

# **AIPAC Lobbies for War on Syria**

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Previous articles discussed the Israeli Lobby's rage for war on Syria. AIPAC and 50 other Zionist organizations endorse it.

They threaten world peace. They want Israeli interests served. Ravaging and destroying Syria does so. Much greater stakes are involved.

Syria is prelude to attacking Iran. It's Israel's prime target. Washington wants subservient pro-Western governance replacing its sovereign independence.

On September 3, AIPAC headlined "Press Statement on Syrian Resolution," saying:

"AIPAC urges Congress to grant the President the authority he has requested to protect America's national security interests and dissuade the Syrian regime's further use of unconventional weapons."

"The civilized world cannot tolerate the use of these barbaric weapons, particularly against an innocent civilian population including hundreds of children."

"Simply put, barbarism on a mass scale must not be given a free pass."

"This is a critical moment when America must also send a forceful message of resolve to Iran and Hezbollah – both of whom have provided direct and extensive military support to Assad."

"The Syrian regime and its Iranian ally have repeatedly demonstrated that they will not respect civilized norms."

"That is why America must act, and why we must prevent further proliferation of unconventional weapons in this region."

"America's allies and adversaries are closely watching the outcome of this momentous vote. This critical decision comes at a time when Iran is racing toward obtaining nuclear capability."

"Failure to approve this resolution would weaken our country's credibility to prevent the use and proliferation of unconventional weapons and thereby greatly endanger our country's security and interests and those of our regional allies."

"AIPAC maintains that it is imperative to adopt the resolution to authorize the use of force, and take a firm stand that the world's most dangerous regimes cannot obtain and use the most dangerous weapons."

A same day statement <u>headlined</u> "AIPAC's position on the Authorization of Force in Syria," saying:

"AIPAC has been closely monitoring the war in Syria for the past two years."

"We have been deeply concerned about the impact the war has had on American national security interests, the danger it has posed to Israel and regional stability, and the growing influence of Iran. Moreover, we have been appalled by the inhumane actions of the Assad regime."

"The chemical weapons attack by Assad's forces on August 21 escalated the dangers posed by this conflict to new heights."

"Secretary Kerry on August 30 announced that Syrian forces poisoned more than 1,400 individuals, including at least 400 children. The use of these weapons poses an extremely serious risk of further mass atrocities."

"AIPAC will be lobbying in favor of Congress authorizing the President to use military force in Syria. We need your help to persuade members of the Senate and House to join Speaker Boehner, House Majority Leader Cantor, House Democratic Leader Pelosi, House Democratic Whip Hoyer, and many others in both chambers, in support of this bipartisan resolution."

"We believe that Congress' failure to grant the President this authority would be interpreted as a sign of American weakness, and cast doubt about whether America will act to carry out its commitments in the Middle East – including the President's and Congress' pledge to stop Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons."

"(W)e strongly believe that Congress should grant the President the authority he has requested to protect America's national security interests, dissuade Damascus' further use of these weapons and send a message to Iran about our commitment to preventing the proliferation of WMDs."

On August 29, AIPAC headlined "Editorial: Syria Proves Urgency to Stop Iran," saying:

"As Israel prepares its citizens for the possible ramifications of a chemical attack from Syria, the United States must consider potentially catastrophic ramifications if Iran, who is actively backing Assad, acquires a nuclear weapons capability."

"While Assad has already thrust his country into turmoil and instability, the worst possible outcome for the Middle East would be an Iranian regime equipped with the world's most dangerous weapon."

"An effective Western response to Assad's belligerent use of chemical weapons – and any military action to deter him from using them again – would be jeopardized even further by Syria's dictator operating under the umbrella of a nuclear Iran."

"(T)he urgency of stopping Iran's nuclear ambitions is paramount. We cannot allow Assad to operate with the support of his greatest ally in Tehran backed by a nuclear weapons capability."

"Now is the time to increase the pressure on the Iranian regime." America must act "quickly

and measurably," said AIPAC.

On September 7, <u>Reuters</u> headlined "Pro-Israel US lobbying group sets major push for Syria action," saying:

AIPAC "will deploy hundreds of activists next week to win support in Congress for" war on Syria.

Senate members may vote by midweek. House leaders haven't yet scheduled a vote. It could come soon after the Senate acts.

This week appears crucial. Obama plans a 9/11 eve anniversary nationally televised address. He deplores peace. He's selling war. He'll claim otherwise.

He'll pretend only token strikes are planned. He intends shock and awe madness. He plans mass killing and destruction.

Doing so could come any time. He may order it with or without congressional authorization.

Doing so will violate fundamental international law provisions. Only the Security Council can authorize war. Any other way is lawless. It doesn't matter.

Obama wants war. One way or another he intends to launch it. False flags are pretexts to do so. They're a longstanding US tradition.

Falsely blaming Syria for the August 21 suburban Damascus toxic chemical attack is the latest example. Doing so was a Big Lie. It was an anti-Assad provocation. It was a classic false flag.

Notable earlier ones go back to the 19th century. A previous article discussed them. They're relevant now. They bear repeating.

In 1845, America lawlessly annexed Texas. It was Mexican territory. President James Polk deployed US troops.

A future president led them. General Zachary Taylor paraded them along the disputed border.

