

# Syria: What is really going on?

## Introduction

I have written short articles on the Syrian conflict a couple of times but now there is so much confusion I thought that a concise overview would be helpful. This is especially needful today since world events are literally hanging upon what happens next in Syria, coupled with events in Ukraine and the South China Sea. It is no exaggeration to say that we are closer to World War III than at any time since the Bay of Pigs incident.

However, I must first advise that you ignore the mainstream news completely. To say that this is biased is not an understatement; it is following a set agenda, and even a set script, that is not only prejudiced but is packed full of lies. This is nothing new. Recently both a senior German and a senior American journalist have openly stated that intelligence services told them what to write, or gave them a script demanding they put their name to it, on pain of losing their job (see later). The global elite fully controls the mainstream media [MSM] and this only reports what the elite wants you to hear.

The only way to get good information on Syria is to hear from:

- People that live there and report directly (such as 'Syriangirl').<sup>1</sup>
- Investigative journalists that have no association with the MSM and have lived in the locations covered for some considerable time (such as Vanessa Beeley).<sup>2</sup>
- Independent, unpaid, investigative analysts who have a track record of honesty and integrity (such as James Corbett<sup>3</sup> or Luke Rudkowski<sup>4</sup>).
- The very few honest politicians that are not afraid to contradict the dominant elite line and confront the White House, such as Senator Ron Paul.

What these people tell us directly contradicts what the MSM is saying.

The truth is important because you are paying taxes to a government that is lying to you and is using that money to fund terrorists that behead children and kill Christians. This is how serious the lies are; your taxes are being used by your government to kill Christians in Syria as part of a bigger strategy.

While the main elite strategy is geo-political, that includes regime change, partition and fomenting a major war, a secondary strategy is to destroy the Christian testimony in Syria as it did in Iraq. Be warned.

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<sup>1</sup> Mimi Al Laham; See Syriangirlpartisan YouTube videos. Sunni Muslim background and of a previous ruling class family before the Ba'athist coup of the current government; thus would be expected to be anti Assad, but she is pro Syria and anti western imperialism.

<sup>2</sup> Daughter of famous British ambassador and special advisor Sir Harold Beeley, who has lived extensively in the Middle East. She has reported extensively on the Palestinian crisis and lived in Gaza, working to aid young people. She later lived in Syria to cover the current crisis.

<sup>3</sup> CorbettReport.com. James, a Canadian, is an incisive, intelligent analyst of current affairs but lives as a teacher in Japan.

<sup>4</sup> Wearechange.org. The elite initially tried to buy Luke off with huge amounts of money, which he refused. Subsequently they falsely smeared him as a paedophile. This proves he is doing good work exposing elite globalist plans.

The modern satanic deception in the world is so powerful, as Jesus and the apostles warned us, that Christians accept the MSM, support elite policies via their government and help fund a strategy to destroy the Syrian Christian church. As happened in Iraq, western gullible Christians have assisted the killing, torture, injury and expulsion of other Christians by blindly trusting what they are told by the establishment.

Christians must wake up to the fact that we are in the period of massive deception, which the apostles warned us about; blindly trusting what secular authority figures tell you is not an option.<sup>5</sup>

## Syria: background

### Gazetteer

Syria, or formally the Syrian Arab Republic, is a large ancient country that has existed since before the time of Abraham which borders Lebanon, the Mediterranean Sea, Turkey, Jordan, Israel and Iraq.<sup>6</sup> Indeed, the language that Jesus spoke was not Hebrew but Aramaic, a form of Syriac; however, today the language of Syria is Arabic.

It has always had a mixed population with a relatively large number of Christians that have historically lived peaceably with their Muslim neighbours. Its current ethnic groups include Syrian Arabs, Aramaeans, Kurds, Turkomans, Assyrians and Armenians. The capital is Damascus but the largest city is Aleppo. Its population was 12.8 million in 1991 and today is over 17 million people, some say 23 million, though migration and displacement is draining this.

### History

Syria has been the settlement of many civilisations, cultures, ethnic groups and empires.

#### *Ancient history*

In ancient history Syria was originally ruled by the Kingdom of Ebla, speaking a Semitic language similar to Akkadian. After a debilitating war with the city-state Mari, Syria became part of the Akkadian Empire, conquered by Sargon of Akkad in the 23<sup>rd</sup> century BC.

By the 21<sup>st</sup> century BC Syria was occupied by Hurrians in the north-east and Amorites elsewhere. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century eastern Syria was occupied by the Old Assyrian Empire and then by the Old Babylonian Empire. Syria then became a battleground for various empires including the Hittites in the north, the Mitanni and Egypt to the south until the Assyrian Empire overran all.

After the 14<sup>th</sup> century BC various Semitic peoples settled in Syria including Aramaeans. In fact Syria was actually called Aram or Aramaea for a time after the 11<sup>th</sup> century. The Phoenicians dominated the coastal area of Syria, Lebanon and northern Palestine from the 13<sup>th</sup> century. However, the New Assyrian Empire conquered the whole region after 911; this was when Aramaic became the lingua franca. The Assyrians were followed by the New Babylonian Empire (605-539 BC).

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<sup>5</sup> For examples of historic lies told to populations to garner support for unpopular government policy see my paper, 'False Flares'.

<sup>6</sup> The first Biblical mention of 'Syria' is in Judges 10:6. The first mention of 'Syrian' is Gen 25:20; Laban (Abraham's nephew) was a Syrian. Laban's sister Rebekah was Isaac's wife. Jacob married Laban's daughters, Leah and Rachel. Thus Syria was an ancient province pre-dating Abraham. The word 'Syria' in the OT is actually 'Aram'. Aram was a son of Shem (Gen 10:22). Aram founded Syria, while Shem's other sons founded, Persia, Lydia, Assyria and Chaldea.

### *Under the Persians, the Greeks and the Romans*

After this Syria was subject to the Achmaemenid Persians in 539 BC until conquered by Alexander the Great in 330 BC, later becoming part of the Seleucid Empire. In fact the name 'Syria' comes from the Greeks. After a brief rule by Armenians, Syria was taken by Rome via Pompey the Great, who captured Antioch in 64BC. It was later part of the Byzantine Empire after the Roman Empire divided.

### *Under Muslim rule*

Syria was part of the Arab Islamic conquest in the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> centuries AD, being conquered by the Arab Rashidun army in 640 AD. In the mid-7<sup>th</sup> century it became part of the Umayyad dynasty and the seat of the empire was placed in Damascus while Arabic became the official language. The Umayyads were overrun by the Abbasid dynasty in 750, which moved the capital to Baghdad. Syria was then the province of the Tulunids, the Ikshidids and the Hamdanids.

During the Crusades, parts of Syria was occupied by various European lords between 1098 and 1189 in the 'Crusader States', such as the principality of Antioch. The Kurdish warrior Saladin (founder of the Ayyubid dynasty) took Syria from the Seljuks around 1175. Then it was the turn of the Mamluks to rule around 1260. In 1400 the Muslim Turco-Mongol conqueror Timur Lenk (Tamurlaine) captured Damascus and defeated the Mamluks, massacring many Christians.

### *Ottoman rule*

Finally, the Turkish Ottomans conquered Syria incorporating it into the empire in 1516. The Ottomans instituted a governance of tolerance for the various minorities (Arab Shi'a, Arab Sunni, Aramaean-Syriac Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Maronite Christians, Assyrian Christians, Armenians, Kurds and Jews). This continued until 1918 when Turkey (which was allied to Germany) was defeated by the Allies.

### **A political chess piece in the Levant<sup>7</sup>**

The lesson from this is that Syria has always been a key state in the Middle East, constantly being overrun by emerging empires because of its strategic position in the Levant. This still applies today.

### **Modern Syria**

#### *Politics*

Syria is a relatively modernistic Arab state, and young people in particular do not want their country to be radically Islamist and see Assad as a safeguard against that. It is a state that is intrinsically Muslim but governed in a religiously tolerant, secular manner, as Turkey and Iraq used to be before American interventions.

The modern Syrian state was formed after World War I when the Ottoman control ceased and was at first a French mandate becoming the largest Arab state in the Levant. It was practically independent after the Allies ejected Vichy troops in 1941 but it achieved political independence on 24 October 1945, becoming a member of the UN.

After independence there were a number of military coups (as in Turkey). From 1958 to 1961 Syria was united with Egypt as the United Arab Republic. The Arab Republic of Syria emerged in 1961 but was unstable until a Ba'athist coup established the rule of the Ba'ath Party. From 1963 until 2011 it suspended democracy under Emergency Law.

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<sup>7</sup> Levant is the historical term for the eastern part of the Mediterranean with its islands and neighbouring countries.

Assad's father, Hafez al-Assad, ruled from 1970 until 2000 after a military coup in a despotic manner, but was tolerated by the West and his extremes often glossed over; such as the 1982 Hama massacre. After two wars and many conflicts with Israel, Syria actually joined the NATO Gulf War against Saddam Hussein and negotiated with Israel in the 1990s.

Hafez died on 10 June 2000 and his son Bashar came to power after being unopposed in an election. President Bashar al-Assad was educated in the medical school of Damascus University and did postgraduate studies in London on ophthalmology and is more tolerant in comparison with his father. He was recalled from England after his brother Bassel died, leaving him heir apparent.

Despite pre-emptive airstrikes by Israel, under the guise of fighting terrorism or destroying nuclear capacity, Bashar has avoided war until the Civil War began in 2011. He even ended the 30-year occupation of Lebanon in 2005. However, Bashar has refused to tow the imperialist elite line and thus became a target.

### *Culture*

Syria is a modern and progressive Arab state, something extremely unusual when compared to the repressive, barbaric nations like Qatar or Saudi Arabia.

The standard of living is high. In fact one Syrian doctor who fled to the west decided to go back to war-torn Aleppo rather than stay in poor accommodation provided in London's East End. The land is also very beautiful, with mountains, large rivers, tree-lined valleys and even many cities are full of character.

Women are treated equally and have equal pay and equal rights under the Syrian Constitution. There is a woman Vice-President and a woman leader of Parliament. The leading political advisor to Assad is a woman. Women attend universities and hold top positions as professors, scientists, teachers etc. Women dress as they want, travel where they want, and marry whom they want. This is unheard of in other Arab nations. It has even been said by a US Senator (Richard Black) that the women's rights movement in America would be envious of the place of women in Syria.

Religious freedom and toleration is guaranteed in the Syrian Constitution in three separate places. Saudi Arabia (that has no constitution) has insisted that Syria remove its constitution.

### **If the rebels win**

It needs to be said that if the radical terrorist forces were to win this war all this would be ruined, just as it has been in Libya. It is literally a fight between barbarism and civilisation, with NATO siding with barbarism. Just look at what the rebels did to Palmyra to prove this. There is no such thing as a moderate rebel in Syria; they are all criminal terrorists.

They will remove the constitution, along with all liberties, and place heavy restrictions on women. Those who lived under rebel rule in rebel controlled areas that escaped have told of the intense authoritarianism that reigns.

Women are treated like dirt and are flogged if they do not dress correctly. They are the property of men and cannot even leave their home without permission and accompaniment. They cannot drive a car. Girls are prohibited from attending schools. Even men are severely disciplined if they don't pray in the right way, at the right time, with the right words. Children have been crucified for minor infractions and even infants have been beheaded. A sign of Christianity in a house results in beheading.

This is what the west is supporting. Be wise!

US Senator Richard Black (retired Marine Colonel who fought in Vietnam) recently met with Assad and toured Syria. He then became committed to educating fellow Americans about the western media lies affirming that the US policy of regime change in destroying this once prosperous, non-belligerent, progressive country, is wrong and praised the regime of Assad.

## The current government of Syria

### **Assad is the legitimate democratic ruler**

Bashar al-Assad was re-elected to power in July 2014 with a landslide victory (88.7%, some sources say 79%) in an open, democratic, contested presidential election (unlike former elections) with 75% turnout; whatever you think about him this is a fact that has to be considered. In fact, it is obvious from film news and social commentary that Assad is very popular in Syria.

Assad's populist, secular, Ba'athist government integrates Muslims, Christians and Druze. The government itself is dominated by the minority Alawite (an offshoot of Shi'a). While this may not be ideal, it manages to stabilise the only current independent secular state in the Arab world.

