



The Numbers Don't Add Up on the Stalemate in Iran: Pete Hegseth Risks the Same Fate as the Generals He Ousted

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The United States' military strategy in Iran is at a dead end, and political pressure in Washington is becoming unbearable. With the conflict bogged down and the end of the crisis appearing distant, the numbers don't add up, and the question of who will pay the political and military price for this stalemate is becoming increasingly pressing. The leadership of the Pentagon chief, **Pete Hegseth**, is under scrutiny, and the Secretary of Defense could end up suffering the same fate as the military leaders he recently ousted.

The Republican Rebellion: "I No Longer Have Confidence"

Hegseth's political standing at the helm of the Department of Defense shows deep cracks. Several conservative senators do not hide their doubts about the management of operations, criticizing the Department of Defense for failing to anticipate the prolonged closure of the Strait of Hormuz and Iranian reprisals against neighboring countries.

The internal party rebellion translates into very harsh positions. Republican Senator Thom Hillis openly declared:

"I no longer have confidence in Hegseth. The Pentagon chief has a huge insecurity problem and lacks experience in managing large organizations."

Tensions at the Top: Discontent Reaches Inside the Pentagon

The discontent is not limited to the halls of Congress. Confidential sources report that nervousness is also spreading among the highest ranks of the armed forces.

A second Republican senator, speaking anonymously with *The Hill*, confirmed that Hegseth is losing the trust of high-ranking military officials, unsettling the Senate:

"I have heard there is a loss of confidence within the Pentagon towards Hegseth, and the recent dismissals decided by Hegseth are concerning."

Ironically, the purges and dismissals personally decided by the Pentagon chief risk backfiring on him. Amid field difficulties, open criticism from conservative senators, and an atmosphere of open distrust among the military high command, Hegseth now finds himself exposed to a scenario where he could face the exact same fate as the generals he ousted.

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