

# **Pakistani Academic Muhammad Maaz Arif interviews Harry Fear in another in-person session in Malaysia during Ramadan: On the Iran War in the context of the Gaza genocide and the Palestine-Israel conflict**

## **Speakers:**

Harry Fear

(Journalist, Filmmaker and Speaker)

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(Pakistani Academic/Researcher)

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## **Summary:**

In a Ramadan interview, journalist Harry Fear examines geopolitical tensions between Iran, Israel, and the United States of America, claiming that current escalation is part of a larger strategic drive to retain regional and global domination. He says that, despite being depicted as a huge threat in Western narratives, Iran has mostly demonstrated strategic patience. The discourse situates these conflicts within the broader framework of the continuing Gaza crisis, focusing on themes such as Israeli settlement expansion in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Fear also considers the economic pressure that long-running conflicts place on global powers, and it finishes by promoting solidarity, endurance, and perseverance, drawing inspiration from the Palestinian people's steadfastness.

## **Text/Transcript:**

The discussion between the host and the journalist **Harry Fear**<sup>1</sup> during Ramadan, concentrated on the geopolitical ramifications of recent Middle Eastern events, notably those affecting Iran, Israel, and the ongoing Palestinian problem<sup>2</sup>.

In the conversation, Harry Fear discusses the **assassination of the Iranian leader Ayatollah Khamenei** and the subsequent rise of tensions. He contends that these developments are part of a larger strategy by the USA and Israel to maintain global dominance by weakening or confronting regional competitors<sup>2</sup>.

Fear says that **Iran has mostly displayed "strategic patience"** in its responses to provocations. He claims that Iran has not posed the urgent threat that is frequently depicted in Western narratives, and that political messaging and propaganda drive much of popular opinion<sup>2</sup>.

The discussion situates present regional tensions within the broader **context of the Gaza genocide**. Fear characterizes the situation as part of a long-running humanitarian disaster affecting Palestinians, claiming that Israeli military actions, which are politically and militarily supported by the USA, have exacerbated regional instability<sup>2</sup>. Another important focus of the interview is the **economic impact** of ongoing violence. Fear addresses how ongoing wars and military commitments impose significant financial constraints on the USA, with both the Middle East and Europe not trusting American contracts, potentially contributing to a slow waning of American worldwide power and influence<sup>2</sup>.

The conversation also covers **developments in the West Bank and East Jerusalem**. Fear emphasizes the continuous construction of Israeli settlements and the extension of Israeli military-controlled territory, which he claims diminishes the prospects for a viable Palestinian state and violate international law<sup>2</sup>.

Toward the end of the conversation, Fear emphasizes the importance of unity, focus, and resolve among those seeking justice. He appeals to the resilience and **steadfastness of Palestinians** as an example of resistance in the face of continuous adversity and injustice. The interview concludes on a thoughtful note for Ramadan, with a prayer for

strength, justice, and perseverance for those fighting for peace and dignity in Palestine and throughout the region<sup>2</sup>.

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