

America's Strategy in the Middle East: "The Most Moderate Rebel"

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Moscow's success in Syria defines a serious problem for the White House. The idea to blame Russia for bombing moderate rebels doesn't work. If moderate rebels were in Syria, why did the US need to launch an expensive campaign to train moderate rebels? Moreover, the most part of the US-trained "moderate rebels" with full equipment joined "Jabhat al-Nusra", declared a terrorist group even by the US.

Despite the fact that the Pentagon's program aimed to train moderate rebels was a total failure and, indeed, supported terrorism in Syria, the Pentagon officials didn't pay the penalty. Thus, we could suggest that it was a cover for the real aim to support terrorist groups as "Jabhat al-Nusra" and "Ahrar ash-Sham". They are the only power that is ready help the US to achieve its main goal, to overthrow Bashar al-Assad. The Kurds' activity is concentrated in northern Syria. They could advance on Al-Raqqah but they won't fight against the Syrian government.

If the White House decided to support terrorists, it had to conform its policy with Saudi Arabia, founder and supporter of Jabhat al-Nusra and a number of small terrorist groups in Syria. The fact that US-led coalition Air Force didn't bomb "Jabhat al-Nusra" last months proves this assumption. Moreover, both Washington and Riyadh are interested in the chaos in Syria to weaken Iran in this region. Thus, they hope to restore the regional balance of powers strongly affected by the Russian military operation.

On October 12, a group of US cargo aircraft already airdropped some 50 tons of small fire ammunition and explosives to terrorists in northern Syria's Hasakah Governatore. Also, there are numerous reports that Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Turkey are ready to strengthen their support to terrorist groups with arms, ammunition and even man-portable air defense systems.

At the very same time, US Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Syria (CJSOTF-S) moved to the Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar. According to reports, CJSOTF-S will coordinate weapon supplies to Syrian groups fighting the Assad government and air-ground cooperation between terrorists and the US Air Force located at Incirlik Air Base in Turkey. Furthermore, CJSOTF-S is under the command of US Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) which has coordinated the \$500 million program to train so-called "moderate rebels". Thus, the US and its allies took a hard line to inspire terrorist activity in Syria.

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