The essential matter is that Syria has a democratically elected government under Bashar al-Assad. He may not be the best person to rule but he is overwhelmingly popular in Syria. In fact, Assad is proportionately more popular in Syria than Obama is in America, or Theresa May in Britain.

### **There is an opposition**

It stands to reason that there are people opposed to Assad governing, just as certain religious backgrounds make people opposed to the Alawite position of Assad and his father (Alawites are only about 12-15% of the population). Thus the Shi'ite Alawi are a minority compared to the Sunni majority. However, there is always opposition in any state everywhere, even in democracies. For example no more than about a third, and sometimes only a quarter, of Britons ever voted Conservative; yet this party has governed for decades.

Assad's Ba'athism is a secular, nationalistic ideology intent on creating a balanced, modern Arab state and this ensues comparative tolerance, unlike Saudi Arabia or the Gulf States. Thus Syria has been largely peaceful, stable and non-aggressive to the west, or even to Israel, for many decades. Syrians, both Sunni and Shi'ite, tend to regard themselves as Syrians first and have lived together in peace; plus there is also a large Christian minority and other religious sects. In fact, in Syria it is considered impolite to ask someone what their religion is. If they are asked they respond, 'I am Syrian'.

The formal Syrian opposition, the Syrian National Council, which considers itself a government in waiting, is actually funded and fully supported by America, Saudi Arabia and NATO simply in order to implement the regime change they desire. This is not representative of Syrians in general.

### **Syrians do not want any kind of war, civil or otherwise**

Syrians themselves tell us that though some Syrian citizens do not support Assad, no Syrians are in favour of killing their country to facilitate regime change. No Syrians voted for what is happening that is destroying their country, ravaging beautiful cities, killing thousands, making many homeless and forcing millions to flee.

The west has no mandate whatsoever to do what it is doing to Syria; just as it had no reason to ruin Ba'athist Iraq or devastate Libya.

It must also be said that despite being a small country in population terms, Syria has held out in an invasion with continuing high morale and support for the government. This is despite the overwhelming resources thrown against it, not only by the rebels (who come from various places, such as Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Afghanistan and Chechnya) but by the massive money and resources (including tanks and air support) given by America, Britain, the EU, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States. The Syrians are an indomitable people.

## The historic elite plans for Middle East imperialism

In order to understand what is going on, you need to know the historical background and why Syria is an important chess piece in the elite's plan to destabilise it then rebuild the Middle East with an enlarged 'Greater Israel'.

### The roots of American foreign policy in the Middle East: the Yinon Plan

Oded Yinon, '*A strategy for Israel in the 1980s*', published by the Association of Arab-American University Graduates Inc., Belmont, Massachusetts, (1982), ISBN 0-937694-56-8. Originally published in *Kivunim* ('Directions'), the journal of the Dept. of Information of the World Zionist Organisation, Issue 14, Winter, 5742, February 1982. Yinon, an Israeli journalist, was formerly attached to the Foreign Ministry of Israel.

Quote:

Israel must 1) become an imperial regional power, and 2) must effect the division of the whole area into small states by the dissolution of existing Arab states.<sup>8</sup>

Like it or not, it is a simple fact that the current chaos in the Middle East has been caused by Zionist Neocons dominating the White House and following a Jewish plan that was drawn up nearly 40 years ago. The cause of this was to expand Israel's territory and better improve its security.

The plan was called 'the Yinon Plan', after its creator, which advocated the destabilisation of Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and elsewhere, followed by regime change and then partition of the states to give Israel an advantage; then annexation to form 'Greater Israel' from the Euphrates to the Nile with a large buffer state. This includes most of Syria, Jordan, half of Iraq, Lebanon and part of northern Saudi Arabia. It seeks to ensure that Israel has regional superiority in the Middle East, dominating all nations as an imperial power.

The Yinon Plan was the foundational bedrock of what became US foreign policy to implement elite plans working towards global domination. The US military Armed Forces journal, 'The Atlantic', published maps that closely followed the outline of the Yinon Plan in 2008.

The Yinon Plan is also the cornerstone of the Zionist Netanyahu government, the Likud Party, the Israeli military and Israeli intelligence services. It explains why Israel continues to build new Jewish settlements in Palestinian areas and why there will never be a two-state solution to the Palestinian problem.

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<sup>8</sup> Publisher's Note 2.

Other details of the Balkanisation<sup>9</sup> of the Middle East:

- Breaking up Arab states into small states (divide and conquer).
- Regime change in Iraq.
- Iraq subdivided into a Kurdish State and two Arab states, one for Shi'ite Muslims, one for Sunni Muslims. Yinon considered that the Iran-Iraq War (September 1980 – August 1988) would help achieve these aims.
- A divided Lebanon. Liquidation of the present regime and transfer of power to the Palestinian majority. [Attempts were made to implement this in the Israeli invasion of 1978 and another in 1982.]
- A divided Egypt.
- A sub-divided Syria.
- Partitioning of Turkey, Somalia and Pakistan.
- Advancement into Sudan, Libya and North Africa.
- Creating new settlements in Israel, especially in the mountains, to make it more demographically Jewish.

The resultant smaller, weaker Muslim states would be expected to be in constant war with each other and thus pose no significant threat to Israel.<sup>10</sup>

Aside: It has been claimed by many Americans and IS that Syria is not an ancient state but was created in 1920 based on the Sykes-Picot plan after WWI. This is a lie, as my introduction shows. Syria was called 'Syria' ('Aram') in the Old Testament and has existed, albeit under different empires, for thousands of years. Jesus himself spoke a dialect of Syrian. It is Muslim states that are much more recent, all of which appeared at various times after the 7<sup>th</sup> century and some, such as Saudi Arabia, only appearing after 1932. Qatar was founded in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century while the United Arab Emirates appeared only in 1971. Ancient Syria included Lebanon and a part of what is now Turkey.

Thus the 'Arab Spring', which fomented rebellion and disruption in various Arab nations, culminating in the death of Gaddafi and the destruction of Libya and a Muslim theocracy in Egypt so far, can be seen to fit in with this Israeli plan, is no accident. [The actual conspiracy by the west to destroy Libya is too complex to enter into here but Hillary Clinton is directly and criminally involved.]

Regarding Syria, Yinon says,

The dissolution of Syria and Iraq later on into ethnically or religiously unique areas such as in Lebanon, is Israel's primary target on the Eastern front in the long run, while the dissolution of the military power of those states as the primary short term target. Syria will fall apart, in accordance with its ethnic and religious structure, into several states such as in present day Lebanon, so that there will be a Shi'ite Alawi state along its coast, a Sunni state in the Aleppo area, another Sunni state in Damascus hostile to its northern neighbour, and the Druzes who will set up a state, maybe even in our Golan, and certainly in the Hauran and in northern Jordan ... that aim is already within our reach. Par. 22.

Aside: Yinon notes the internal fragility of Arab nations:

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<sup>9</sup> The process of sub-dividing larger states into smaller and weaker states.

<sup>10</sup> See Foreign Policy Magazine, Snapshot, Barak Mendelsohn, 'Divide and Conquer in Syria and Iraq', 29 November 2015. This is linked to the CFR. Foreign Policy, Voice, James Stavricks, 'It's time to seriously consider partitioning Syria', 9 March 2016.

All the Gulf principalities and Saudi Arabia are built on a house of sand in which there is only oil. In Kuwait, the Kuwaitis constitute only a quarter of the population. In Bahrain, the Shi'ites are the majority but are deprived of power. In the USE, Shi'ites are once again the majority but the Sunnis are in power. The same is true of Oman and North Yemen. Even in the Marxist South Yemen there is a sizeable Shi'ite minority, In Saudi Arabia half the population is foreign, Egyptian and Yemenite, but a Saudi minority holds power. Jordan is in reality Palestinian, ruled by a Trans-Jordanian Bedouin minority. ... Amman is as Palestinian as Nablus. Half of Iran's population is comprised of a Persian speaking group and the other half of an ethnically Turkish group. Turkey's population comprises a Turkish Sunni Moslem majority, some 50%, and two large minorities, 12 million Shi'ite Alawis and 6 million Sunni Kurds. [True as of 1982.]

### **The Project for A New American Century [PNAC]**

This was a Neocon think tank founded in 1997 to influence US foreign policy, chaired by William Kristol (then Chief of Staff to the Vice President). Kristol's father was a key founder of US neo-conservatism ('Neocons'). It promoted American imperialism, especially in the Middle East, with America as the leader of the world. The founding statement of principles was signed by many people in GW Bush's administration, including Zionists Dick Cheney, Richard Perle, Robert Kagan, John Bolton, Donald Rumsfeld and Paul Wolfowitz. The presidency of GW Bush gave political power to the members of PNAC, which ceased to officially function in 2006.

The overriding goal of the PNAC Neocons was the domination of the world by America.<sup>11</sup> Initially, during the Cold War, this was originally focused upon defeating Russia by any means possible (hence the support of the Mujahideen in Afghanistan). Several times the Neocons were frustrated by the presidencies of Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, but were released to function under Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, GW Bush and even Barack Obama. However, by the time of Bush, Russia was no longer the threat that the Neocons needed. Thus the War on Terror was initiated, after 9/11, to enable America to pursue its global strategy of domination. Paul Wolfowitz had already drawn up an illegal policy defending the US right for pre-emptive strikes<sup>12</sup> on foreign nations if its interests were affected, and so the wars on Iraq and Afghanistan were initiated, followed by the destruction of Libya and fomenting revolution in Syria.

Thus the PNAC was the American Neocon's formalisation of the Yinon Plan in American foreign policy draft form. It was the proposed method of establishing an American imperial hegemony over various sovereign nations, with a purpose of facilitating the annexation of areas by Israel after American military success. For example, it was formally proposing regime change in Iraq by force in 1998. After 9/11 the PNAC sent a letter to GW Bush recommending the overthrow of Saddam Hussein even if no direct link to the 9/11 attack was found.<sup>13</sup> The purpose was always American primacy in global politics.

The PNAC formalises, as US strategic foreign policy, the earlier principles of the 1980s Jewish Yinon Plan, which included regime change in Iraq, Syria, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan, Somalia and Libya. This meant that excuses had to be found for pre-emptive strikes against these nations. In fact the PNAC suggested that a new 'Pearl Harbour' was necessary to galvanise the nation for unpopular policies. This was the birth of the plan for the 9/11

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<sup>11</sup> See, for example, the PNAC report, 'Rebuilding America's Defences, strategy, forces and resources for a new century', September 2000, principle author Thomas Donnelly. Introduction quote, 'At present the United States faces no global rival. America's grand strategy should aim to preserve and extend this advantageous position as far into the future as possible'. It also mentions the need for a new Pearl Harbour.

<sup>12</sup> Which is prohibited by the US Constitution.

<sup>13</sup> PNAC, letter to the President, 20 September 2001.

tragedy, which enabled the War on Terror, the invasion of Iraq, the Patriot Act, Homeland Security and many other evils.

Many in the US military have been opposed to unnecessary wars. You can hear General Wesley Clark (former Commander of NATO) talk about his shock at learning about the proposed war in Iraq, which he could not understand.<sup>14</sup> In fact the top US military have been holding back the Neocon hawks in recent years. They have been shocked that military strategy was against the interests of the US and made no sense. The reason is because it made sense for Israel. The establishment of Greater Israel would also be advantageous to America as a global dominating power, in the minds of the Neocons.

The current situation in Syria can be accurately traced back to the war on terror, 9/11, the PNAC and the Yinon Plan. In a similar way the destruction of Libya and the ruination of Iraq follow the same path.

The PNAC took the Yinon Plan further, which included provoking a future war with Iran. US Neocons have actively discussed this and have already strategically planned for a war with Iran; if Hillary Clinton is elected president she has already affirmed that she will start a nuclear war with Iran. This is not idle speculation; it is why President Putin has warned Americans that voting for Clinton will lead to a nuclear world war. Russia is already preparing its citizens for this, including providing bunkers under Moscow to house millions of people.

