

# 57 Years Ago: U.S. and Britain Approved Use of Islamic Extremists to Topple Syrian Government

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## Have the U.S. and Its Allies Intentionally Balkanized Syria Into Smaller Regions?

BBC [reports](#) that - in 1957 - the British and American leaders approved the use of Islamic extremists and false flag attacks to topple the Syrian government:

Nearly 50 years before the war in Iraq, Britain and America sought a secretive "regime change" in another Arab country... by planning the invasion of Syria and the assassination of leading figures.

Newly discovered documents show how in 1957 **[former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom] Harold Macmillan and President Dwight Eisenhower approved** a CIA-MI6 plan to stage fake border incidents as an excuse for an invasion by Syria's pro-western neighbours, and then to "eliminate" the most influential triumvirate in Damascus.

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Although historians know that intelligence services had sought to topple the Syrian regime in the autumn of 1957, this is the first time any document has been found showing that the assassination of three leading figures was at the heart of the scheme. In the document drawn up by a top secret and high-level working group that met in Washington in September 1957, Mr Macmillan and President Eisenhower were left in no doubt about the need to assassinate the top men in Damascus.

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Mr Macmillan ordered the plan withheld even from British chiefs of staff, because of their tendency "to chatter".

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Driving the call for action was the CIA's Middle East chief Kermit Roosevelt, grandson of former president Theodore Roosevelt.

Kermit Roosevelt had a proven track record in this sort of thing. According to the New York Times, he was [the leader](#) of the CIA's coup in Iran in 1953, which - as subsequently [admitted by the CIA](#) - used false flag terror to topple the democratically elected leader of Iran.

BBC continues:

More importantly, Syria also had control of one of the main oil arteries of the Middle East, the pipeline which connected pro-western Iraq's oilfields to Turkey.

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The report said that once the necessary degree of fear had been created, **frontier incidents and border clashes would be staged to provide a pretext** for Iraqi and Jordanian military intervention. Syria had to be "made to appear as the sponsor of plots, sabotage and violence directed against neighbouring governments," the report says. "CIA and SIS should use their capabilities in both the psychological and action fields to augment tension."

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The plan called for funding of a "**Free Syria Committee**" [hmmm ... sounds [vaguely familiar](#)], and the **arming of "political factions with paramilitary or other actionist capabilities" within Syria**. The CIA and MI6 would **instigate internal uprisings**, for instance by **the Druze** [a [Shia Muslim sect](#)] in the south, help to free political prisoners held in the Mezze prison, **and stir up the Muslim Brotherhood in Damascus**.

Is it *purely* coincidence that the U.S. has [heavily armed Al Qaeda](#) Muslim extremists in Syria (and see [this](#)), and [trained the jihadis](#) who later became ISIS?

Regime change in Syria was not a once-off plan. Neoconservatives also planned regime change in Syria more than 20 years ago ... [in 1991](#).

## **The West Has Been Arbitrarily Breaking Up Middle Eastern Countries for 100 Years**

The Western powers agreed [100 years ago](#) to arbitrarily divvy up the Middle East, without regard for historical boundaries.

Neoconservatives in the U.S. and Israel have long advocated for the balkanization of Syria into smaller regions based on ethnicity and religion.

The goal was to *break up* the country, and to do away with the sovereignty of Syria as a separate nation. (The [same goal has long applied to Iraq](#) and other Arab states as well.)

In 1982, a prominent Israeli journalist formerly attached to the Israeli Foreign Ministry *allegedly* [wrote](#) a book expressly calling for the break up of Syria:

All the Arab states should be broken down, by Israel, into small units ....

**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.

In any event, it is well-documented that – in 1996 – U.S. and Israeli Neocons [advocated](#):

Weakening, containing, and even **rolling back** Syria ....

Michel Chossudovsky [pointed out](#) last month:

Destabilization and political fragmentation in Syria is also contemplated: Washington's intent is no longer to pursue the narrow objective of "regime change" in Damascus. What is contemplated is the break up of both Iraq and Syria along sectarian-ethnic lines.

And the following map prepared by Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Peters (retired colonel of the U.S. National War Academy) in the Armed Forces Journal in June 2006 shows a balkanized Syria and Middle East:



In summary, we don't have conclusive proof that the U.S., Israeli or their allies have intentionally broken up Syria. But in light of such claims - and the 57-year old American-British plan to stir up Muslim Brotherhood and other religious extremists in Syria - maps showing the Islamic jihadi group ISIS' carving up of Syria (and Iraq) into "the Islamic State" are interesting, indeed:



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