

Absurdities of Syrian War Propaganda

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As if we have no memory, corporate media continues to recycle accusations of starvation, chemical weapons, and more, in the propaganda war on Syria.

In Syria, there never was a “*revolution*.” Instead, it was a premeditated war on Syria by foreign powers (namely the US, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Turkey, and Israel) who armed even Al-Qaeda (something Qatar recently [admitted](#)).

In support of the conflict comes some of the most egregious war propaganda, endorsed by media, Hollywood [celebs](#), and faux human rights [groups](#). The following is a brief outline of some of the most obvious hoax personalities and purveyors of misinformation on Syria.

Al-Qaeda’s rescuers

Irrefutable [documentation](#) reveals that the group known as the White Helmets and portrayed as “*neutral, volunteer, rescuers*,” are obscenely-funded by Western nations, work solely in Al-Qaeda and co-extremist areas, and have been [present](#) to clean up at executions. Yet, we are expected to believe they rescue civilians. People from areas liberated of Al-Nusra and cohorts [described](#) them as “*the Nusra Front’s civil defense*.”

Corporate media did not bother to investigate this transparent propaganda construct. Instead, they lobbied for Al-Qaeda’s rescuers to get the Nobel Prize.

While the group didn’t get the Nobel, they did receive an [Oscar](#), and actor **George Clooney**’s endorsement. Even though he is busy being a celebrity, by now, he surely cannot claim ignorance. One wonders whether he will have the gall to continue his [support](#) for Al-Qaeda’s rescuers.

Funny terrorist spokesman

American former comedian **Bilal Abdul Kareem** was embedded with Al-Qaeda and other “*moderates*” in eastern Aleppo, promoted their narrative and interviewed Saudi [terrorist](#) **Abdullah Muhaysini**. Yet, corporate media [like CNN](#) have presented him as an “*independent*” [source](#) of credible information on Syria.

As Aleppo was being liberated of Al-Qaeda and company, Abdul Kareem [claimed](#) civilians did not want to go over to ‘regime areas.’ However, on many occasions before liberation, civilians did try to flee to government areas. In November 2016, I [interviewed](#) one family who managed to escape, along with over 40 other people. This particular family had tried twice before and were forcibly prevented by the “*moderates*” in the district of al-Halek in

Aleppo.

When I returned in June 2017, in eastern Aleppo, I spoke with residents who had come back when peace was restored. I also saw hospitals turned into terrorist headquarters, using basements for Sharia court prisons.

Following the expulsion of Al-Qaeda and other “*moderates*,” over 100,000 people from eastern Aleppo chose to stay in government-secured areas, [celebrating](#) the liberation of their city.

Starvation in Syria?

The “*Assad is starving civilians*” theme has been recycled for years, from Damascus to Aleppo to eastern Ghouta. In 2014, a month after the Old City of Homs was secured, I [met](#) civilians who told me of terrorists stealing every last morsel of their food. I heard the same in Aleppo, and also this June in [Madaya and al-Waer](#), Homs. When I visited Madaya, people told me: terrorists hoarded the food aid and dramatically inflated the prices to rates civilians couldn’t afford.

I saw a bomb factory, tucked away behind an apartment building, and remnants of the food aid which Ahrar al-Sham and Al-Qaeda had hoarded, and I visited some of their makeshift prisons used to torture and try civilians in Sharia courts. In al-Waer, life was trickling back. People spoke of starvation due to the terrorists, and of relief that their rule was over.

When “*rebels*” fire mortars into civilians areas, corporate journalists like to claim the Syrian government was the perpetrator. On a November 2016 day when two mortars hit Aleppo’s Castello road, less than 100 meters from where I stood without a helmet or flak jacket, the NY Times [wrote](#) that soldiers blamed “*rebels*” and “*rebel groups denied it.*” Yet, there was no disputing that the shells came from an Al-Nusra area.

In April 2014, after an elementary school was mortared by terrorists east of Damascus, killing one child, the BBC later [reported](#), “*the government is also accused of launching them into neighborhoods under its control.*” On a recent social media [post](#), I noted this deceitful journalism, and the BBC could have easily learned about the [trajectory](#) of mortars and from where the mortar in question could only have come: the “*moderates*” east of Damascus.

The other Omran – Aleppo civilians expose MSM lies and child exploitation (Op-Ed) <https://t.co/uLjAGeaw8q>

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Channel 4 and Guardian deceptions

In a hotel in Aleppo in July 2016, I shared an elevator with Channel 4 reporter **Krishnan Guru Murthy**, without knowing who he was. I would later become very familiar with Channel 4 and Guru Murthy’s relentless anti-Syria propaganda and romanticization of the terrorist factions in Syria, white-washing their crimes, [relying](#) on Al-Qaeda and other very partial sources.

Guru Murthy produced a [report](#) embedded with the Nour al-Din al-Zinki faction, who he deemed “*moderates*,” although some months prior they had savagely beheaded Abdullah Issa, a Palestinian boy. Not initially a problem for Channel 4, they did later [remove](#) the incriminating video.

