

No, Israel Didn't Attack a U.S. Helicopter

THE LIE

Israel downed an Apache helicopter near the Strait of Hormuz as a "false flag" operation to push the U.S. into attacking Iran.

THE TRUTH

Iran, not Israel, brought down the U.S. helicopter. The Iranian regime admitted it may have done so unintentionally.

BACKGROUND

- On June 9, 2026, President Trump announced that Iran had shot down a U.S. Army Apache helicopter near the Strait of Hormuz, and ordered retaliatory strikes. The U.S. military's Central Command (CENTCOM) confirmed the incident.
- According to the military, two U.S. Army pilots were flying low over the Strait of Hormuz when an Iranian Shahed drone got lodged between them without exploding. The drone then caught fire as the pilots tried to land. Both pilots ditched the helicopter into the sea and were rescued by an unmanned naval drone. ([Fox News](#))
- Immediately, anti-Israel commentators like Alex Jones claimed on social media that Israel — not Iran — actually shot down the helicopter as a "false flag" operation to push the U.S. into attacking Iran. These posts received hundreds of thousands of views and tens of thousands of likes. ([X](#)), ([X](#))

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- **No evidence was offered.** None of those making the claim provided any proof.
- **Even Iran itself didn't blame Israel.** Alex Jones was more eager to accuse Israel than the country that calls for its destruction on a regular basis. ([Iran International](#))
- **The "Apache can't be shot down" argument is wrong.** One netizen claimed that because Apaches have sophisticated air defense systems, only a handful of countries — Israel included — could take one down. But Apache helicopters are designed to defend against manned aircraft, tanks, and infrared-guided missiles, not suicide drones. They fly at low altitudes, making them especially vulnerable to drones like the Shahed, which fly higher and can strike with little warning. A swarm attack — something Iran is well known for — makes Apaches even more exposed. ([CNN-News18](#))
- **Iran actually acknowledged responsibility.** Jones claimed Iran's silence proved they weren't involved — but Iran did respond. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told *Al Jazeera* the strike was unintentional, suggesting it was an accident rather than a deliberate attack. ([Iran International](#))
- **The theory contradicts Jones' own beliefs.** Jones has repeatedly claimed Trump is controlled by Israel. If that were true, Israel would simply have told Trump to attack Iran directly — no elaborate false flag needed.
- **Jones' U.S.S. Liberty argument makes the theory even more absurd.** Jones claimed the attack happened on the 59th anniversary of the U.S.S. Liberty incident, implying a deliberate Israeli pattern. But the Liberty incident was something Israel openly acknowledged and paid restitution for — which undermines the false flag argument. If Israel is willing to own attacking an American vessel, why would it need to hide behind a drone in the Strait of Hormuz? ([Israel Truth Network](#))

QUOTES

"We see this with the Jew hatred: there is just this momentum that is occurring where people think that they're on to something, but in reality, they're not...the Left blames white men and some people blame the Jews." — Charlie Kirk

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TAKEAWAY

Iran didn't blame Israel. The geography didn't support it. The technology didn't support it. The anniversary argument collapsed under its own logic. And the theory couldn't even survive contact with Jones' own stated beliefs. Yet none of that stopped him, because it never does. For Jones, Israel isn't a conclusion you reach after examining the evidence – it's the starting point you work backwards from. Every crisis, every incident, every headline is just another opportunity to point the finger at the same target.