

Breaking: France's Minister of Defense: French Citizens Who Joined Jihad Should Die on the Battlefield - "We Don't Want Them Back"

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AP reported in The New York Post of 21 October 2017, that during ISIS heydays, it is estimated that about 30,000 citizens from around the world traveled to the Middle East, mostly Syria and Iraq, to join ISIS / Daesh as jihadi fighters. This included an estimated 6,000 Europeans, mostly from France, Germany and Britain, many with immigrant backgrounds. A study found that less than 10% converted to Islam.

After ISIS' defeat in Syria's northern city of Raqqa, the former ISIS stronghold and artificial capital of the Islamic State's Caliphate, about a third of the European jihadists have returned home, where many are awaiting trial in prison. Others are free and under surveillance. They are easy fodder for western secret services to blow themselves up, as jihadists, leaving always an ID behind; False Flag acts of 'terror', immediately claimed by ISIS, through the Islamic State's news agency, *Amaq*. No surprise, though, in case they were contracted by CIA, Mossad, MI6 *et al*, to do so.

Other European jihadi fighters are still left on defeated battlefields, hiding in Raqqa's ruins, some captured – and facing immediate death by execution. They are not wanted back in their European home countries. These countries had then and have now no time, nor interest to care for these people, their desperate, rudderless citizens. "Let them die on the battlefield" we don't want them back.

While most European Governments didn't dare express it in such blunt words, the French Minister of Defense, *Florence Parly*, told Europe 1 radio last week,

"If the [French] jihadis perish in this fight, I would say that's for the best."

US orders were similar,

"Our mission is to make sure that any foreign fighter who is here, who joined ISIS from a foreign country and came into Syria, they will die here in Syria," said **Brett McGurk**, the top U.S. envoy for the anti-IS coalition, in an interview

with Dubai-based Al-Aan television. "So, if they're in Raqqa, they're going to die in Raqqa," he said.

This is as much as saying, no prisoners are taken, they are all to be neutralized, a euphemism for murdered.

Imagine, this comes from the very countries that have created, trained and funded ISIS. Then they have nurtured ISIS for their purposes of spreading destruction, chaos, and assassination throughout the Middle east with focus on Syria and Iraq. These are the NATO governments who have left their young rudderless people without hope, seeking a 'raison d'être', a purpose in life.



Desperate without hope and guidance, many with zero income, zero chance in our western ultra-competitive merciless society – that's what they were then, when they joined the Jihad and that's what they are today – at the point of being slaughtered with the permission of their governments who created the army they volunteered to fight for – out of despair.

These European governments were and are in the first place interested in NATO, war and in pleasing their masters in Washington, but not in providing jobs or social safety nets for the young, the jobless, the desperate. These governments must destroy the world as a priority for their own elite's greed and satisfaction, for the war industry's profit. They do not care for the generations of young people either killed or without a future in Syria, Iraq, or even at home – and now they are ordering, yes, literally ordering to kill their own citizens, who left because their warmongering neoliberal – neofascist – economies had no space and interest in helping their hapless and hopeless citizens finding a purpose in life, a decent job, a roof over their head – and most important, inclusion in society. Feeling as outcasts, they felt inspired by the western initiated jihad propaganda – and left to fight a purposeless horrible western financed war.

This is the same Europe – directed by a nucleus of unelected white-collar criminals in Brussels, called the European Commission, the same Europeans, rather than caring for the well-being on their home-turf, they are colluding with their transatlantic financial mafia pals of Wall Street, FED, the Bretton Woods Institutions, planning on how to rob more poor countries of their natural resources, by indebting and blackmailing them into austerity and privatization of their public services. The same NATO-chained Europe with hundreds of years

of history of brutal colonialism throughout the world.

Madame Parly's statement must have been approved by president Macron, who stayed silent at the condemnation to death of French jihadi citizens by his Minister of Defense. Macron has just managed to put a 'permanent state of emergency' – basically Martial Law – into the French Constitution, entering into effect on 1 November 2017 – the first European country to do so.

The State of Emergency was in effect in France – permanent police and military surveillance throughout France – since the Charlie Hebdo murders in January 2015. Despite this law, 43 terror attacks causing hundreds of deaths, occurred in France to this day. – No doubt other EU countries will follow Macron's lead. There is clearly no space for French ex-jihadists in France.

An anonymous Kurdish YPG official said, foreigners who fight until the end will be 'eliminated'. In other words, we don't take prisoners – following the dictate of the French Minister of Defense, and the US envoy, McGurk. The YPG is a powerful **Kurdish secessionist militia**, financed and supported by Washington.

The anonymous source also said that for the few prisoners they had captured, they, the Kurds, tried to reach out to the prisoners' home countries, "We try to hand them in. But many would not want to take their (detainees)." He added these were sensitive issues not to be discussed with reporters.

"The general sentiment in northern Europe is we don't want these people back, but I don't think anyone has thought about the alternatives," said **Pieter Van Ostaeyen**, an expert on the Belgian jihadists.

He insinuates the complications on prosecuting the returnees, and how to track them if and when they leave custody.

"You can see why almost the preferred resolution is that they don't return," said **Bruce Hoffman**, head of Georgetown University's security studies program and author of "Inside Terrorism." – What worries me is I think it's wishful thinking that they're all going to be killed off," he added.

Wishful thinking or not, French Minister Parly said it's the best outcome.

"We cannot do anything to prevent their return besides neutralize the maximum number of jihadis in this combat," she said.

Shamefully, all sense of Human Rights, of the Geneva Convention of War Prisoners, has been erased form the witless, immoral brains of western politicians.

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No country openly admits refusing to let citizens who joined the Islamic State return, including women and children. Germany and Russia are exceptions to this sinister rule. German diplomats state that all German citizens "are entitled to consular assistance".

Russia actually goes out of her way to repatriate their citizens who want to come home, with a special effort on orphaned children and wives of killed Russian jihadists. It is again just wonderful to see the difference in human approach between the east and the decadent west. In his final words at the closing ceremony of the Sochi Youth Festival, Mr. Putin warned that worse than nuclear bombs are the loss of ethics and moral values in society.

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