, would be the demise of the Trump presidency—which the British have been avidly working on achieving, by hook and more often by crook, since the fabricated Steele dossier of 2016, and before—and the destruction of the United States as a Constitutional republic.

So, for all that President Trump feels like he is making the big decisions, he is actually being played by others who control the game. Real politics is all about breaking up that game, and replacing it with an entirely new paradigm.

Russian President Vladimir Putin is not onboard with either aspect of the British gambit, and is actively working on a diplomatic solution that will achieve three results at once: 1) ensure Iran’s right to the peaceful use of nuclear energy; 2) guarantee the unconditional security of Israel; and 3) pry the British trap open, and salvage the Trump presidency from the President’s own disastrous strategic blunders. In June 18 comments to the press on the sidelines of the annual St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF), Putin stated with great precision:

“I believe that in this context it would be correct to join forces to put an end to hostilities and to find a way for the conflicting sides to come to an agreement, so as to ensure both the nuclear interests of Iran, including in the sphere of nuclear energy and other peaceful uses of nuclear power, as well as Israel’s interests regarding the unconditional security of the Jewish state. This is an extremely delicate issue that calls for extremely careful actions. However, I

believe that a solution can be found.”

A little after making those remarks, Putin spoke for an hour with Chinese President Xi Jinping about these matters, and Kremlin spokesman Yuri Ushakov reported that “the two sides share identical approaches and firmly condemn Israel’s actions.... A solution can only be achieved by political and diplomatic means.”

That solution must also take into account the often overlooked, other dimension of the strategic chessboard: economic development. As the bankrupt trans-Atlantic financial system is hyperinflating its speculative bubble to \$2 quadrillion and more, and heightening its volatility with privately issued cryptocurrencies that have no entity responsible in any way for redeeming them, the BRICS nations and their allies in the Global South are preparing

for their annual summit in Rio de Janeiro on July 6-7, in which they will once again take up the issue of developing new “investment platforms” and other ways of channeling credit towards productive investment, and not speculation.

The July 12-13 Berlin conference of the Schiller Institute, to be held exactly a week after the BRICS summit, will address these issues in depth, armed with the economic and philosophic method developed by Lyndon LaRouche. Register for the internet streaming of that event here. Circulate the Schiller Institute’s mass distribution leaflet, *It Is Not Too Late To Avoid a “Doomsday Scenario” in the Middle East*. And join the International Peace Coalition in its 107th weekly meeting this Friday, June 20, at 11 a.m.

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