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The current situation in West Asia is quite fragile, and efforts for peace must continue to ensure overall regional and international stability across the political and economic sectors. The effective smart control of the Strait of Hormuz and continued defensive strikes despite heavy bombardment and strikes by the USA have proven Iran's capabilities to continue this slow, deadly, and devastating defensive war against Israel and the USA for months to come.

The USA failed in the pre-planning of the war. It had only few initial successes where he targeted and assassinated top leadership but again due to a lack of understanding of the Iranian institutional structure and the Red Shiism ideology, he couldn't achieve his targets of government change in Iran, destruction of its military power. Also, he could not force Iran to hand over overall regional control.

Iran can not and will not blindly trust the peace talks held in Islamabad however Iran does understand the need for a complete ceasefire and is willing to do so but on its conditions including control over the Strait of Hormuz, a complete end to the current war and future aggression, and the ceasefire in Lebanon. The US is forced into negotiations as it and Israel failed badly in strategically defeating Iran.

In post-war conflict, Iran will be à internationally recognised major power with enough capabilities to defend and counterattack any world major power. The USA and Israel have the world's best weapons, technology, and a huge network of radars, military bases, and assets in the entire West Asia and despite all this, they could not neutralise Iran's military capabilities, and also couldn't open the Strait of Hormuz with all its naval assets.

This war has proven how fragile these assets can be if employed in a war zone far away from home and the main reason of their manufacturing in first place was to project US power abroad and Iran shattered its might in a matter a week time when all naval assets were forced to stay hundreds of kilometres away and USA even couldn't provide military cover to ships as claimed by US which again shows no use of these ships in such conflict.

The war the US started on behest of the Israeli extremist government has damaged the USA more than anyone could. First, its failure in changing the government or making people stand against the Iranian government with all these bombings and destruction including the killing of 160 girls of Minab Elementary school. Secondly, its military including the Air Force, naval assets failed in establishing complete control of Iranian airspace and seas. Iran locked, hit, and damaged F35 and shot multiple F 15/16 aircrafts and other air force assets making their free use in Iranian airspace impossible, and the same happened in the sea where USA couldn't effectively use its naval assets to deter the closure of Hormuz and eventually forced the USA to come to negotiations with Iranian demands as opposed to complete surrender.

At the end, these peace talks are necessary for both and I think a suitable outcome will be achieved in the near future as the USA can not continue with the international market at risk of collapsing and Iran also needs an end and economic relief to rebuild and regain its strength despite having enough resources to continue the war for months to come.