### **US admissions**

John Kerry has openly stated that partition of Syria could be 'plan B' if peace talks fail. This was to prepare the west to acclimatise itself to the original intentions of America for Syria.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, former US National Security Advisor and chief elite strategist, has long argued for the Balkanisation of 'Eurasia'. See his book, *The Grand Chessboard: American Foreign Policy and Its Geo-strategic Imperatives*.

Condoleeza Rice laid out plans, including a map, for the partition of Syria in 2006 as part of 'The Project for a New Middle East'.<sup>15</sup> This map, 'The New Middle East', was published in the Armed Forces Journal in June 2006. The map was drawn up by Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Peters and has been used in the training programme at NATO's Defence College for senior officers. The map also appeared in books published by Peters, who was later in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence and is a foremost Pentagon author.

This project merely confirmed the existing Anglo-American-Israeli plans to create an arc of instability, chaos and violence extending from Lebanon, Palestine, Syria, Iran, Iraq, the Persian Gulf to the borders of Afghanistan.

While this was announced, Lebanon was being bombed indiscriminately by Israel, financed by America and Britain as part of a destructive process used to create a new order.

The neo-liberal globalisers and neo-conservatives, and ultimately the Bush administration, would latch on to creative destruction as a way of describing the process by which they hoped to create their new world orders ... creative destruction [in] the United States was, in the words of neo-conservative philosopher and Bush advisor Michael Ledeen, 'an awesome revolutionary force ... for creative destruction'.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Democracy Now, interview, 2007.

<sup>15</sup> Global Research, 'Plans for redrawing the Middle East: the Project for a New Middle East', Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya, 1 October 2016. First published in June 2006.

<sup>16</sup> Mark LeVine; 'The New Creative Destruction', Asia Times, 22 August 2006.

Creative destruction is our middle name, both within our own country and abroad. We tear down the old order every day, from business to science, literature, art, architecture, and cinema to politics and the law. ... Seeing America undo traditional societies, they fear us, for they do not wish to be undone. ... They must attack us in order to survive, just as we must destroy them to advance our historic mission.<sup>17</sup>

The destruction in Lebanon did not immediately lead to the goals the Zionists wished, so attention was turned to the Arab Spring, Libya and the destabilisation of Syria. The current forces of destruction ruining Syria are part of this elite plan to create a new world order, bringing a new order through chaos.

This is what people do not understand. The appalling mess that the world is now in with ruined, failed nations (Libya), civil wars (Syria), destabilised states (Afghanistan, Iraq) and nations under constant aerial attacks (Yemen, Pakistan)<sup>18</sup> is deliberate. The elite hope that out of this awful mess they will be able to build a global empire. Ruin powerful stable nations with terrorism, airstrikes and civil war, partition them into smaller weaker states so that they can then be annexed and occupied, or ignored as required. Create destruction, rip apart the old then build a new order – that is the elite methodology.

After the needless Iraq War, and over a million of lives lost, Iraq is already in the process of being prepared into three portions (Kurds / Sunni / Shi'a). The encroaching of the US into the Middle East, Afghanistan and Pakistan will be the means to encircle Russia, Putin is not unaware of this. The advancement into Ukraine is another aspect of this encirclement. Again this is being achieved by the forces of destruction ruining the nation.

These, and other US government reports, merely show the implementation of the Yinon Plan in formal USA foreign policy. The goal is imperial Israeli control of the whole Middle East as part of a global strategy to create a new world order, a part of a plan for America to dominate the world.

What the world does not understand is that the media deliberately ignores all of this and keeps the truth hidden from populations that could cause trouble if they understood. The current mess in the world is following an agenda; it is no accident.

### **The Council on Foreign Relations [CFR]**

This is a very famous elite think tank that has long been the breeding ground for US foreign policy. Dominated by Zionists like Henry Kissinger, it absorbed the Yinon Plan and re-formulated it under various guises for briefing US politicians. Hillary Clinton, while Secretary of State, actually gave a speech where she openly stated that she got her instructions on foreign policy from the CFR.

Multiple papers published by the CFR have established foundational memes<sup>19</sup> to be used as propaganda by the media or for strategies by politicians. Thus elite strategies find a breeding ground for detailed methodology in CFR discussions, agreements and published papers.

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<sup>17</sup> Michael Ledeen; 'The war against the terror masters'. Quoted in the video, 'The New American Century'.

<sup>18</sup> American-made drones are killing civilians in Yemen and Pakistan on a regular basis; even the US government admits to the killing of hundreds of people. In addition there are American-made warplanes used by Saudi Arabia to indiscriminately bomb Yemen.

<sup>19</sup> In biology this is an element of a culture or system of behaviour that may be considered to be passed from one individual to another by non-genetic means, especially imitation. The word has been adapted to include the modern meaning of a social or philosophical theme that trends in societies, and particularly in social media.

All the catalysts for the Syrian conflict came from Zionist plans directed through Zionist organisations (CFR) and Zionist Neocons dominating White House strategies (whomever is in office). This was aided by the media whipping up a storm of lies and propaganda<sup>20</sup> to generate support whenever required which, of course, are all owned by Zionists.<sup>21</sup>

## The religious aspect of the conflict

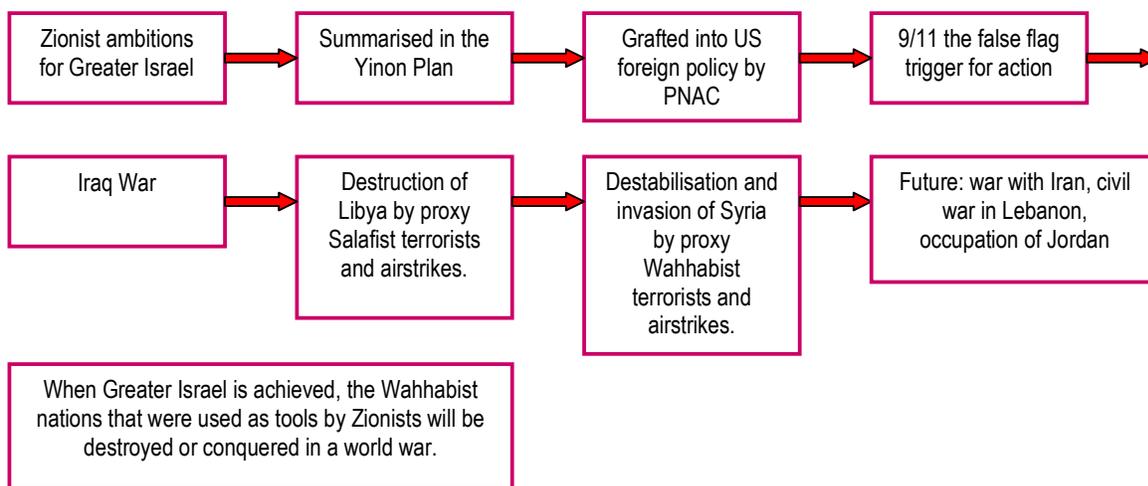
This has to be understood on the basis of the hatred between Sunnis and Shi'as, as well as Wahhabism versus Ba'athism (see appendix one and glossary).

The discord between Sunni and Shi'a Muslims is well documented and widely appreciated; it underlies the aggression between Saudi Arabia and Iran for example. This need not be developed further here, except to say that the terrorists are Sunni extremists (Salafists) and Syria is largely moderate Shi'ites.

What is less well known is the antagonism between Wahhabis and Ba'athists. For a concise description of these see the glossary.

In a nutshell it means that the minority but rich and powerful rulers of Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States are using the cover of the Zionist dominated American Neocon policies to fight a religious war. It also explains the basis of the terrorists who are Salafist Sunnis. The reason why IS, for example, have killed far more Muslims than others (including almost no Jews at all)<sup>22</sup> is that this is a religious crusade to kill an opposing Islamic religious faction.

## Summary of the origins of the Syrian invasion



The only thing that has stopped this from working smoothly has been the intervention of Russia with brilliant military expertise. This has led to the brinkmanship of America

<sup>20</sup> See my paper, 'False flares'.

<sup>21</sup> It should be understood that Zionist Jews occupy very many areas of political, civil, commercial, media and artistic power in America, yet Jews only make up less than 3% of the population. A similar situation prevailed in Germany before the rise of Hitler.

<sup>22</sup> There are claims that the killing of Nick Berg in 2004 was a hoax. See Rense.com, '15 anomalies surrounding death of Nick Berg'.

provoking world war beginning with Russia, which would be nuclear. Putin has not backed down as expected; thus the current impasse and raging psy-op propaganda war.<sup>23</sup>

## How did the Syrian conflict begin?

### **Initial cause – an American/NATO conspiracy (again)**

The rebellion in Syria was not a spontaneous, natural protest movement of disgruntled citizens against the government; this is crucial to understand. It was an armed insurrection initiated by radical Islamists in 2011 that were imported, supported, financed, armed, equipped and trained by the US and her allies. It was a deliberate plan to destabilise the country and provoke the toppling of Assad so that Syria could be a pawn in the global power game. Only Assad's resilience, the people's support, and the resources of the Russians have prevented this so far.

### **It is not a civil war but an invasion**

All Syrians will tell you that the current crisis is not a civil war but an invasion of terrorists from outside Syria. There was no Syrian insurrection against Assad but there were foreign activated protests, followed by shooting of protesters by unknown assailants that bred disorder and gave opportunity to terrorists.

### **Assisting civil unrest and revolution is illegal**

If Assad is the democratically elected, and popular, ruler of Syria, then the west has no reason to seek to topple him. Any such action would be illegal under international law – but that is what the NATO allies have been doing for five years. Support of Syrian rebels and airstrikes are completely illegal.

Furthermore, the examples of Iraq, Libya and Afghanistan show that western, particularly American, involvement in sovereign nations is always disastrous and always leaves a worse situation than what they found, to say nothing of many civilian deaths (over a million in the case of Iraq). For NATO to then foster, or even create, a revolution in Syria is iniquitous.

Furthermore, Western intelligence services and Mossad have consistently used Islamic terrorist organisations as intelligence assets. Both America and Britain have given covert support to Islamist terrorists in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Kosovo and Libya as a means to trigger ethnic strife, sectarian violence and political instability. The staged protest movement in Syria is a copy of what the west did in Libya. The Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG) was supported by both the CIA and MI6. We know what the result of that was – ruination of a stable nation<sup>24</sup> to the degree that it is now a failed state that once affluent people now flee from.

### **The revolution was initiated and developed by American foreign policy**

The so-called Syrian 'protest movement' against Assad was not a spontaneous, indigenous event; as in many other cases (including Ukraine) it was instigated by America.<sup>25</sup> This was

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<sup>23</sup> Right now NATO, including British, troops are preparing to be deployed to the Russian border in Europe. Russia is advancing troops, munitions and nuclear missiles to meet them. America has expanded military bases in a line from Ukraine to Australia to encircle Russia's underbelly. These bases are being filled with hundreds of tanks, nuclear missiles, aircraft, artillery and troops. Russia has flown military aircraft into US and UK airspace on manoeuvres. Russian warships travelling to Syria through the Channel recently pointed their guns towards the English coastline in a symbolic act of defiance.

<sup>24</sup> Libya had a higher standard of living than Americans under Qhadaffi.

<sup>25</sup> This type of action where civil unrest is deliberately fomented is called a Gladio B operation.

known and documented from March 2011.<sup>26</sup> It was not a citizen's protest movement but an armed insurgency orchestrated by US-Israeli and allied supported jihadist death-squads.

From the very beginning the Islamist freedom fighters were supported, trained and equipped by NATO and Turkey according to Israeli intelligence sources.

NATO headquarters in Brussels and the Turkish high command are meanwhile drawing up plans for their first military step in Syria, which is to arm the rebels with weapons for combating tanks and helicopters spearheading the Assad regime's crackdown on dissent. ... NATO strategists are thinking more in terms of pouring large quantities of anti-tanks and anti-air rockets, mortars and heavy machine guns into the protest centres.<sup>27</sup>

This initiative was supported by Saudi Arabia and Qatar and involved organised recruitment of thousands of jihadist fighters (just as America did with the Mujahideen in Afghanistan). These recruits ended up in US sponsored terrorist organisations; such as al-Nusra Front and IS.

