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Part I. Israel bombs a nuclear plant in Iran

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Al Udeid Air Force Base in Qatar is a forward headquarter of the US Central Command. Its operation covers from Afghanistan to the Arabian Peninsula and throughout the Indian Ocean. It is an important US air base that keeps eye on the Gulf countries and Iran.

The Persian Gulf is one of the world's leading oil producing areas. And the sea route from the Persian Gulf to Indian Ocean through the Strait of Hormuz is called the "tanker sea lane". It is the main artery of the world energy transportation. Therefore, it is very important to ensure the safety of sea lanes for the United States. However, as far as energy is concerned, the United States itself is less dependent on oil in the Persian Gulf nowadays. The most affected countries are its allies in the Asia, such as India, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. It looks like that the United States is the patron of Asian countries by protecting their tanker sea lane.

But today, the United States put more emphasis on Iran than sea lanes in the Persian Gulf. During the Shah regime before 1978, the United States sold large quantities of modern weapons to Iran. Iran acted as a "police in the Persian Gulf" and entrusting security to the region on behalf of the United States. In 1978 the Islamic Revolution was taken place by Ayatollah Khomeini. Since then, Iran has been a mortal enemy for the United States.



Immediately after the revolution, the US embassy in Tehran was occupied by the Khomeini-backed Revolutionary Guard for over a year. This has hurt the prestige of the United States. The U.S. President Jimmy Carter attempted a rescue operation. But the operation had been failed with the poor result as a rescue helicopter crash landing. The U.S. government disgraced itself. This left a deep trauma in the minds of the American people.

Later, the United States used military reconnaissance satellites to search for Iran's movements during the Iran-Iraq War, and transmitted that information to Iraq and supported them to beat Iran. The Hussein dictatorship in Iraq at that time was completely unacceptable to the United States. But it was said that the enemy's enemy was an ally, that was to say Iraq was an U.S. ally. The United States eventually encouraged the Hussein administration and finally resulted in the invasion into Kuwait, the Gulf War and the Iraq War. It was the irony of history.

US diplomacy related to Iran and the Arab countries was random. It caused the confusion in the region. But US diplomacy was otherwise consistent. It was the absolute diplomacy of the United States in the Middle East to support Israel. It undoubtedly caused further confusion in the Middle East, too.

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