



Iranian General Soleimani Was on a Peace Mission with Saudi Arabia When He Was Killed by US Military on Orders from the White House

Ron Paul says it is highly unlikely that Iran was planning an attack on the US before this assassination, because the country literally is surrounded by US military bases. Trump followed the urging of Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Senator Lindsey Graham, Senator Marco Rubio, and Mike Pence when he made the decision to kill the Iranian general. Vice President Pence claimed that Soleimani was responsible for 9/11, and no one mentioned the absurdity of such a statement. When Trump ordered the assassination of General Soleimani, he said he was protecting the US from “imminent attacks” on US facilities and personnel. However, it is now known that Trump was told by Iraqi Prime Minister Adil Abdul-Mahdi that the Iranian general was on his way to Iraq seeking peaceful relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia. Since the assassination, Iraq’s parliament has voted to expel all US troops from the country, Iran’s Grand Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has sworn to exact a “severe revenge” on Soleimani’s killers, and Trump has threatened to target Iranian ‘cultural’ sites, which are religious institutions. [This is not going to end well for anyone, including Americans.] -GEG

Desperate to justify the US drone assassination of Iranian Major General Qasem Soleimani, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo [insisted](#) that Washington had made an “intelligence-based assessment” that Soleimani was “actively planning in the region” to attack American interests before he was killed.

President Donald Trump justified his fateful decision to kill the Iranian general in even more explicit language, declaring that Soleimani was planning “imminent attacks” on US diplomatic facilities and personnel across the Middle East.

“We took action last night to stop a war,” Trump claimed. “We did not take action to start a war.”

Trump’s dubious rationale for an [indisputably criminal](#) assassination has been [repeated widely](#) across corporate media [networks](#), and often without any skepticism or debate.

At a [January 3 State Department briefing](#), where reporters finally got the chance to demand evidence for the claim of an “imminent” threat, one US official erupted in anger.

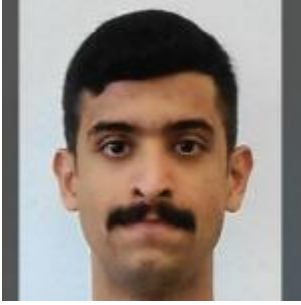
“Jesus, do we have to explain why we do these things?” he barked at the press.

Two days later, when Iraqi Prime Minister Adil Abdul-Mahdi addressed his country’s parliament, Trump’s justification for killing Soleimani was exposed as a cynical lie.

According to Abdul-Mahdi, he had planned to meet Soleimani on the morning the general was killed to [discuss a diplomatic rapproachment](#) that Iraq was brokering between Iran and Saudi Arabia.

Abdul-Mahdi said that Trump personally [thanked him](#) for the efforts, even as he was planning the hit on Soleimani – thus creating the impression that the Iranian general was safe to travel to Baghdad.

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A Saudi National, Mohammed Alshamrani, Shot 3 Americans to Death While Training at Pensacola Naval Air Station

Florida: On Friday morning, Mohammed Alshamrani, a 21-year-old second lieutenant in the Royal Saudi Air Force, shot and killed three Americans and injured eight others with a locally purchased 9 mm hand gun at the Pensacola Naval Air Station. He was killed by sheriffs. He was reported to be a student of aviation receiving US military training at the base. Mainstream news reported that he had hosted a dinner party the night before the attack to watch mass-shooting videos. Six Saudi nationals were also arrested, including three who were seen filming the shooting. -GEG

Approximately 1,500 pilots are enrolled in the Naval training program – with Saudis having attended courses at the Pensacola site since the 1970s. According to the report, as many as 20 students from the Islamic Republic are in any given class – with many of them belonging to the Royal Family. Three of the Saudis blamed for the 9/11 hijacking attacks were Saudi nationals with the Pensacola military base shown on their driver's licenses as their address.

Mohammed Alshamrani allegedly posted tweets that read, “0

American people, I'm not against you for just being American, I don't hate you for your freedoms, I hate you because every day you supporting, funding and committing crimes not only against Muslims but also against humanity. I'm against evil, and America as a whole has turned into a nation of evil. What I see from America is the supporting of Israel which is an invasion of Muslim countries, I see invasion of many countries by its troops, I see Guantanamo Bay. I see cruise missiles, cluster bombs and UAV." [A UAV is Unmanned Aerial Vehicle or drone]

From ZeroHedge:

"Given the recent attacks at two military installations, the Commander, U.S. Northern Command has directed all DoD [Defense Department] installations, facilities and units within the U.S. Northern Command area of responsibility to immediately assess force protection measures and implement increased random security measures appropriate for their facilities," Lt. Cmdr. Michael Hatfield told *Fox News*.