Prof. Michel Chossudovsky (a contributor to Encyclopaedia Britannica) gives a full account of the development of IS in his Global Research website.<sup>28</sup> He even examines details of the fomenting of revolution in specific towns showing staged events by Mossad and western intelligence services. The radical Salafist groups were supported by Israel. The west then misreported events in such towns.

In Daraa, for instance, roof top snipers were targeting both police and demonstrators to make headlines. Even so, more police were killed than protestors. The event was not a 'peaceful protest' as reported in the west, the protestors were armed terrorists involved in murder and arson. Such events were the beginning of a US-NATO-Israel sponsored al-Qaeda affiliated insurgency using death squads and snipers, then blaming Assad.

This exact same strategy was used by the US and Israel in fomenting civil unrest in Ukraine (as I have previously reported). The false flag operation at Maidan led to the deaths of both demonstrators and policemen by snipers, with a view to accusing Ukrainian president Yanukovich of mass murder. It was subsequently revealed that the snipers were controlled by opponents of Yanukovich, who are now part of the coalition government.

From the start of the Syrian insurgency there was gross misrepresentation of the facts in the western media. It tried to make the civil unrest part of the so-called 'Arab Spring', a 'natural reaction against tyranny'. Shootings by police of demonstrators were reported but no mention was made of armed gunmen and snipers amongst the demonstrators. British policemen have shot dead innocent civilians many times but no one goes to prison for murder. Syrian policeman shot at gunmen that were killing both police and demonstrators and the world condemns Assad of murder.

Furthermore, reports in the west were often unsubstantiated and were 'according to witnesses', yet videos supplied by Al Jazeera and CNN did not correspond to these reports (the same occurred in Ukraine). Then images were falsely used. Videos of thousands of demonstrators marching in support of Assad in Damascus and elsewhere were used as evidence of anti-government rallies. Western reports also used massive falsifications of

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<sup>26</sup> Global Research, Prof Michel Chossudovsky, 'The US-NATO-Israel sponsored al-Qaeda insurgency in Syria: who was behind the 2011 'protest Movement'', 10 November 2015.

<sup>27</sup> Debka file, 'NATO to give rebels anti-tank weapons', 14 August 2011.

<sup>28</sup> Globalresearch, 'The US-NATO-Israel sponsored al-Qaeda insurgency in Syria', 3 may 2011 and 10 November 2015.

data to add weight to their agenda, such as saying that the population of Daraa was 300,000 when it is really 75,000 or ignoring the deaths of policemen completely.<sup>29</sup>

## **Elite objectives in regime change in Syria**

### **A Rothschild central bank**

Rothschild owned central banks have taken over most of the world, dominated by the US Federal Reserve and the London Bank of England. The Fed, as a private entity, rules the global economy through the Petro dollar and acts to create bubbles and crashes to suit its plans. It is a thoroughly corrupt organisation, as are all the big banks.<sup>30</sup> The central bank comes under the jurisdiction of the Bank of International Settlements, which determines how much a currency is worth and how much debt they can have.

One of the reasons for the elite attacking Iraq and Libya was that they were opting out of the Petro-dollar scam. After the fall of Gaddafi, the Libyan state bank was turned into a Rothschild central bank.

Syria has also avoided having a Rothschild central bank and is thus a target on this basis alone. It has its own state-run bank, which is how the US Constitution decreed that America should function. This changed in 1913 when the privately owned Fed took over and kept the nation in increasing debt.

Syria also has no debt owed to the IMF. Until the conflict it had no foreign debts at all. Being free from the elite controlled IMF, Syria could choose its own domestic and foreign policy, thus putting it on the front line of resistance to the global elite.

### **Controlling the food supply**

Assad banned all genetically modified food products from Syria, seeking to keep the nation healthy. This was a threat to the elite controlled GMO industry, which is also connected to war profiteering.

When Iraq was invaded, one of the first things the US did was to make it illegal for farmers to store their own seeds, kept for hundreds of years.<sup>31</sup> Instead they were forced to buy seeds from US corporations, such as Monsanto and Cargill. In recent years global corporations have patented, and now own, many seed varieties developed by indigenous peoples. GM seeds are more expensive and promise a better harvest. Indian farmers have found that they are less effective, cause disease and result in failed crops. Many thousands of Indian farmers have killed themselves as a result. In April 2012 there were farmer suicides every 30 minutes and famine ensued. The elite want this introduced into Syria. Controlling the food supply is another elite means of controlling nations.

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<sup>29</sup> Associated Press, 23 March 2011.

<sup>30</sup> It would take a book to prove this but just see what has been exposed in law for example: rigging of the gold rates, rigging of the Libor rate, rigging of the Forex, rigging the bond market, selling worthless stocks, money laundering for drug cabals and so on. Banks have been fined billions for corruption, fraud and other crimes. Deutsche Bank is currently facing potential billions of fines that could bring it down. This is to day nothing of the entire fraudulent Ponzi scheme, fiat-money banking system based on ever increasing debt that cannot be redeemed.

<sup>31</sup> Iraq Order 81, passed by Paul Bremer, 26 April 2004.

### **A gas/oil pipeline from the Gulf States to the Mediterranean**

Qatar has located a gas field below the floor of the Persian Gulf that is the largest in the world. It therefore published plans in 2009 for a pipeline from the Persian Gulf, through Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria and Turkey to distribute this gas.<sup>32</sup>

This would have caused serious problems to Russia, which supplies a quarter of Europe's gas and sells 80% of its gas to Europe, so Assad refused to give permission for the pipeline to go through Syria.

Iran also had a smaller access to this gas field and planned a pipeline through Iraq and Syria then under the Mediterranean Sea to Greece. Russia apparently agreed to this and Assad signed this off in 2012. It was planned to be complete by 2016 but the civil war has stopped progress. Qatar is believed to have funded Syrian terrorists fighting Assad by \$3 billion between 2011 and 2013 alone. This also gives Turkey another reason to oppose Assad since it would gain from the Qatar project in license fees and currently relies on Russia for gas.

### **Gas and oil discoveries**

The global elite use energy supplies to keep a tight control over nations and currencies (this is why the many sources of free power have been shut down). Syria discovered oil and gas resources offshore, which would have posed a serious threat to the delicately balanced global oil supply managed by America and Saudi Arabia in the main. Syria could not be allowed to become a major world supplier of oil and gas.

Also the proposed new oil pipeline through Syria and Iraq provided an alternative supply route to the one that currently goes through Israel could not be allowed to exist.

### **Removal of an enemy of Israel**

Israel has long hated Syria and has been at war with it twice, plus constant conflicts over the Golan Heights. Israel even conducted an illegal airstrike on an alleged nuclear facility.

Syria continues to refuse to recognise the State of Israel and is a vocal opponent of Zionism.

### **Encircle Iran**

War with Iran is high on the elite's shopping list, and Hillary Clinton has affirmed her commitment to this, even with nuclear weapons. Getting rid of Syria as a powerful independent nation and ally of Iran would make war with Iran far more winnable.

### **Facilitating the Yinon Plan to break up Syria (Balkanisation) and steal territory for Greater Israel**

I have explained this. Syria must be broken into smaller, weaker, opposing states so that Israel can annex large portions of the country and fulfil the Yinon Plan for a Greater Israel.

## **The US is ramping up the conflict**

What has to be kept in mind here is:

- Russia is legally involved in the defence of Syria against aggressors, having been invited to assist by the Syrian government.

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<sup>32</sup> News.com.au, Chris Chang, 'Is the fight over a gas pipeline fuelling the world's bloodiest conflict?', 2 December 2015. This quotes Harvard Professor Mitchell A Orenstein and George Romer in 'Foreign Affairs'.

- The USA and NATO forces, advisors and airstrikes are completely illegal. They are acts of military aggression on a non-belligerent, sovereign nation that poses no threat to NATO.

### **Additional US troops**

In November 2015 the US deployed additional ground troops into Syria, an expeditionary force supposedly to fight IS while US Senators John McCain (chair of the Senate Committee on Armed Service) and Lindsey Graham have called for 100,000 troops in Syria.<sup>33</sup>

### **Shooting down a Russian aircraft**

After the downing of the Russian SU-24 warplane by NATO ally Turkey, Putin ordered deployment of S-400 SAM batteries into Syria. These, plus Moskva guided-missiles on a cruiser, provide air cover for Russian jets. Additionally, SU-34s have been fitted with air-to-air missiles in Syria for the first time. What these mean is that any plane that attacks a Russian jet will be shot down by missiles from three potential sources. Furthermore, Russia has deployed three battalions of 2S19 Msta-S self-propelled howitzers (a heavy artillery system capable of firing 152mm bombs rapidly) and TOS-1 220mm multiple rocket launchers.

Putin said that he will make Syria his 'Stalingrad'.<sup>34</sup> If war erupts, this will become the western allies versus Syria and Russia.

### **US ends a cease-fire with a bombing raid**

After a cease fire was declared in September 2016, it was American warplanes that ended the cease-fire within five days by bombing Syrian government troop positions killing over a hundred personnel, including Russian advisors. This was clearly done to protect IS interests; in fact IS boasted that America was their air-cover.

During the cease-fire, the US shipped tons of arms and equipment to terrorists grouped around Aleppo, including ground-to-air missiles. The US demanded that Russia stopped attacking terrorist held positions in East Aleppo. This was because the Syrian and Russian troops were advancing into terrorist occupied East Aleppo and routing them.

### **US hawkish bluster**

The US State Department spokesman John Kirby, issued a statement (28 September 2016) warning the Russians that if they continued assisting the Syrian government, more Russian lives would be lost and more Russian planes shot down.

All of this is ramping up the conditions that could spark into a world war. There are many other examples.

## **Examples of media lies**

Note that the extent of media and political lies regarding Syria is growing daily. Those exposing these lies not only includes independent analysts and commentators but a US Senator and former presidential candidate (Ron Paul) and a former US Senator and retired Marine Colonel (Richard Black).

Much of the lying propaganda regarding Syria is generated by American agencies on the ground, especially the NGOs involved (see 'White Helmets'). This is then magnified by

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<sup>33</sup> Middle East Eye, 'US Senators call for 100,000 troops in Syria', 29 November 2015.

<sup>34</sup> Referring to the sacrificial defence of Stalingrad in WWII against Hitler.

national media outlets which run with scripts provided by the intelligence services. What ensues is pure mythology that serves US purposes and fills the media with disinformation and misinformation. The same thing happened in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya; surely Syria is heading for the same quagmire unless the tide turns.

It would take a book to list all the media lies about Syria, which occur almost daily. Here I will just provide a sample.

### **Fake sources 1**

For years a 'go to' source for information on Syrian casualties has been the 'Syrian Observatory for Human Rights' (SOHR). This has constantly supported the claims of western governments that Assad is targeting his own people indiscriminately.

This source was, until recently, run by a Syrian ex-convict Osama Ali Suleiman (aka Rami Abdul Rahman) from his flat in Coventry. He gets funding from the EU and has connections with the British Foreign Office having had meetings with William Hague. None of the information he sends out is independently verified. In fact terrorists target a certain area and then SOHR reports the casualties being caused by Assad.

The west is constantly told of the Barrel Bombs of Assad but no mention is made of the 'Hell Cannon'<sup>35</sup> fired indiscriminately upon Aleppo citizens by terrorists, along with mortars and rockets. Nor is there mention of the many car bombs or tunnels under homes that are detonated or the following sniper fire on troops trying to help.

### **Fake sources 2: proof of CIA/MI5 - led media**

#### *German media*<sup>36</sup>

Dr Udo Ulfkotte is a German journalist and former assistant editor for the German main, daily newspaper 'Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung'. Ulfkotte went on public television stating that he was forced to publish the works of intelligence agents under his own name, adding that non-compliance with these orders would cost him his job. He added that the CIA and German intelligence services routinely bribe journalists in Germany to write pro-NATO propaganda articles. He then went on to publish the book, 'Bought Journalists' exposing the CIA control of the media.

#### *American media*<sup>37</sup>

Amber Lyon is a three-time Emmy Award winning journalist. She claims that CNN is routinely paid by the US government and foreign governments to selectively report on certain events. In addition, the White House pays CNN for editorial control over some of their content.