Not featured on Channel 4 or other corporate media reports were the nearly 11,000 civilians killed by the [bombing and sniping](#) of “*rebels*.”

I wrote about these attacks, and the over 4,000 Aleppo doctors [disappeared](#) by the media, along with hospitals and [schools](#) attacked by “*moderates*.” Corporate media was busy claiming “*last doctors*” in Aleppo.

When Krishan Guru Murthy, in July 2017, returned to Aleppo and interviewed MP **Fares Shehabi**, Guru Murthy [refused](#) to “*get into history*” over his lies, much less to acknowledge that the “*moderates*” he propagated about were Al-Nusra.

In April 2016, the Guardian [reported](#) that a Syrian or Russian airstrike “*completely destroyed*” the Quds hospital in Sukkari, Aleppo. The Guardian later [claimed](#) civilians were being treated in the same hospital after a chlorine gas attack, not researching that the [sole chlorine gas](#) factory in Syria had been [taken over](#) by Al-Nusra in 2012.

The original lie about Al-Quds’ destruction came from Médecins Sans Frontières, which [claimed](#) Quds had been “*destroyed*,” reduced “*to rubble*.” Since the Guardian was complicit in reproducing the lie, why didn’t the Guardian at least go to see the Quds hospital after Aleppo was secured? I did.

In June 2017, [I stood inside](#) the intact hospital. It was never destroyed.

I also met the boy, **Omran Daqneesh**, who, [according](#) to the Guardian, was injured by a Syrian or Russian airstrike in 2016. **Mohammad Daqneesh** said his son was only mildly injured, and not by an airstrike. He blamed media and those affiliated with the White Helmets for using his son in propaganda.

Meet Aylan & Omran: Child victims used for Syrian war propaganda writes [@EvaKBartlett](#) in her Op-Edge. <https://t.co/hLf3f3EaXF>

— RT UK (@RTUKnews) [June 18, 2017](#)

America’s fake war on ISIS

In June 2017, the American-led coalition illegally attacked Syria, [shooting down](#) a Syrian plane. America did so admittedly to protect its proxy forces, the Kurdish SDF, which the US is using not to fight ISIS but in its continued attempts to destabilize Syria and control its oilfields.

In September 2016, the US-led coalition waged a nearly one hour [attack](#) on a Syrian military position in Deir ez-Zor, enabling ISIS to take over the post.

In May 2015, convoys of ISIS streamed through hundreds of kilometers of open desert, taking over ancient Palmyra. The well-equipped, high tech, US-led coalition, offered [no](#)

[resistance](#), something which even **Robert Fisk**, openly sour about his dislike of the Syrian government, [noted](#).

America has also “*accidentally*” [delivered](#) weapons to ISIS and has long sought to use a “*Salafist principality*” in eastern Syria, aka Islamic State, as per a declassified US DIA [document](#). One can always listen to **John Kerry** speaking in September 2016 about how America watched ISIS flourish. Excerpts include Kerry [saying](#) “*We were watching. We saw that, that Daesh was growing in strength. And we thought Assad was threatened.*”

ISIS terrorist bedfellows with Israel

In July 2017, the Washington Post [reported](#) on an Israeli attack on Syria, citing **Benjamin Netanyahu** as saying they had attacked Syria “*dozens*” of times. Mint Press News [reported](#) on Israel giving medical treatment to over 3,000 terrorists. A 21st Century Wire [article](#) said the preference of Israeli politicians was even for an ISIS victory in Syria.

[According](#) to the Times of Israel, ISIS has opened fire on Israel and apologized. This is the jihadist group, ISIS, which doesn’t attack the natural target, Israeli regime occupying Palestine, but instead, collaborates with it.

'Exploitation of [@AlabedBana](#): Parents use child to whitewash terrorists in Aleppo' (Op-Edge by Eva Bartlett) <https://t.co/4dsjgZtEyZ>

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Unbelievable memoirs

Eight-year-old Aleppo girl, **Bana al-Abed**, is incapable of speaking or writing in English, and has recently miraculously published her memoirs. For those not familiar with the shameful exploitation of this girl by her mother and terrorist father, I wrote about it in July 2017, also noting:

“The Bana narrative features an endearing child who causes otherwise rationally-thinking people to uncritically-accept transparent war propaganda rhetoric.” Rhetoric included calling for WW3.

Bana has been promoted by fiction writer J.K. Rowling, who shares the same sponsor: the Blair Partnership. [Critiques](#) on Amazon reveal that thinking people aren’t buying brand Bana, in spite of her UN appearance and rehearsed [speech](#) about children dying from bombs and hunger (which the United Nations retweeted, as all good neutral and credible institutions might).

The above examples don’t even begin to cover the depth of war propaganda on Syria, but they do serve as warnings to consider from where corporate media are getting their claims, and what agenda their claims serve. Hint: it isn’t an agenda of bringing peace to the Syrian people. Maybe it’s time to start believing us “[Russian propagandists](#)”: you know, those who actually go and speak to Syrians, instead of citing Al-Qaeda affiliated sources.

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