

Escalated US War on Syria Likely

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In March 2011, Obama launched war on Syria, using ISIS, al-Nusra and other terrorists as imperial foot soldiers.

The aim then and now is destroying Syrian sovereignty, ousting Assad, replacing him with a pro-Western puppet, eliminating an Israeli rival, isolating Iran ahead of a similar scheme against its government, and claiming another US imperial trophy.

That's what the war is all about, orchestrated by **Hillary Clinton** as secretary of state. There's nothing civil about it – one of many Big Lies about what's going on.

Russia's good faith efforts to resolve things diplomatically are consistently undermined by Washington and its rogue allies – NATO, Turkey, the Saudis, Israel and others.

NATO's announced escalated "fight against terrorism" beyond its current involvement in Syria and elsewhere, along with the enormous arms deal Trump arranged with Riyadh is bad news for hoped for Middle East peace.

Trump's visit to Brussels last week was all about enlisting greater NATO support for America's imperial project on the phony pretext of combating terrorism Washington and other alliance members support.

America, NATO, Israel, and other rogue regional states back what Trump calls "a common threat to all of humanity."

"Terrorism (won't be) stopped in its tracks" as long as Washington uses death squad diplomacy to advance its imperium.

Endless wars continue raging with no prospect for resolution any time soon. Trump wants NATO members spending more on militarism and belligerence to serve US interests.

Arms sold to Saudi Arabia are for waging war OF terrorism, not ON it. They have nothing to do with defense, everything to do with aggression and oppression.



They'll end up in the hands of ISIS, al-Nusra and other regional terrorists, be used in waging terror war on Yemen, perhaps prepare for war on Iran, along with homeland repression.

Long-suffering Syrians face endless imperial war on their homeland. How much more carnage is too much?

How long will the world community tolerate the intolerable? Multiple rounds of good faith Russian orchestrated peace talks since 2012 achieved no breakthroughs because Washington and its rogue allies want endless war and regime change – no matter the human cost.

While hopeful for conflict resolution, Putin fears the worst, "possible dismemberment of Syria," the Syrian Arab Republic eliminated.

Addressing heads of international news organizations on the sidelines of the St. Petersburg Economic Forum, he expressed concern that four "de-escalation zones may turn into a blueprint for future borders" – a possible outcome Russia categorically opposes.

At the same time, he's patient, hoping for eventual conflict resolution, preservation of Syrian sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Efforts to achieve these objectives have a long way to go, America's imperial project the major obstacle.

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