For example, in March 2011 CNN sent a four-man team to Bahrain to cover the Arab Spring. Lyon interviewed activists who recounted torture and kidnapping of family members. She spoke with Bahrain government officials justifying the imprisonment of protestors. Footage showed shocking video of Bahrain regime forces shooting unarmed demonstrators, along with mass arrests. This showed, in graphic detail, the brutal regime that is a close American ally. Despite the dangers faced by the journalists to produce this footage, CNN never broadcast the film; despite multiple complaints from journalists.

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<sup>35</sup> Cooking gas cylinders filled with explosives, nails and shrapnel fired from what the terrorist call, 'a hell cannon'. You can see them on YouTube.

<sup>36</sup> Zero Hedge, Tyler Durden, 'Top German journalist admits mainstream media is completely false. We all lie for the CIA', 28 March 2016.

<sup>37</sup> Sean Adi-Tabatabai; 'CNN Journalist, "Governments pay us to fake stories", shocking expose', YourNewsWire.com. Glenn Greenwald; Guardian, 4 September 2012.

Amber Lyon is now reporting independently to expose the deception in the media.

### *Conclusion*

Is it then any surprise that the media reporting of the Syrian conflict is riddled with fake stories, errors, exaggerations, misrepresentation and flagrant propaganda? The level of false reporting regarding Syria is now out of control (as it is in the American election).

It is for this reason that 94% of Americans no longer trust the mainstream media and why news TV channels and newspapers are collapsing through lack of readers and viewers.<sup>38</sup>

### **The demonisation of Assad**

The US has done this on multiple occasions to generate support for military action: note, Hitler, Ho Chi Minh,<sup>39</sup> Saddam Hussein, Gaddafi, Osama bin Laden and so on. It has to create the impression in the minds of taxpayers that the US (UK, France etc.) is on a holy, righteous war against an evil, cruel dictator. In one speech GW Bush even called Osama bin Laden 'the evil one', a Biblical term for the devil.

Therefore, to justify military action in Syria and to prepare for expanding this, the US (i.e. the global elite behind the US) has to portray Assad as a wicked, brutal dictator who massacres his own people. This is what the newspapers are full of and what most gullible people accept. It is a lie.

Even a US Senator and former marine colonel has met with Assad and reported that he is an honourable, intelligent, courageous, soft-spoken man fighting to save his country.<sup>40</sup>

Firstly, I have already explained that Assad was elected in an open, free election, with a 75% turnout in a landslide victory of over 80%. No western leader has a mandate of this proportion. Currently, Britain is being governed by a Prime Minister that has no mandate whatsoever, having not been elected. In America, Obama is hated today by the majority of people, black and white.<sup>41</sup> In France it looks like dirty tricks are needed to stop Marine le Pen devastating Hollande. In Germany Merkel's party has been thrashed into third place in by-elections. Yet these people are ganging up on Assad in the name of freedom and democracy!

Secondly, as more and more hard evidence gets publicised, it is clear that the war crimes and atrocities are being carried out by the rebels and opposition, not by government forces. Why would Syrians flee to government-held areas if they were being massacred by Assad? The lies cannot hold up any longer.

This media demonisation of Assad continues day-by-day as the west becomes more desperate to break the will of the Syrian people, surprised that they have held out against multiple well-financed aggressors for so many years.

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<sup>38</sup> RT, 'Only 6% of Americans trust the media – survey', 18 April 2016.

<sup>39</sup> Revolutionary leader and president of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam). A key Viet Cong leader during the Vietnam War.

<sup>40</sup> See on Richard Black elsewhere in this paper.

<sup>41</sup> An unbiased recent poll carefully selected representative people from every state. This showed that 69% would vote Trump and 19% Clinton. This contradicts media polls, which show a slight lead for Clinton – but they were selected from people in known Democrat areas. Such rigging has been going on for weeks. After two terms, Obama has done nothing for black people and left the country in a far worse state. Medical insurance has doubled for half the provision, unemployment is at record highs, the economy is at record lows, there is near civil war in some cities and so on.

### **Chemical attacks**

The much-publicised Ghouta chemical weapon attack in August 2013 has now been thoroughly discredited as a false flag.

A report from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology<sup>42</sup> exposed that the US/UK/France<sup>43</sup> chemical weapons case against Assad was a complete fraud, designed to trigger heightened military operations by the west and possibly outright war.<sup>44</sup>

The questionable rockets lying in the rubble in Ghouta outside Damascus could not have delivered Sarin payloads from Syrian government as the improvised rocket range was far too short to have been launched from government controlled areas. This was further exposed by journalist Seymour Hersh, who also explained that the terrorist rebels also had access to Sarin.

### **Russia allegedly bombed a hospital to dust in Aleppo which is intact**

There are three hospitals in East Aleppo and seven basic health centres. The hospitals are occupied by terrorists with the top floors being used as sniping bases. These hospitals are controlled by the terrorists and are used to treat terrorists as a priority.

The Al Quds hospital was supposedly reduced to dust in a smouldering heap according to western media sources in April 2016.<sup>45</sup> In fact it is operating normally at this day. It is a terrorist triage centre. On 12 August it was visited by Sheikh Abdullah Muhaysini, key leader of IS and chief trainer of suicide bombers.

### **Terrorists that behead children lauded by the west as freedom fighters**

There is a video available, not for the faint-hearted, that shows certain young jihadi terrorists from the al-Zinki group tormenting and then beheading a 10/12-year old boy with a kitchen knife, and celebrating. Even worse was that the child was sick, (captured from a hospital) having an infusion tube in his arm connected to a medicinal bag.

These same terrorists then appeared in a video that was used by western news agencies posing as brave rebels against Assad. These very rebels are receiving money and resources from America and NATO. This caused politicians in Congress to question what limits aid to rebels; where does the military draw the line in resourcing rebels? It was impossible for US apologists to deny the clear video evidence; NATO supports terrorists that behead sick children.

Channel 4 News ran a story praising these very same men until a Twitter storm howled in protest. Channel 4 News then took the video off the public Internet feed.

### **Only one doctor left in Aleppo**

News headlines in the west reported that things were so bad in Aleppo that there was only one doctor left in the city.

In fact, the truth was that there were 4,120 doctors working in Aleppo; 200 joined in the last six months.<sup>46</sup> Syrian government first responders were active in treating both civilians and terrorists in West and even in East Aleppo, sent and paid for by the government.

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<sup>42</sup> Richard Lloyd and Theodore Postol; 'Possible implications of faulty technical intelligence'.

<sup>43</sup> Notably Barack Obama, David Cameron, John Kerry and William Hague.

<sup>44</sup> See RT.com, 'MIT study of Ghouta chemical attack challenges US intelligence'.

<sup>45</sup> E.g BBC News, 'Syria conflict: MSF says deadly airstrike hit Aleppo hospital', 28 April 2016.

<sup>46</sup> As of October 2016.

However, some doctors and medics have been killed by US sponsored terrorists in east Aleppo.

### **A-10s bomb hospitals – blamed on Russia**

Russia's military campaign against IS was such a massive and swift success that the US bombed civilian areas in Aleppo with two US A-10 Tankbuster aircraft blaming the deaths upon Russia to discredit Putin's involvement. The Tankbusters destroyed nine facilities including two hospitals depriving 50,000 people of hospital facilities.<sup>47</sup> This occurred at 13.55 Moscow time on 10 February 2016.

Western media reported the false American claims but failed to mention the technical reports (timed to the minute) of Russian generals demonstrating that it was actually US aircraft that killed the civilians.<sup>48</sup>

A full presentation by the Russian General on RT showed detailed satellite imagery, radar plans and other data to show where the planes came from and where they returned to, what the target co-ordinates were and what time it occurred. Russia defence spokesman Igor Konashenkov also added that there had been no Russian flights over the city. The details of the Pentagon spokesman, Colonel Steven Warren who blamed Russia, were completely lacking; no time, no co-ordinates, no sources of information.

No Russian planes were active in that airspace but it is confirmed that multiple US aeroplanes and drones (UAVs)<sup>49</sup> were in operation over Aleppo.

Furthermore, Russia accused the US of supplying photos to the media, blaming Russia for apparent destruction, when the photos were of ruins long before Russia entered the conflict. Other sources have verified this lie by western media.

### *They've done it before*

In fact the US has repeatedly bombed civilian areas, and medical centres, which has been reported openly; such as when a US AC-130U gunship attacked the Kunduz Trauma Centre operated by Médecins Frontières on 3 October 2015. 42 people were killed, 33 were missing and 30 injured.

### **Media lies in slogans**

<b>Claim</b>	<b>Truth</b>
Syrians support the west's attempts at regime change.	They do not; in fact many Syrians have left homes and jobs to fight in the Syrian army to stop regime change.
Free Syria.	Enslave Syria.
Moderate rebels.	Vicious terrorists.
Syrian freedom fighters.	Ruthless terrorists, many of whom are foreigners, intent on imposing Wahhabi authoritarianism.
Assad is an evil dictator.	Assad is one of the most popular leaders in the world.
Assad massacres his own people.	Then why do Syrians flee from rebels to government-held areas?
Assad bombs innocent civilians.	When investigated, many such claims were proved to be performed by the US, Coalition planes or rebel mortar fire.

<sup>47</sup> At least that is what the Pentagon claimed was destroyed.

<sup>48</sup> RT, YouTube, 'US A-10s bomb Aleppo, blame Moscow – Russian Defence Ministry', 11 Feb 2016.

<sup>49</sup> Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

NATO is bombing IS.	NATO is supporting IS with air-drops of weapons and supplies and also training them in Jordan. NATO airstrikes have often acted as air-support for IS and other terrorists. NATO airstrikes have also hit many civilians, medical centres and hospitals.
The White Helmets are good first responders.	The White Helmets are vicious terrorists under the cover of an NGO, and also a supplier of fake media propaganda.
The west does not support terrorists.	The US, UK, NATO, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States are all heavily supporting, resourcing and financing multiple terrorist war criminals, including IS and al-Qaeda.

## The Syrian Army

The Syrian Army relies on loyal soldiers defending their country and their homes from a heavily subsidised, markedly foreign incursion, including many mercenaries paid by the Gulf monarchies and trained by the US. And the army is loyal because they know that although great sacrifices will be asked of them, they will be defending, not sacrificing, their families and loved ones.<sup>50</sup>

If you watch interviews with Syrian government soldiers you will find that alongside the professional troops, which are world class, there are many that have left their jobs, families and businesses in order to volunteer to fight. They do this because they are fighting for their country and the lives of their families. It reminds me of the documentaries of British soldiers in WWII and of my family that volunteered.

The Syrian Army is actually comprised of Syrians serving their country. The supposed rebels are terrorist foreigners that are actually killing innocent Syrian civilians.

Senator Black, who served as a colonel in Vietnam with honour and was wounded in battle, declared that the Syrian Army was amongst the bravest and most efficient and honourable that he had ever seen.<sup>51</sup> This was after seeing them first hand (he even reviewed some troops) travelling with them in hostile areas.

## Terrorist groups

Syrian people consider that all the terrorist groups are criminals, killers, mass murderers, torturers and rapists. It is a lie to call certain groups 'moderate rebels', there are none. Furthermore, many of the terrorist groups include large numbers of foreigners, such as Chechens, Pakistanis, Saudis, Tunisians and Afghans.

British Special Forces are training certain of these groups through a US-led, \$500 million a year programme.<sup>52</sup> The west and NATO allies are heavily resourcing these groups costing billions. The US and the UK airdrop supplies and weapons. Turkey, Saudi Arabia and

<sup>50</sup> Paul Larudee; 'Mythology, Barrel Bombs and Human Rights Watch', quoted in Vanessa Beeley, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wire, 'Part II – Syria's White Helmets: War by way of deception – Moderate Executioners', 28 October 2015.

<sup>51</sup> Ipac.co, 'Highlights – Syria: Breaking the propaganda war with Senator Richard Black'. YouTube, 13 July 2016.

<sup>52</sup> RT, 'British special forces set to resume training "democratic & moderate" Syrian rebels', 25 October 2016.

Qatar ship resources in by truck. It is common, after a successful Syrian forces attack on rebel positions, to find hordes of materials clearly marked as emanating from Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Israel and European nations.

