

“Democracy and Freedom”: Washington Uses its “Jihadi” Mercenaries, Deploys Terrorists in Libya, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and Beyond

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Washington can and does use its “jihadi” mercenaries wherever Washington pleases. Washington has deployed these terrorists in Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, Bosnia, Kosovo, and beyond.

Prof. Tim Anderson provides a graphic analysis below.

Eight Middle East wars

	War	US role	Economic war	Outcomes
Palestine	1948-2018: steady ethnic cleansing	Massive subsidies (\$3bn+ per year) to Israel	Permanent Israeli siege of Palestinian territories	Palestine's legitimacy increases (UN 2012)
Afghanistan	2001 invasion	Invasion and occupation	Taliban sanctions (US, EU, UN)	Persistent resistance, no stable state
Iraq	2003 invasion	Invasion, re-invasion and arming of DAESH terrorism	Renewed US sanctions after 2018 elections (on PMU)	Emerging state aligning with Iran and Syria
Iran	2003-2015: JCPOA 2018: New sanctions	Assassinations and DAESH terrorism	A series of sanctions, the latest in 2018 from the USA	Iran strengthened, US and Israel isolated
Lebanon	2006 Israeli invasion	'Green light' to Israel in 2006	Sanctions on Hezbollah (2016+)	Hezbollah a stronger partner in Leb. Govt.
Libya	2011: terrorism and NATO bombing	Sponsorship of al Qaeda and NATO bombing	Selective US sanctions still imposed	No stable state
Syria	2011: terrorism and NATO-Israel bombing	Sponsorship of al Qaeda groups, bombing and occupation	Comprehensive sanctions from US-EU, serious impact	Proxy wars have failed, Syrian state stronger, with popular support
Yemen	Saudi-led war	Sponsorship of al Qaeda and arms supply for Saudis	Saudi siege, humanitarian catastrophe	Failing war, Ansarallah resistance strong

Sometimes assets/proxies are not aware that they serve Washington “interests”, but they are still proxies nonetheless. Washington seeks global hegemony, hence, it imposes destabilization/destruction” strategies on non-compliant nations. Terrorist proxies are excellent instruments for destruction, and they play a central role.

A recent UN document acknowledges that the U.S is giving ISIS “breathing space”:

“Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), a having been defeated militarily in Iraq and most of the Syrian Arab Republic during 2017, rallied in early 2018. This was the result of a loss of momentum by forces fighting it in the east of

the Syrian Arab Republic, which prolonged access by ISIL to resources and gave it breathing space to prepare for the next phase of its evolution into a global covert network. By June 2018, the military campaigns against ISIL had gathered pace again, but ISIL still controlled small pockets of territory in the Syrian Arab Republic on the Iraqi border. It was able to extract and sell some oil, and to mount attacks, including across the border into Iraq.”

The areas referenced by the document are controlled by illegal U.S. occupation forces. It is from these protected areas that ISIS continues to launch attacks against Syria and its peoples, and from which it plunders Syrian resources.

The culture that Western-supported terrorists impose on occupied areas of Syria is largely foreign to Syria and the Levant. Women, for example, must dress in black abas, in accordance with Sharia law.

In contrast, the real Syria, that the West seeks to erase, looks something like this:

Clearly, the notions that Canada and its allies seek to impose “democracy and freedom”, or that their “regime change” wars of conquest are “humanitarian”, are absolutely ridiculous.

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Notes

1. R and U Videos, “War Diary Project”.

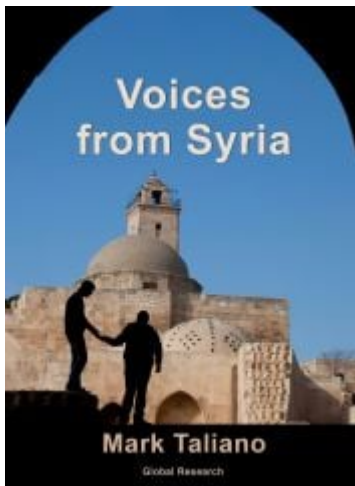
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