

# America's "Humanitarian Massacre" of Syrian Civilians. The "Counter-Terrorism" Campaign Is Directed against the Syrian People

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*The US counterterrorism bombing campaign under "Operation Inherent Resolve" does not target terrorists.*

*Quite the opposite. Both ISIS-Daesh and Al Nusra are protected by the US led coalition.*

*The forbidden truth is that the counterterrorism campaign is directed against the Syrian people.*

*It's a massacre of civilians "with a human face". It's nonetheless a criminal undertaking perpetrated at the highest levels of the US government, in coordination with America's allies including France, Britain, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.*

*The western media applauds.*

*Amply documented, The US led coalition is routinely providing support to the Al Qaeda affiliated "opposition" rebels in Syria including the Islamic State (ISIS-Daesh), while also accusing ISIS-Daesh of sponsoring the recent terror attacks in Paris, Brussels and Nice.*



# OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

## TARGETED OPERATIONS AGAINST ISIL TERRORISTS

The president has authorized U.S. Central Command to work with partner nations to conduct targeted airstrikes of Iraq and Syria as part of the comprehensive strategy to degrade and defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL.

### Diabolical Project

While civilian casualties resulting from the US sponsored air raids are blamed on the government of Bashar al Assad, France's president Francois Hollande states without evidence that ISIS-Daesh was behind the terrorist attacks in Paris and Nice, thereby justifying acts of retribution (i.e. bombings of Syrian civilians) allegedly against Daesh's stronghold in Northern Syria.

In response, the Syrian government in two letters addressed respectively to the president of the UN Security Council and the UN Secretary-General, has called for an end to "the attacks and atrocities committed against civilians, calling for bringing the perpetrators to justice."

The Syrian government was referring to the routine bombings of civilians as well as Western support of ISIS-Daesh and Al Qaeda affiliated "opposition" rebels. Meanwhile, Jabhat al-Nusra, an al Qaeda affiliate has conveniently changed its name. It is no longer considered a terrorist organization, it's a moderate rebel force according to Western opinion.

In its letters to the UN Security Council, the Syrian government condemned France, US, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar for supporting the so-called "moderate opposition":

The ministry cited two recent massacres, the first committed yesterday [July 28] by the US-led Coalition in al-Ghandoura village near Manbej city north of Aleppo. 45 civilians were brutally killed by the Coalition's air raids in the village and 50 others were injured.

On the heels of this appalling crime, ISIS brutally murdered 24 civilians from the locals of al-Bweir village near Manbej, the letters said.

The ministry cited striking similarities between the massacres committed by the US-led Coalition and the terrorist organizations in an attempt to exacerbate the situation across Syria following the Syrian army's recent wins in Aleppo

city. ([SANA](#))

To which Washington responded, pointing to unfortunate “collateral damage”.

The counter-terrorism operation (Inherent Resolve) is coordinated by US Central Command.

USCENTCOM refers to “civilian casualty allegations” by the Syrian authorities. The matter is dismissed:

US Central Command (CENTCOM) acknowledged that the airstrikes “may have resulted in civilian casualties,” but did not name a figure, pending a likely future investigation.

CENTCOM said the aerial bombardment had been aimed at driving out ISIS forces concentrated in Manjib, a strategic waypoint on the road to the Islamists’ “capital city” of Raqqa.

Commenting on the CENTCOM statement, White House deputy press secretary Eric Schultz [said](#) on Friday that “they’ll see if additional action is necessary,” without elaborating.

He added that “this administration, the United States government takes all measures during the targeting process to avoid or minimalizing civilian casualties.” ( [RT](#), July 29, 2016)



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