There are over 20 chief terrorist groups functioning in Syria killing Syrians. BBC News states that there are 1,000 armed opposition groups commanding about 100,000 fighters in late 2013.<sup>53</sup> These are the best known.

### **The Free Syrian Army (FSA)**

This was formed in 2011 by Syrian army deserters based in Turkey and supported by the west and the Gulf States. Armed groups in Syria then adopted the FSA banner of an eagle with outstretched wings, even though the FSA had no control over them at all.

The Supreme Military Council of the FSA tried to centralise leadership in 2012. As of today it appears to have little influence.

### **The Syria Civil Defence NGO, aka ‘the white helmets’**

NGOs (non-governmental organisations) are now in great use by imperialist governments to implement regime change and foment social conflict. They have been proved to be used in Ukraine, Iraq and elsewhere but are now rampant in Syria. *‘NGOs help crack countries open like ripe nuts, paving the way for intensifying waves of exploitation and extraction.’*<sup>54</sup> Vanessa Beeley calls the NGO soft power complex, *‘one of the most destructive global forces’*.<sup>55</sup> They are the interface between the civilians in the target nation and the imperial power structures intent on harnessing the target’s resources or undermining the target’s geopolitical power. Regime change is one of the strategies they help to implement; sometimes by covert military actions, weapons supply or propaganda manipulation.

This particular NGO is formally headed by James Le Mesurier, a British mercenary and ex British intelligence officer who is connected to the CIA and Blackwater.<sup>56</sup> The obscure origins of this NGO began with a \$300,000 fund supplied by the US, UK and the ‘Syrian Opposition’. Logistical support is provided by the Turkish disaster response team AKUT. In 2013 \$13 million was given in donations by the US, UK, Europe, the Syrian National Council (opposition) and George Soros.

Mesurier claims that the White Helmets now have more influence on Syrian communities than IS or al Nusra. The public image has been carefully designed and co-ordinated to achieve the greatest possibly psychological influence, such as holding babies aloft over ruins. This has been organised by a PR company called ‘Purpose’, which is partnered with George Soros.

From the west’s point of view, the White Helmets organisation is a grass roots, non-aligned, humanitarian organisation while in fact it is a created, covert intelligence and disinformation asset funded largely by the British Foreign Office and led by a former British army officer.

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<sup>53</sup> BBC News, ‘Guide to the Syrian rebels’, 13 December 2013.

<sup>54</sup> Stephanie McMillan, quoted in Vanessa Beeley, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wire, ‘Part II – Syria’s White Helmets: War by way of deception – Moderate Executioners’, 28 October 2015.

<sup>55</sup> Ibid.

<sup>56</sup> An American private military company, now called ‘Academi’. It was connected to a scandal in 2007 when a military group under its control killed 17 Iraqi civilians and injured 20 more in Baghdad. The CIA ran operations through Blackwater, giving them the power to abduct people or murder whilst claiming no involvement.

They claim to rescue both terrorist and government casualties; they claim to properly bury the bodies of all; they claim to be impartial and driven by humanitarianism. All these things are lies. You can see a video of a White Helmet officer boasting that they throw the bodies of the Shabiha (Assad Regime militia) into the trash and then boasting about supporting al-Qaeda. Another celebrates the al-Qaeda take-over of Jisr al-Shugour. Others are pictured standing on the corpses of government troops (possibly amongst the thousands thrown into the River Queiq to poison Aleppo's water supply).<sup>57</sup>

The West claims that these are volunteer first-responders and were nominated for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize. They claim to be an independent NGO with 3,000 operatives that has no direct funding but investigators have proved that USAID is a major shareholder, who have given it over \$16 million. One might ask where is all this money going for 3,000 medics? One analyst called it '*a prime UD Government regime change facilitator*'.<sup>58</sup> The Bolivian president, Evo Morales, expelled USAID from Bolivia for conspiracies connected to the White House. It uses taxpayer's money to conduct covert operations to assist pro-US governments and damage anti-US ones, such as regime change.

Thus the white helmets are being paid to conduct secretive terror operations in Syria and are integrated into the Al-Nusra Front, the Free Syrian Army and IS networks. You can see a photo of an IS fighter standing outside a White Helmet depot in an IS held area south of Yarmouk Camp. This photo forced the Daily Telegraph to attempt damage limitation after celebrating the humanitarian role of the White Helmets. Even the UK government now admits that they are embedded in IS and that the Foreign Office is the largest single source of funding for them (though actually the US gives far more).

In fact, White Helmet officers are just criminal Al Nusra terrorists who steal ambulances and fire engines and kill Syria's real Civil Defence officials. They have been funded by the US, European States and Britain to the tune of \$100 million in total (£32 million from the UK recently) and this money has been directed into arms purchase and terrorist resources. They are trained in Turkey and enter Syria in trucks that are suspected as being a conduit to bring in arms and equipment. Far from being unarmed, they are regularly filmed with assault rifles and handguns, or even operating artillery.

One of the top three White Helmets is Farouq al Habib. This man was a leader of the Homs uprising against Assad and claims to have been tortured by the Syrian regime in 2012. He was also a founder member of the Homs Revolutionary Council (aided by the CIA). Another leader is Raed Saleh, a known Syrian opposition protagonist.

Stories given to the media from this group have proven to be fabricated. Russia Today and Sott.net have exposed the falsities in white helmet propaganda, such as re-using old photographs on Twitter to blame Russia for civilian deaths.<sup>59</sup> The group has called for the burning and destruction of villages under siege by rebels. They have been filmed beheading civilians and executing others by shooting. They have been seen acting as a terrorist one moment and then putting on the white helmet later.

There is a real Syrian Civil Defence that is government supported that is doing genuine medical work. This has been operating since 1953 and is affiliated to the UN and the Red

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<sup>57</sup> Photo capture at Vanessa Beeley, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wire, 'Part II – Syria's White Helmets: War by way of deception – Moderate Executioners', 28 October 2015.

<sup>58</sup> Vanessa Beeley, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wire, 'Syria's White Helmets: war by way of deception – Part 1', 23 October 2015.

<sup>59</sup> For example: a photo of the destruction of a tower block on 14 April 2013 was recycled by the White Helmets to claim it was done by Russia on 20 August 2015.

Cross. This works in both terrorist and government-held areas but is ignored by the west. The White Helmets have murdered genuine Civil Defence medics.

The White Helmets' purpose is actually to destroy another Syrian institution, the Civil Defence league because it is linked to the government as an official state first responder medical group.

### **Al Qaeda**

We could have a long debate about this term, which just originally meant, 'the base' and was an American intelligence services database of known terrorists; in fact it was originally the list of rebels serving American purposes under the control of Osama bin Laden (then a CIA asset) in Afghanistan. It was not a unified jihadi group until the US made it such for propaganda purposes after 9/11. Now it has become a catchall term for Islamist jihadists who use terrorism to achieve their ends.

Therefore, it is a common term for all the various terrorist groups in Syria.

### **The development of IS by the US**

For a full description of the creation of IS see my paper, 'Who created ISIS?'. In simple terms IS was created, accidentally or on purpose, by America due to its funding of Islamic terrorists to achieve certain ends, such as fomenting revolution in Libya, or being used as political pawns in Iraq. This has been a long held US strategy, note the Mujahideen in Afghanistan. The roots of IS were in the US funded Libyan jihadi rebels.

To enable an armed insurrection in Syria to achieve regime change, the desire of the US Neocons, jihadis were trained, armed, equipped and constantly resourced by NATO, but in particular the US and the UK. Your taxes have been used in their millions of pounds to support IS directly. Elite military personnel have been training them in Jordan while hospitals in Turkey and Israel have attended to their wounded. Huge amounts of money are being issued to the terrorists from sources in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States.

You can see videos where terrorists are using very modern American, Israeli and European equipment, including armoured vehicles and satellite communication systems. When government troops overran IS positions they found huge amounts of NATO, European and Israeli weapons, ammunition and equipment. In one airdrop alone the RAF dropped £8 million worth of communication and other equipment to terrorists. The need for this massive resourcing is that Syria has a very efficient army and very good military equipment and air cover. A rag-tag bunch of terrorists were not going to take down Assad; huge resources and constant funding were necessary.

Thus the foul deeds of IS in Syria (and Iraq) have been enabled and provided for by America and NATO countries. These foul deeds had the added elite advantage in creating a new scary monster to make the American population afraid and amenable to further draconian measures.

The story that NATO is attacking IS troops is a lie. In fact NATO ally Turkey has long been in partnership with IS distributing and selling oil stolen from Syria. Erdogan's own son was a leading figure in this enterprise. In one case US airstrikes supposedly against an IS oil truck convoy were made ineffective because the US military warned IS in advance so that they could flee.

Essentially, the US made IS and then sent it on its errand into Syria to create instability, civil war and mayhem.

### **The Islamic Front**

In 2013 an alliance of seven Islamist groups became the largest rebel force comprising 45,000 fighters and this was called, 'The New Islamic Front'. This led to the dissolution of the previous Syrian Islamic Front (SIF) and the Syrian Islamic Liberation Front (SILF).

### **Ahrar al-Sham**

Another faction supported and financed by America, Turkey, the Gulf States. This group has recently been filmed standing on the corpses of women and children recently massacred in Homs province, calling them a gift to Syria. Russia tried to get the UN to label this faction as a terrorist group; America, Britain and France vetoed this. The CFR has called this group, '*al-Qaeda worth befriending*'.<sup>60</sup>

The leader of Ahrar al-Sham, Abu Khalid al-Suri has published statements praising Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri showing that they are linked to al-Qaeda.

### **Al-Nusra Front**

Now known as 'Jabhat Fateh al-Sham (JFS) from July 2016, and was originally formed in 2012. This is a group very closely connected to al-Qaeda and was its Syrian branch. It is a Salafist jihadist organisation, chiefly fighting against the Syrian regime but also operating in Lebanon. The aim is an Islamic State in Syria and it is responsible for taking over large areas in northwestern Syria. It is thus the most successful of the 'rebel' forces. The US formally designated it as a terrorist organisation but it is rumoured that it is financed by Qatar and the change of name made it more accessible to foreign money.

### **Al-Zenki**

Its full name is Harakat Nour al-Din al-Zenki and was formed in 2011. The name derives from an emir of Damascus and Aleppo in the 12<sup>th</sup> century.

It comprises of about 1,000 war criminal terrorists, mainly around Aleppo, whose salary is paid for by the US government. It has even received US made BGM-71 TOW anti-tank missiles.

A description and analysis of the many other groups would be tedious and of little consequence.

### **Aside: terrorist public relations in America**

It is now known that SITE Intelligence Group in Maryland, USA, near the CIA HQ, distributed and controlled the media releases of the brutal IS beheading executions, and al-Qaeda videos.

A key leader of SITE is the Israeli-US operative Rita Katz. Katz is closely connected to former US terrorism Tsar, Richard Clarke and investigators in the Dept. of Justice, Homeland Security and the Treasury. Her father was executed in Iraq as an Israeli spy. It is alleged that she has connections to James Le Mesurier of the White Helmets.

## **Effects of the rebels: war crimes**

After Homs was attacked and defeated by the rebels supported by NATO, 42 civilian men had their throats cut. The women were also killed then their children were strung up, set on fire and burned alive.

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<sup>60</sup> Foreign Policy Magazine, Snapshot, 23 January 2014, 'The good and bad of Ahrar al-Sham, an al-Qaeda-linked group worth befriending'.

In at least two places deep holes in the ground have had hundreds of bodies thrown in, while some have been thrown alive into the pit of rotting corpses.

On an almost daily basis the rebels behead captives claimed to be soldiers. In many cases these have been proved to be innocent civilians and even children; in one case, a child removed from a hospital bed. On occasion terrorist rebels have even beheaded infants. Sadly this is not disinformation because the evidence in terms of videos and photographs can be easily found online.

The terrorists have also repeatedly crucified both enemies and erring subjects; these have included children. Others have been burned alive.

There are also multiple stories of inhuman torture. Sometimes this is seen on the bodies of corpses discovered; sometimes it is known from the testimony of others, including escapees from terrorist controlled villages.

