

Biased UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria

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There's nothing fair and balanced about the Commission of Inquiry (COI) on Syria since established in August 2011 – around four months after the Obama regime launched war on the country for regime change, conflict in its 8th year, resolution nowhere in sight.

The COI is mandated to investigate human rights abuses in Syria. Since established, it operated largely as an imperial tool.

Its reports bear testimony to hostility toward the nation's sovereignty and liberating struggle – most often blaming government forces for high crimes committed by US-supported terrorists, ignoring horrific Pentagon-led terror-bombing for the past four years, including the rape and destruction of Raqqa, massacring countless thousands of civilians on the phony pretext of combating ISIS America supports.

Earlier, Syrian UN envoy Bashar al-Jaafari accused the COI of "deliberately blowing things out of proportion when displaying its findings, also fully disregarding or downplaying core issues," adding:

"There are blood-curdling scenes that flagrantly contravene the Syrians' dignity and human rights regarding the crimes of the armed terrorist groups, ranging from eating human flesh, cutting throats, mutilating bodies, beheadings on sectarian and confessional grounds, throwing bodies from rooftops to committing hundreds of suicide bombings using car bombs in populated areas, recruiting children, abducting and slaughtering clergymen, assassinating scholars in mosques, issuing instigative fatwas on 'sexual jihad,' killing children" indiscriminately and much more.

COI members understate or ignore these high crimes, focusing mainly on falsely accusing Syrian forces of wrongdoing they had nothing to do with.

On June 20, a <u>COI report</u> falsely called the siege of Eastern Ghouta "the longest...in modern history, lasting over five years..."

The COI failed to explain US-supported terrorists held enclave residents captive throughout the April 2013 – April 2018 period.

Nor was anything said about Israel's illegal siege of Gaza, virtually imprisoning its population – ongoing for 11 years since mid-2007, subjecting two million people to suffocating conditions, three wars of aggression, intermittent IDF terror-bombing, and cross-border

incursions by the ruthless Olmert and Netanyahu regimes.

Syrian and allied forces, aided by Russian airpower, liberated Eastern Ghouta from US/Israeli-supported terrorists. The COI report merely referred to the campaign as "recapturing" the enclave.

False accusations followed, claiming government forces "carried out aerial and ground bombardments which claimed the lives of hundreds of Syrian men, women, and children," accusing Damascus of "war crimes (by) launching indiscriminate attacks, and deliberately attacking protected objects."

Great care was taken by Syrian forces and Russia's aerial campaign to avoid or at least minimize civilian casualties – polar opposite how Washington, NATO and Israel operate, massacring civilians indiscriminately, attacking them as legitimate targets.

Three Israeli wars of aggression on Gaza since December 2008, along with the US-led rape and destruction of Mosul and Raqqa alone reveal the disdain of both countries for the laws of war, as well as the fundamental rights of noncombatants.

US-led NATO and Israeli wars of aggression bear testimony to their ruthlessness. No COI exists to investigate their war crimes, no demand for them to be held accountable.

Western and UN Big Lies haunted Syria throughout years of war, a government and its military combatting US/Israeli-supported terrorists, struggling to protect and preserve its sovereignty.

COI chairman Paulo Pinheiro:

"It is completely abhorrent that besieged civilians were indiscriminately attacked, and systematically denied food and medicine. What is clear from the terminal phase of this siege is that no warring party acted to protect the civilian population" – wrongfully pointing finger mainly at government and allies forces.

Fact: Testimonies by freed Eastern Ghouta residents explained that US/Israeli-supported terrorists held them oppressively as human shields.

Fact: Anyone trying to flee the enclave was shot at. One resident said there was no flour, bread, or water under captivity.

Fact: A woman said trapped residents wanted Syrian army forces to liberate them. Another woman said:

"Look at our children, bare feet, hungry, and without clothes, but (the terrorists) showed no mercy. They kept the commodities in stores for their benefit while our children starved to death, and they fired at us...when we wanted to get out."

Where's the outrage from Pinheiro and other COI members? All of the above information was suppressed in the one-sided anti-Syria report.

While accusing terrorists called "rebels" of crimes, to sanitize them and their atrocities, along with concealing their use as imperial foot soldiers, the COI report focused mainly on unfairly criticizing Syrian and allied forces, ignoring their liberating struggle against US/Israeli-supported terrorists and Pentagon-led terror-bombing – massacring civilians, destroying vital infrastructure, committing Nuremberg-level high crimes gone unpunished.

The CIO report concealed what should have been featured. Pinheiro and other commission members serve US-led Western imperial interests.

They failed to expose Washington's war without mercy or demand Obama and Trump regime officials be held accountable.

When America goes to war, victims are blamed for its high crimes. Largely imported cutthroat killer terrorists are called "rebels" or anti-government opposition forces.

Ruling authorities in Syria and other nations attacked by Washington, NATO, Israel, and their imperial partners are vilified for defending themselves.

Since March 2011, government and allied forces have gone all-out to liberate the Syrian Arab Republic from US/Israeli-supported terrorists – wanting the nation's sovereignty protected, its territorial integrity preserved.

They deserve high praise for courage in the face of extreme adversity, not unjustifiable criticism from an imperial commission established to vilify them unjustly.

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