## **BIDEN'S WEAKNESS AND INCOMPETENCE STRENGTHENED IRAN AND HAMAS**

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The barbaric and evil terrorist attacks on Israel are a

horrific reminder that the world is safe when America is strong—but when we have a weak president in the White House, the costs can be greater than our worst nightmares.

If we hope to prevent further shedding of innocent blood, the United States must learn the painful lessons of these savage atrocities.

As we pray for the Israeli people in this hour of anguish and give them our complete and total support, we must also confront the absolute failure of the Biden administration, whose incompetence and ignorance invited this heinous and deadly assault on civilization itself.

The only thing Biden is good at is the weaponization of the justice system against his political opponents. Every step of the way, Joe Biden has empowered and emboldened America's enemies the world over—and clearly none more so than the terrorist group Hamas, and their bloodthirsty sponsor, the villainous regime in Iran.

When I left office, Iran was weak, broke, and desperate to make a deal. I told other nations, including China, that if you buy oil from Iran, you can't do business in the United States. Virtually all complied. Iran's terrorist regime was careening toward bankruptcy, hemorrhaging money, and could barely pay the salaries of their radical Islamic thugs.

I hammered Iranian oil exports down to a record low. But then Biden came in, loosened my sanctions, and today Iran is producing more than three million barrels a day. Iran went from making little money under me to raking in at least \$80 billion a year under Biden.

Iran knew that Biden was soft, foolish, and able to be pushed around the very moment he assumed office. In May 2021, shortly after Biden eased sanctions, Iran's proxy Hamas launched over 4,000 missiles at Israeli population centers. Iran paid no price—and then Biden sat back for nearly three years while the Iranian regime accumulated \$70 billion in oil wealth to help fund its terror network around the world.

On top of all this, just last month, Biden unfroze \$6 billion of Iranian money in exchange for hostages—a ransom payment that set a terrible precedent and put a bounty on the heads of innocent people all over the globe.

Meanwhile, Iran and China strengthened ties with oil deals worth hundreds of billions of dollars.

Days ago, we saw the deadly consequences of these three years of breathtaking weakness and appeasement: the worst terror attack in Israel's history. Depraved savages rampaged through civilian communities house by house, torturing, raping, and maiming innocent men, women, and children. They kidnapped infants and the elderly and took them hostage to torture them some more.

They had children tied up and shot. Babies murdered and burned.

The tens of billions of dollars that Biden allowed Iran to accumulate are now being used by Iran to finance this mayhem and murder.

Under my leadership, our approach was the exact opposite. The world was safe, peaceful, and calm—because the United States of America was respected and strong.

In four short years, I obliterated the ISIS territorial caliphate. I terminated its founder and leader, Al Baghdadi. I devastated the senior ranks of Al Qaeda. I stood up to the corrupt Iranian regime like no president in history. I withdrew from the horrendous Iran Nuclear Deal, and I imposed the toughest ever sanctions on the regime.

I eliminated Iran's terrorist mastermind Qasem Soleimani, who was killing our soldiers and everyone else. We crushed the Iranian regime's finances and decimated their ability to fund terrorist proxies like Hamas and Hezbollah.

I also took a firm stand against Palestinian terrorists and terrorist sympathizers, cutting off hundreds of billions of dollars to the Palestinian Authority. When Biden took office, one of the first things he did was reverse this policy and ship \$235 million American taxpayer dollars to the Palestinians—despite warnings from within his own government that this money would be used to fund Hamas's terror campaigns.

He reportedly even gave \$100,000 to a Palestinian university that describes Hamas terrorists as "righteous martyrs."

I was proud to be the best friend Israel ever had in the White House. I kept my promise, recognized Israel's capital, and opened the American Embassy in Jerusalem. I also recognized Israeli sovereignty over the Golan

Heights.

In addition, we negotiated the historic Abraham Accords, through which multiple Arab countries normalized relations with Israel, leaving Iran increasingly isolated.

What a difference a president makes.

When I return to the White House, I will once again stand with Israel 100 percent. The United States will fully support Israel in defeating, dismantling, and permanently destroying the terror group Hamas.

And we will once again cut off money for UNRWA, the corrupt U.N. agency that has been helping fuel this conflict for decades.

I will once again turn on American oil—unleashing American Energy Independence as we were just three years ago.

In addition, I will immediately begin the process of building a state-of-the-art Missile Defense shield in America. Americans deserve an Iron Dome as well.

We will restore the Trump Travel Ban on entry by people from terror-plagued countries, territories, and places.

As President, I also suspended refugee resettlement when we entered office in 2017, and we will do it again. I banned refugees from Syria, I banned refugees from Somalia, and from all the most dangerous places in the world—and in my second term, we are going to expand each and every ban to keep America safe. We aren't bringing in anyone from Gaza or Syria or Somalia or Yemen, or Libya, or anywhere else that threatens our security.

I also issued a historic rule proclaiming that no refugees would be resettled in local communities without their consent, and we will reinstate that rule on Day One.

Next, we will implement strong ideological screening for all immigrants to the United States. No longer will we allow dangerous lunatics, haters, bigots, and maniacs to get residency in our country.

If you empathize with Radical Islamic terrorists and extremists, you're disqualified. If you want to abolish the state of Israel, you're disqualified. If you support Hamas or the ideology behind Hamas, you're disqualified. And if you're a Communist, Marxist, or Fascist, you are disqualified.

In addition, we will aggressively deport resident aliens with jihadist sympathies. In the wake of the attacks on Israel, Americans have been disgusted to see open support for terrorists among the legions of foreign nationals on college campuses. Under the Trump administration, we will revoke the student visas of radical anti-American and antisemitic foreigners at our colleges and universities—and we will send them straight back home.

Likewise, the mobs of pro-Hamas barbarians we saw in the streets of New York and other cities last week have no place in America. Jewish mothers and fathers should never have to send their children to school fearing they

will be shot or stabbed on a so-called "Day of Jihad".

Under my administration, we will proactively send ICE to pro-jihadist demonstrations to enforce our immigration laws and remove the violators from our country. And we will continue the process we started in my first four years of stripping citizenship from criminals, terrorists, and immigration cheaters and frauds.

Finally, we will fully secure our border and begin the largest deportation operation in American history, including removing all the illegal aliens from countries that hate us and hate our values. Under Biden, terrorists and criminals are pouring in. We will stop them and remove them.

With Biden, Iranian agents have also been running our Iran policy under disgraced Iran envoy Robert Malley, a Hamas sympathizer who has pronounced the terror group misunderstood. Allegedly due to Malley's influence, Biden's State Department and Defense Department were reportedly infiltrated by people with close ties to Iran in highly sensitive positions.

This should be regarded as one of the greatest national security scandals in American history—but the Fake News ignores it.

Under my administration, we will hunt down and remove all Iranian spies, agents, or suspected agents from the United States government.

This is how I will begin to undo the terrible damage Joe Biden has done and end the Biden betrayal of Israel. In the meantime, the entire world must stand with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israel's wartime government as they seek to defeat these murderous enemies.

Under a Trump administration, Iran will once again be weak, Israel will once again be safe, and the United States of America will be stronger and more powerful than ever before.

Donald J. Trump was the 45th President of the United States.

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