Examples of all these can be found on YouTube videos and news photographs, if you can cope with these images. It has been proved that the US, NATO and her allies are financing these same terrorists.

The situation in Syria (and Iraq) today is one of the most extreme in terms of war crimes than any in all history. Western leaders that knowingly finance and support such criminal terrorists ought to face an international tribunal and be prosecuted.

### **Effects of the rebels in control: Palmyra**

Palmyra has been a historic site of international importance for hundreds of years. It was already 2,000 years old when Jesus was walking on the earth in Judaea. Today it contains some of the most important large artefacts anywhere on earth, including Roman columns, temples and other objects.

This site has been lovingly and carefully looked after by the Syrian government for many years, who appreciate its beauty and importance.

When terrorists seized control of Palmyra, in a military column of hundreds of vehicles, troops and artillery, America and NATO did nothing whatsoever (they could have halted the advance with one airstrike). They let the terrorists take control because it was strategic for the road to Damascus.

The result of rebel control was front-page news all over the world; they set about destroying all the sites of antiquity, such as the Temple of Bel site. They then captured the chief architect and curator who had stayed behind deliberately to plead for the protection of the area. Knowing that he had hidden important artefacts in the sand, they tortured him for a whole month (IS sell historic artefacts, via Turkey, on the black market). He told them nothing. They then beheaded him and hung his body from a Roman column.

These are the people that British and American citizens are paying to support.

### **Effects of rebel sieges: Aleppo**

#### **Two cities**

Aleppo is portrayed in the western media as a single homogenous city. In fact it is a divided city, split into two sections. After the terrorist attacks and advance into Aleppo, the city was split into terrorist-held East Aleppo and government-held West Aleppo. The situation

in each is very dissimilar. It was punitively targeted by the rebels because it had strongly resisted entering into any support for the so-called revolution.

### **The invaders**

The attackers are not Syrian dissenters; they are not Syrian rebels in an Arab Spring; they are simply terrorists that have invaded Syria. They plan to form a Muslim Caliphate but they are being used to fulfil Zionist Neocon plans to subjugate and divide Syria.

The terrorists in Aleppo are usually identified as Al-Nusra Front, which many would identify as a variant of Al-Qaeda (though this term is confused). In any event, they are the same sort of terrorists that America would normally consider as enemies of the War on Terror, yet they are supporting them in order to topple Assad.

### **East Aleppo**

The fabricated media narrative is that East Aleppo was liberated from the cruel Assad government by the proud patriotic rebel forces and that Assad then bombed his own people in retaliation.

In fact, the Syrian people in East Aleppo fled for safety when the terrorists attacked the city. If Syrians hated Assad, they would not have fled to areas occupied by his troops. 600,000 people moved from East to West Aleppo for refuge when the NATO-backed terrorists attacked the city in 2012.

East Aleppo is a traumatised, wrecked war-zone, destroyed by NATO-backed rebels (terrorists). There are about 200,000 people left in East Aleppo, of which about 25% are terrorists and their families.<sup>61</sup> Syrian people stuck there are being held hostage as human shields by the rebels, who regularly torture and murder individuals they don't like; including children who have been beheaded and crucified by jihadists. Able individuals cannot leave and flee to safety in West Aleppo for fear of their families being murdered by the terrorists.

The terrorists then proclaim to the western media that these very civilians are under threat from Assad's forces and Russian airstrikes. In fact, the only threat to these innocent people is from the rebels themselves.

### **Aside**

Over 7 million displaced Syrian people have fled to government-held protected areas for safety from NATO-backed terrorists. Syrians do not see these rebels as freedom fighters but as terrorists. The vast majority of Syrian people want no part of the revolution but want government security and their country back.

Many have fled to the government-held coastal areas for safety (such as Tartus and Latakia), these include Sunni, Shi'a, Christians and all sorts of ethnic groups that co-exist side-by-side peacefully, having fled from terrorist occupied villages inland.

### **West Aleppo**

West Aleppo is described by the media as being full of Assad supporters. This is false. Many Syrians in Aleppo are not Assad supporters at all but their priority is national security. They do not believe in '*killing Syria to improve Syria*'.<sup>62</sup>

Children of West Aleppo are being targeted and murdered by mortar shells provided by the US, the UK, Turkey, Israel and the Gulf States.

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<sup>61</sup> According to the Aleppo medical Association.

<sup>62</sup> Quote from a Syrian doctor reported by Vanessa Beeley.

The majority of those killed and injured in Aleppo are Syrian Christians of Armenian origin. Your tax money is being used to kill Christians in Syria!

### **The battle for Aleppo**

After the terrorist forces managed to subdue East Aleppo in 2012, the Syrian government forces tried multiple times to defeat them directly, or successfully besiege them, but failed. In fact, removing an entrenched, well-equipped force in a compact urban environment, surrounded by civilian hostages, is a very difficult military campaign.

However, with Russian assistance, Assad's forces have been very successful in attacking the terrorist positions during recent months, using brilliant manoeuvres, which is why there has been a vociferous media campaign against this and why there has been a ramping up of military aid and money to the terrorists by the west and her allies.

The main supply route for western aid was the Costello (?) Road, which government forces finally managed to block off. While the western media concentrated on images of a young boy covered in dust, the terrorist forces garnered a division of 40,000 heavily armed, mechanised troops (equates to two US divisions) with 95 tanks to try to establish a new supply route. The Aleppo pocket is a battlefield.

The Syrian government has given authority for anyone to leave East Aleppo that wants to, and will grant safe passage and has a good history on doing this. It is the terrorists capturing the civilians for hostage purposes that is causing the civilian casualties. One group took advantage of this and tried to leave; the terrorists killed 26 of them.

### **Summary**

So the truth about Aleppo is that the West portion is in relative safety (except for shelling from NATO supplied mortars and rockets) as it is held by Syrian forces backed by Russian aid. The Syrian people fled to the Assad-governed area for protection.

East Aleppo is held to ransom by NATO-backed terrorists that are holding innocent civilians hostage and are randomly killing men, women and children. The Syrian and Russian forces are advancing into East Aleppo to free it from terrorists but are hindered by airstrikes from the US and UK and the resources constantly provided by NATO allies to jihadis. Russian airstrikes have been on military targets as part of this advance.

## **Effects of the NATO airstrikes**

It is hard to get to the whole truth about these since they are covered by layers of western propaganda. What we do know for certain is that they are killing civilians more than terrorists; indeed, it has been repeatedly reported that NATO airstrikes have acted like air cover for terrorist convoys and offensives.

### **Examples**

On the first night of bombing on 23 September 2014, US aircraft killed as many as 15 civilians in the village of Kafar Daryan. On 28 December at least 58 civilians reportedly died when the Coalition struck a temporary Daesh prison at al Bab. And on 30 April 2015 64 civilians died in a likely Coalition airstrike at Ber Mahli. In these three incidents alone, 106 non-combatants victims have so far been publicly named – 38 of them children.<sup>63</sup>

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<sup>63</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wire, Vanessa Beeley, 'Humanitarian propaganda war against Syria – led by Avaaz and the White Helmets', 2 October 2015.

Different organisations give differing statistics of civilian casualties of NATO airstrikes. These include 'Airwars', 'Syrian Network for Human Rights', Syrian Violations Documentation Centre' and others. When these are averaged out they show a body count of 218-250 civilians killed by NATO. Airwars claims that the true figure is nearer 354 as of late 2015.

See also US A-10 Tankbusters bombing hospital elsewhere in this paper.

## **Migration**

The west claims that most of the migrants fleeing into Europe are Syrian and that the cause of them seeking refuge is Russian bombing or Syrian troop massacres. None of this is true.

Firstly, most of the refugees are not even Syrian. They are a broad mix of peoples from Pakistan, Afghanistan, Turkey, Syria, and Iraq. Some are even of African ethnic stock as can be seen in videos of refugees coming off boats. They all claim to be Syrian because Germany and other EU nations will give them benefits and a home if they are fleeing the Syrian conflict. Thus we see dark skinned people with short black curly hair who can't speak Arabic claiming to be Syrian – and they get asylum!

Secondly they have not come directly from Syria recently. Almost 2 million of them have been suffering in Turkish camps since 2012 and see their chance for a better economic life.

Thirdly, Syrian people welcome Russian support and airstrikes, which are trying to protect Syrian interests from the invasion of terrorist backed by the west. Syrians don't run from Russians but flee terrorist held villages.

## Conclusion

There is so much information coming to light on the complex situation in Syria every day that it would take a large book to fully document it all. Therefore, I have to cut this analysis off at some point in what is already a much larger paper than I anticipated. Sadly I cannot develop the sections any further, though there is much information I could have included.

Syria was a non-belligerent, neutral, peaceful, secular, modern Arab state that had not initiated any act of aggression towards America or the West. In a completely illegal manner, the US has initiated a NATO-based war against its sovereign ruler and has used false propaganda to justify that aggression in the same way it did with Iraq and Libya.

Unlike the sanction-weakened Iraq, Syria has resisted this invasion by proxy forces being aided by Russia, whose interests are also threatened.

The use of Al-Qaeda murderous terrorists to use as proxies to conduct this war is a disgrace since America spent years formulating the War on Terror against these very same people it now arms and supplies.

I have explained why this war is going on, how it began, who the key players are and what the stakes are. I leave this data with you to share as you can to stand for truth and particularly to defend Christians currently protected by Assad who will be in great danger if the Syrian government falls.

## Glossary

### **A-10 Tankbuster aircraft**

This warplane is officially designated as the Fairchild Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II, but it is more popularly known as a 'Tankbuster' or even the 'Warthog'.

This is a straight-wing jet aircraft used by the USA. It has a very distinctive design with two turbofan engines near the tailplane in between two fins. This carries a Gatling cannon that fires depleted uranium shells at the rate of 70 rounds per second, as well as Maverick air-to-surface missiles, Hydra rockets and cluster bombs. Imagine the damage that this has done firing on civilian populations in Syria.

### **AC-130U gunship**

Formally known as the Lockheed AC-130 gunship. This is a ground attack version of the C-130 Hercules transport aircraft. It carries a wide array of weapons fired from the sides of the fuselage. There are various versions that use a variety of weapons including M61 Vulcan cannon, GAU-12 Equaliser cannon, Bofors 40mm cannon, M102 Howitzer, Bushmaster cannon, AGM-176 Griffin missiles and bombs.

Its massive effectiveness can be seen in the blockbuster movie, 'Olympus Has Fallen' (this scene is available on YouTube).<sup>64</sup> Watch that clip and then imagine such a plane ripping into your neighbourhood. This is what Syrian civilians have had to suffer from the US.

### **Alawites**

Aka Alawis; i.e. followers of Ali (Ali ibn Abi Talib). A branch of Shi'a Islam based in Syria representing about 11% of the population. The doctrines of this sect have historically been obscure, though they believe in a divine triad, three modes of God, which appear cyclically in human manifestation. They have been persecuted by Sunni Muslim rulers.

### **Al-Sham**

Bilad al-Sham is Arabic for '*The land of the north*'. It was originally a Caliphate province in the region of Syria under Umayyad<sup>65</sup> and Abbasid<sup>66</sup> rule.

### **Ayyubids**

This was a Kurdish Muslim Sultanate that lasted from 1171-1260 founded by Saladin and centred in Egypt.

### **Ba'athism**

(Arabic: al-ba'ath = '*renaissance*'). It is a secular, nationalistic ideology to create a unified Arab state through a progressive revolutionary government and a renaissance of Arab culture and ethics.

It is based on the theories of various intellectuals that support modernising, single-party states, rejecting political pluralism and advocating a sort of socialist economics. Ba'athist politics prevails in Syria under Assad and formerly existed in Iraq under Saddam Hussein, however these were really neo-Ba'athism since they did not crusade for a unified Arab state but authoritarian government.

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<sup>64</sup> 'Olympus Has Fallen AC130 scene'.

<sup>65</sup> The second of four major Islamic caliphates comprising the Umayyad dynasty, beginning about the 7<sup>th</sup> century. It ruled the Islamic world from 660 to 750 and Moorish Spain 756–1031. The dynasty claimed descent from Umayya, a distant relative of Muhammad.