In May 1846, Polk told cabinet officials that if Mexican forces retaliated, he'd ask Congress to declare war.

He wanted it whether or not Mexico attacked. After an incident occurred, Polk told Congress:

"Mexico has passed the boundary of the US and shed American blood on American soil." The Mexican War followed.

Half of Mexico was annexed. Included were California, Utah, Nevada, as well as parts of New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming and Colorado. The Rio Grande became the Texas-Mexico border.

In 1898, Cubans neared freeing themselves from Spanish colonial rule. US President William McKinley promised to respect its sovereignty.

In January 1898, the USS Maine entered Havana harbor. Allegedly it was to protect US

Consul Fitzhugh Lee and other American citizens.

On February 15, a huge explosion sank the Maine. Doing so killed 266 crew members. The Spanish-American war followed.

At the time, publisher William Randolph Hearst hyped the Big Lie. He claimed Spain sunk the Maine. An internal coal bunker explosion caused it.

Notably Hearst told his Havana illustrator: "You furnish the pictures, and I'll furnish the war." Big lies launch them. Doing so enlists public support.

America became Cuba's colonial power. The Philippines, Guam, Samoa, Hawaii, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Canal Zone, Puerto Rico and other territories were annexed.

In May 1915, a German U-boat sank the Lusitania. It carried US munitions. It did so for Britain.

Over 100 Americans on board died. US newspapers expressed outrage. Congress authorized increasing US military forces.

In 1916, Woodrow Wilson was reelected after pledging: "He Kept Us Out of War." Straightaway he planned US involvement.

The Lusitania incident and British allegations about Germany seeking to ally with Mexico to regain lost territory were used advantageously.

In April 1917, Wilson established the Committee on Public Information (CPI or Creel Committee). It operated through August 1919. Its mission was enlisting public support for war.

Undermining opposition sentiment was essential. It succeeded. He turned pacifist Americans into raging German haters. Propaganda worked as intended. Wilson got the war he wanted.

Franklin Roosevelt manipulated Japan to attack Pearl Harbor. Doing so let him wage war. He had to convince Congress and a pacifist public to go along.

What better way than by manufacturing terror. Japan's fleet was tracked across the Pacific.

Pearl Harbor's Admiral HE Kimmel wasn't warned. He was denied intelligence. Waging war demanded mass casualties. WW II followed.

Complicit with Washington, numerous 1949/1950 South Korean cross-border incursions provoked Pyongyang's June 1950 response. Truman got the war he wanted.

In 1962, Kennedy rejected a proposed US Joint Chiefs of Staff false flag. Operation Northwoods was part of a covert anti-Castro scheme.

Called Operation Mongoose, a document titled "Justification for US Military Intervention in Cuba" explained.

Plans included assassinating Cuban Americans, manufacturing fake "Communist Cuban terror" in US cities, shooting down one or more US commercial airliners, blowing up a US ship in Cuban waters, attacking Guantanamo, and blaming Castro as reason for war.

Full-scale war against North Vietnam followed the fake August 1964 Gulf of Tonkin incident. Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. Doing so authorized war without declaring it.

In October 1983, US forces invaded Grenada. Allegedly it was to rescue American medical students.

Operation Urgent Fury's mission reflected US imperialism, Cold War politics, and replacing the leftist New Jewel Movement government with a pro-Western one.

In December 1989, manufactured incidents precipitated America's Panama invasion. Former US ally Manuel Noriega was deposed. At issue was forgetting who's boss.

Operation Just Cause killed thousands. Crimes of war and against humanity included mass murder, indiscriminate destruction, extrajudicial assassinations, illegal weapons use, and arbitrary detentions.

Pro-US stooge Guillermo Endara replaced Noriega.

In August 1990, Washington colluded with Kuwait's al-Sabah monarchy. Saddam Hussein was entrapped to invade.

In January 1991, the Gulf War followed. Over two decades of sanctions, war, occupation, and destruction of the cradle of civilization followed.

9/11 is the Big Lie of our time. Compelling evidence discredits official falsehoods. They launched over a decade of imperial wars.

They did so against Afghanistan, Iraq, parts of Pakistan, Libya, Syria, and Palestine allied with Israel.

They initiated numerous proxy wars. They feature homeland ones against Muslims, Latino immigrants, other people of color and working Americans.

Obama continues what Bush began. He has lots more death and destruction in mind. He wants Syria ravaged and destroyed.

He wants another US colony. He has much greater aims in mind. He wants an Israeli rival removed. He wants a valued Russian ally eliminated.

He wants Iran isolated. He wants Shah era harshness reinstated. He wants another regional vassal state.

He wants it replacing the Islamic Republic. He wants control of Iran's oil, gas and other resources. He wants Iranians ruthlessly exploited.

AIPAC and 50 other Zionist organizations threaten world peace.

So does Obama. He has megalomaniacal ambitions. He may destroy humanity pursuing them.

Stopping him matters most. The alternative is too potentially catastrophic to risk. A universal red line must be drawn. Now's the time to do it.

No more advancing America's imperium! No more spurning peace! No more war! No more lawless aggression!

No more mass killing and destruction! No more what most people oppose! No more risking humanity's survival!

Organized people can beat imperial warmakers! It bears repeating! Now's the time to do it!

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