Trump talks, the military prepares | What does the Roosevelt's arrival signal?

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Prof. Kobi Michael: is the most important and largest combat platform available to the US military, or to militaries in general. It is a platform that can operate independently at sea for a very long time. We must remember that an aircraft carrier does not operate alone. It arrives with a fairly large fleet of warships and other specialized vessels that have firepower of their own, but it is the central platform that enables an air force of more than a hundred aircraft, mainly strike aircraft, to generate the firepower of an entire army.

When we are talking about three aircraft carriers in the US Central Command's area of responsibility, with two hundred aerial refueling aircraft, F-35 squadrons and other fighter squadrons deployed across the region, alongside the Fifth Fleet's permanent presence in Bahrain and an additional force in Qatar, that amounts to very significant military power, which is not being assembled for no reason. This is not just about threatening Iran. The Americans do not think the Iranians are impressed by such a threat. It appears that the purpose of this concentration of forces is to enable President Trump to launch a very, very significant military operation once he decides that this is the right course of action.

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