

Why does Starmer want a war?

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As I anticipated, and always presumed would happen, Keir Starmer gave the USA permission to use US bases to support its attack on Iran yesterday.

Within an hour or so, there had been a counterattack on a UK base in Cyprus.

There is no reason to think that this will end well, largely because nobody knows why it has begun, and therefore no one has any idea what the endgame will be.

The one thing that we can be sure of is that if regime change is the plan, it is unlikely to succeed, because anything really acceptable to the people of Iran is unlikely to be acceptable to the leaderships of the USA, Israel and the UK. History has already proven that.

There is, however, another obvious question to ask at this moment, and that is, why did Starmer cave in so easily when, during the day, his defence minister, John Healey, had been sitting on the fence, not least because it is widely thought that an opinion has been offered by the government Attorney General that this is an illegal war?

I think the answer is obvious. It is that Keir Starmer needs this war as badly as Netanyahu and Trump do. He will, of course, claim that the Labour Party cannot possibly consider changing its leader during a period of war, and that he must, therefore, be allowed to remain in office.

We can only sincerely hope that they see through the crude stupidity of any such appeal.