<sup>66</sup> Relating to a dynasty of caliphs who ruled in Baghdad from 750 to 1258. Named after Abbas (566–652), the prophet Muhammad's uncle and founder of the dynasty.

### **Caliph**

The chief Muslim civil and religious ruler, regarded as the successor of Muhammad. The caliph ruled in Baghdad until 1258 and then in Egypt until the Ottoman conquest of 1517; the title was then held by the Ottoman sultans until it was abolished in 1924 by Atatürk. A caliphate is the empire ruled by a caliph.

### **Druze**

An Arabic speaking group that originated in south-western Asia who claim Jethro of Midian as their spiritual founder. They have a monotheistic Jewish religion but in syncretism with Greek philosophy, Egyptian mythology, Gnosticism, Eastern religion and Islamic ideas. They are not Muslims.

### **Emir**

A title of various Muslim (mainly Arab) rulers. Historically, a Muslim (usually Arab) military commander or local chief.

### **Fatimids**

This was an Ismaili<sup>67</sup> Shi'a Islamic caliphate spanning part of North Africa to the Levant from 909 to 1171. They claimed to be the descendants of Fatima bint Muhammad, the daughter of the prophet.

### **Hamdanids**

This was a Shi'a Muslim Arab dynasty of northern Iraq and Syria lasting from 890-1004, originally descended from a Mesopotamian Christian tribe. They were deposed by the Fatimids.

### **Ikshidids**

This dynasty ruled Egypt from 935-969. They were conquered by the Fatimid army.

### **Jihad**

The religious duty of Muslims to maintain Islam. Its root meaning is 'to strive' and thus 'to struggle or persevere'. A person involved in Jihad is called a 'mujahid'. Essentially, jihad is applied to both the inner personal struggle for faith and the outer militant struggle to defend the faith against enemies.

### **Kurds**

A Middle Eastern ethnic people that inhabit parts of south-eastern Turkey, western Iran, northern Iraq and northern Syria. Some of their territories are known as 'Kurdistan'. They are the majority population in Iraqi Kurdistan.

There may be up to 20 million Kurds in the world. They are mostly Sunni Muslim but there are also Kurds that are Shi'a and Sufi Muslim, with minorities being Christian, Zoroastrian and others. They have been repeatedly persecuted by various nations, including Britain and currently by Turkey.

### **Mamluks**

The word means 'slave' (literally 'property') and refers to the slave boys of the Abbasid caliphs of the Islamic Empire, who were brought up to be Sunni Muslim soldiers in a slave army. These were mostly Turkic peoples that rose from the ranks of soldiers becoming a military knight class in Egypt in the Middle Ages. They seized the sultanate, which became the Mamluk Sultanate (1250-1517) based in Egypt and Syria. They ended the Crusades, driving out the last Crusaders in 1302.

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<sup>67</sup> A branch of Islam following Imam Isma'il ibn Jafar.

### **Ottomans**

The Ottoman Turkish Empire lasted from 1299-1923, ending the Byzantine Empire with the Conquest of Constantinople in 1453. It was established by the Turkish tribal leader Osman, but gradually the sultanate was transformed into a transcontinental empire. The height of its long-lasting power was with Suleiman the Magnificent in the 16-17<sup>th</sup> centuries when it occupied North Africa, the Levant, Anatolia and the Balkans. For 600 years it was the centre of the oriental east-European west divide of the world.

### **Salafist**

An ultra-conservative, puritanical Sunni Islam movement holding the doctrine of Salafism – i.e. a fundamentalist approach to Islam rejecting religious innovation and supporting sharia law. There are three sub-divisions: the purists who avoid politics; the activists who are involved in politics and the jihadists who are militants.

Salafism is identified with Wahhabism, although Salafists use this term disparagingly.

### **Seljuks**

This was a Persian Empire lasting from 1037-1194. It was a medieval Turko-Persian empire of Sunni Muslims that stretched from the Hindu Kush to eastern Anatolia and from Central Asia to the Persian Gulf.

### **Shi'a**

A denomination of Islam. The name means 'the followers of Ali, referring to their belief that Mohammed's successor as Caliph was his son-in-law and cousin Ali ibn Abi Talib. Shi'a Muslims are also called Shi'ites. Adherents are called Shi'as, with Shi'a being the collective term and Shi'i the individual term (thus Shi'ites).

Shi'a is the second largest Islamic denomination comprising of about 10-13% of the world population. Most Shi'as live in Iran, Pakistan, Iraq and India.

### **Sunnis**

The branch of Islam that holds that Mohammed's father-in-law Abu Bakr was his proper successor. The name 'sunnah' means 'the trodden path' or 'the way'. This is the majority branch of Islam, comprising about 80-90% of Muslims.

### **Sykes-Picot Agreement**

AKA Asia Minor Agreement. This was an agreement, ratified in May 1916, to propose spheres of influence and control in the Middle East should the Ottoman Empire collapse after WWI (which it did). It was drawn up between Britain and France but Russia assented to it.

### **Takfiri**

A Muslim who accuses another Muslim of apostasy. The accusation is called 'takfir' derived from the word for unbeliever ('kafir').

### **Timur Lenk**

AKA Tamurlaine, Tamerlane, Tamerlaine, Tamburlaine (in poetry) [1336–1405]. Mongol ruler of Samarkand from 1369–1405 whose Tartar<sup>68</sup> name was Timur Lenk ('lame Timur'). Leading a force of Mongols and Turks, he conquered Persia, northern India, and Syria and established his capital at Samarkand. He was the ancestor of the Mogul dynasty in India.

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<sup>68</sup> A member of the combined forces of central Asian peoples, including Mongols and Turks, who under the leadership of Genghis Khan conquered much of Asia and eastern Europe in the early 13<sup>th</sup> century,

**Tulunids**

This was a dynasty of Turkic origin [868-905], the first independent dynasty to rule Islamic Egypt and part of Syria. It was a breakaway from the Abbasid dynasty, but the Abbasids regained control in 905.

**Wahhabism**

This is a branch of Sunni Islam. It is a fundamentalist, ultraconservative, puritanical religious system. The name derived from an 18<sup>th</sup> century Islamic scholar who started a revivalist movement. Adherents do not like the term and prefer Salafist.

The dynasty of bin Saud has been a long devotee of Wahhabism and it became the state religion of Saudi Arabia when the kingdom was proclaimed in 1932. Wahhabism is thus seen as the official form of Sunni Islam, at least in Saudi Arabia. However, Wahhabism actually covers only about 5 million people in the Persian Gulf as opposed to 28 million other Sunnis and 89 million Shiites.

Wahhabism has long been accused as a centre for terrorism throughout the world, IS is merely the current major factor in this. It is an active source of division within Islam since it accuses all other Muslims as being apostates ('takfir').

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## Appendix One

### Wahhabism<sup>69</sup>

Wahhabism is a sect of Islam that can be traced to Muhammad ibn Abd al-Wahhab, an 18<sup>th</sup> century Islamic theologian in Arabia. His interpretation of the Koran was opposed even by his own family but he quickly gained a following, especially through an alliance formed with the House of Muhammad ibn Saud which financed him.

This alliance eventually led to the formation of Saudi Arabia after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. The Saudis seized control of the Hejaz<sup>70</sup> and the Arab peninsula and a Wahhabi nation was founded.

The setting up of the House of Saud as the royal family and establishing the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia contradicted the agreements made during WWI that Britain would support the Hashemites. It was the Hashemite Arabs, not the Saudis, that led the Arab revolt against the Ottoman Turks (see Lawrence of Arabia).

Thus the House of Saud, now extremely powerful and a great ally of America, was not the legitimate claimant to power. The Hashemite Hussein bin Ali was the Sharif and Emir of Mecca from 1908 to 1917. In September 1918 the supporters of the Arab Revolt declared a government loyal to the Sharif of Mecca in Damascus. Numerous religious leaders had called Hussein, 'King of the Arabs' and after the Turkish Caliphate was abolished, Hussein was declared, 'King of the Hejaz' and 'King of all Arabs'.

Despite this, the rival clan, the Saudis, drove Hussein out of Arabia and took Mecca, Medina and Jeddah. Britain did nothing to help Hussein. After the end of the British and French mandates, the sons of Hussein were made kings of the Transjordan (now Jordan), Syria and Iraq (but the monarchy in Syria was brief). This explains current antagonism between IS and Jordan. The carving up of the Ottoman Empire, creating new kingdoms,<sup>71</sup> mainly by the British, is the cause of much of today's problems in the Middle East.<sup>72</sup>

Supported by the royal family, Wahhabism has sponsored extremism, radical Islam and terrorism. The major terrorist groups have been Wahhabi, as are the Takfiri and Salafist groups. The spread of this doctrine has been due to the vast financial resources given by the Saudis for propaganda materials. Specialists have called this 'malignant literature' that has been found in as many as a quarter of Britain's mosques.

These include statements that homosexuals should be burned, stoned or thrown from a great height, as should adulterers and religious apostates; women should be beaten and are inferior to men. This sort of literature (plus films, speeches etc.) has had a powerful effect on young, relatively uneducated, men, such as in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Indonesia. The Saudis are, therefore, the prime cause of the rise of radical Islamism and terrorism, which they fund.

Countries where education and nationalism had been supported, and where extremism was suppressed, included Libya, Iraq, Iran, Syria and Lebanon. These are all on America's

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<sup>69</sup> I acknowledge a debt for parts of this to 'The burning blogger of Bedlam' article on Wahhabism.

<sup>70</sup> Hejaz (also Hijaz) a coastal region of western Saudi Arabia, extending along the Red Sea.

<sup>71</sup> Such as Syria, Iraq, Transjordan.

<sup>72</sup> France and Britain arbitrarily divided the Middle East into 19 states, without any prior consent of the populations. These states had various combinations of ethnic and religious minorities that were often hostile to each another. This generated internal social destruction and conflict that continues to this day. Sudan, for example, was founded upon four groups hostile to each other.

Neocon hit list and two have fallen while Syria is currently in turmoil. The means of America facilitating their downfall has been Wahhabist extremists sponsored by Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States (notably Qatar), alongside military actions.

It is claimed by a certain Mr Hempher, an 18<sup>th</sup> century British spy in the Middle East,<sup>73</sup> that Wahhabism was created as part of a conspiracy to corrupt Islam. Though considered a forgery by some, what actually transpired was according to what Hempher wrote 128 years ago. It should also be remembered that the global elite's geopolitical plans, slowly being worked out since 1876, included a third world war based upon the conflict between Islam and Christianity.

What Islam is now remembered for is extremism, violence, civil abuses, misogyny, intolerance, hatred, beheadings, massacres and insurrection. Yet in previous history Islamic societies were considered to be intellectually and artistically enlightened when the west was characterised by burnings of heretics, repeated wars, religious persecution and genocide, poverty, intolerant religious domination of state and culture, plague and pestilence. Yet Damascus, Baghdad and Cairo were centres of learning at that time, producing philosophers and doctors far superior to European ones. The current expression of Islam in degraded, intolerant societies was accelerated by Wahhabism.

Given that the Wahhabi allies of the west demonstrate appalling human rights abuses, behead women in public, kill homosexuals, flog people for minor offences and promote worldwide terrorism, why is it that the west ignores all of this and supports them? Why is it that instead the west has decimated and ruined nations that were not a threat and were far more progressive,<sup>74</sup> or even superior in living standards?<sup>75</sup> It is not just the oil supply.

Could it be that Wahhabism is but a part of the global elite plan to foment national insurrections, support terrorism, and destabilise nations as part of a strategy to rule the world? Could it be that Wahhabism is the elite tool for Muslims as Zionism has been the elite tool for Jews? Note that the USA blindly supports both Israel and Saudi Arabia despite their multiple criminal actions and even war crimes (on Palestinians and Yemenis). Note also that the US and Britain supplies most of the weapons and equipment to conduct these crimes.

Aside: even though the claimed 9/11 hijackers were Wahhabis and mostly Saudis (none were from Iraq), no action was taken against Saudi Arabia but Iraq was invaded.

Without a doubt, Wahhabism lies behind a great deal of the extremism, degradation, intolerance, warmongering, and decimation of culture in modern Islam; which is why Assad has rejected it.

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