

# A Defeat for the Democracies

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**Quote**

“ "This ceasefire is not a precursor to peace. But don't just take my word for it. Within 24 hours of the cease-fire, in a series of carefully orchestrated statements, the dictators of Iran and Syria both claimed credit for defeating not just Israel, but America as well." ”

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