

Setting the record straight on Jason Reza Jorjani's "The Coming Persian War"

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I briefly met Jason Reza Jorjani at the Asian Ball during the inaugural festivities on January 20, 2017. He was cordial and seemed reasonable, but as with many people one meets briefly at social functions, I knew nothing about him, his writings or his political activities.

He has since written a piece on his blog entitled, "[The Coming Persian War](#)" which contains some strange allegations concerning AMCD's advisor, Dr. Walid Phares, who was also at the Asian ball that night and met Jorjani briefly after he shook his hand. Dr. Phares is a well-respected Middle East scholar who has written many books on the region and on Iran in particular. He has had no formal meeting the Jorjani as is implied in his article. I was there. Dr. Phares shook hundreds of hands at several balls throughout the evening.

Jorjani writes, "I met Walid Phares and discussed Iran policy with him. Later on, I wrote him a very substantive letter warning the Trump Administration not to go down the Pro-Saudi path that it has since chosen to pursue with respect to regime change in Iran."

Dr. Phares did not have any meeting with Jorjani beyond this brief encounter, while he was greeting many other participants in the Asian Ball. He did not give Jorjani his contact information and has not received any letter from him.

Jorjani writes, "That Trump and Tillerson intend to pursue a

war with this outcome was made clear in statements that Walid Phares volunteered to Fox News on October 13th [AMCD](#).

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