While officials have not publicly disclosed how many missing servicemen are out there, U.S. Northern Command (Northcom) [has called for increased random security checks](#) at all sites as authorities investigating the attack are still working to determine whether the shooting was an act of [terrorism](#). -[Fox News](#)

Meanwhile, the FBI is searching for missing Saudi nationals linked to the shooting. The agency's Jacksonville office confirmed that the shooter was Mohammed Alshamrani, 21, a 2nd Lt. in the Royal Saudi Air Force and a student naval flight officer of Naval Aviation Schools Command when he killed three people and injured 12 after opening fire.



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BREAKING NEWS: US Marshals helping track down as many as 10 Saudi nat'ls who have gone missing since Fri's terrorist attack on Pensacola air station, as fed investigators suspect the AWOL Saudi enrollees may be tied to Saudi terror cell that infiltrated US Navy installation in FL

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**US to Send Warplanes and
3,000 Troops to Saudi Arabia**

to Confront Iran Following an Attack on an Iranian Tanker

Last Friday, Iran's National Oil Company reported that explosions ignited a fire on one of its tankers that was 60 miles from the Saudi port city of Jiddah. Iran has not stated who they suspect is the culprit. Following the news of the attack against Iran, the US announced that it will send 3,000 ground troops and two squadrons of fighter jets to Saudi Arabia to "confront" Iran. The rapid announcement of this deployment by the Pentagon suggests they were prepared for an incident like this. -GEG

Following news that an [Iranian oil tanker was attacked](#) with missiles off the coast of Saudi Arabia, the US has announced that they will send [3,000 ground troops and two squadrons of fighter jets](#) to Saudi Arabia to "confront" Iran.

Though the timing of this seems fairly obviously linked to the missile incident, Pentagon officials made no mention that it even happened, instead citing last month's drone attack on Saudi oil refineries, which Yemen's Houthis claimed credit for but the US blamed on Iran.

The US had already sent troops and defensive missiles to the Saudi kingdom over the refineries. Defense Secretary Mark Esper claimed the move was based on a "[heightened threat](#)" from Iran.

Tensions are certainly higher, even if the Iranian threat is almost always overstated. Having an oil tanker hit with missiles would certainly have this effect on tensions. The rapid announcement of this deployment by the Pentagon suggests they weren't exactly taken by surprise at this incident with the oil tanker.

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Trump Puts ‘Highest Sanctions Ever’ On Iran, Sends Troops And Air And Missile Defense to Saudi Arabia

The Trump administration is maxing out sanctions on Iran and also sending US troops and air and missile defense systems to Saudi Arabia even though both chambers of congress voted to block arms sales to Saudi Arabia earlier this year. The sanctions are not only targeting Iran but every country which does business with Iran. The US announced it would send additional troops along with enhanced air and missile defense systems to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in response to the attack on Saudi oil facilities, which the US has blamed on Iran. In 2018, Trump stated that he stands by the Saudis is because they provide a counterbalance to Iran and “without them, Israel would be in a lot more trouble.”

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From [Politico, "Trump announces 'highest sanctions ever' targeting Iran's central bank"](#):

President Donald Trump on Friday shared details of his administration's newest sanctions on Iran, targeting the Islamic Republic's national bank over Tehran's alleged involvement in a series of drone attacks on Saudi oil facilities last weekend.

Trump claimed they would be the "highest sanctions ever imposed on a country," telling reporters in the Oval Office that the penalties would go "right to the top" of the Iranian government.

"You will be seeing certain things happening but a very major factor is what we did," Trump said during a bilateral meeting with Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison. "The highest sanctions ever imposed on a country. We've never done it to this level."

The latest sanctions layer on top of a slew of other penalties the Trump administration has imposed and reimposed as a result of Trump's unilateral withdrawal from a 2015 nuclear deal with Iran and other world powers. The existing sanctions have already targeted Iran's oil exports, its metal and mining industries and its ability to receive financing from international banks. Tehran has repeatedly likened the sanctions to "economic warfare."

The new sanctions will affect "the last remaining source of funds for both the central bank of Iran, as well as the national development fund – which is their sovereign wealth fund," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told reporters Friday. "This is very big – we've now cut off all source of funds to Iran."