

EDITORIAL

The Target Is Your Chance at a Future: Let's Overturn Their Chess Board

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June 14—The target of the bombs now exploding on the stage of world events is, and always has been, the formation of a new world system to supplant the evil, inhuman order of geopolitics, empire, and war. In that light, it should have come as no surprise that as the prospect for a peaceful solution to the conflict in Ukraine grew, the breakaway-ally hand grenade of Israel was detonated against Iran.

Not only has Iran been a long-term target of geopolitical manipulation, including the MI6/CIA operation to overthrow the Shah, Muhammad Reza Pahlavi, in 1979 and, more recently, the series of still-ongoing post-9/11 regime-change operations; it committed the major “crime” of becoming a full member of the BRICS, one of the leading targets of the morally vacant unipolar elites.

Regarding the Israel-Iran situation, Russian President Vladimir Putin [called](#) U.S. President Trump on Saturday, June 14, to discuss the unfolding crisis. This is crucial. Just as after the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, when Putin’s immediate phone call to then-President George W. Bush prevented what might have been an escalation between nuclear weapons powers, the discussion between the two presidents is an important intervention into what otherwise threatens to escalate—or be escalated—out of control. Though the situation is far from resolved—especially concerning whether Trump will rise to the occasion and break from the imperial policy—the discussion resulted in positive readouts from both sides,

including Putin’s continuing offer to mediate a solution to the nuclear issue and Trump’s assertion that the U.S. is ready to resume negotiations with Iran. Afterwards, Trump [posted](#) on Truth Social: “[Putin] feels, as do I, this war in Israel-Iran should end, to which I explained, his war should also end.”

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the founder of the Schiller Institute, has called for an urgent intervention into the entire situation to force a solution on a higher level—the only type of solution that will work:

“This is the kind of situation where a completely different approach is required. If you look at the larger context, we have seen in the recent period massive targeting of the Global South, namely the BRICS countries, who are trying to form a new economic system which is based on economic justice and equal chances for every country to develop.... I think the motive behind a lot of these crises is the fact that there is an attempt to stop the rise of a new system—the BRICS-Plus and so forth.... I’m absolutely certain that if it’s not Ukraine, then it will be Iran or Israel, or tomorrow Taiwan or China. [This will continue] as long as we are not resolving the underlying conflict and going in the direction of establishing a new security and development architecture which, in the tradition of the Peace of Westphalia, takes into account the interests of every single country.”

The 1648 Treaty of Westphalia, which succeeded in ending 150 years of religious war in Europe by supplanting an endless cycle of revenge with a dedication

of each party to forget all past wrongs and to promote the advantage of the other, was the revolutionary and courageous intervention which made possible the creation of the nation-state system, the founding initiative for which was the successful American War of Independence against the British Empire.

It is urgent that such an approach be put on the world stage—now—as the solution, not merely to any of the

individual conflicts which threaten humankind, but to *all* potential conflicts of this sort.

The Schiller Institute's June 13 statement, "[It Is Not Too Late To Avoid a 'Doomsday Scenario' in the Middle East](#)" must be read, understood, circulated, and the solutions therein must become the intention at the highest levels of government. We don't have much more time.