

### Expanded Conflict in Syria Promised by Romney Will Proceed Under Obama

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Most irrelevant election in US history comes and goes as long-planned regime change using Al Qaeda death squads against Syria continues unabated.

Almost as if to affirm <u>the absolute irrelevance of elections</u> in the "democratic" West, expanded conflict promised by the perceived "hawkish" Republican candidate Mitt Romney is proceeding immediately ahead under the re-elected President Barack Obama. Aside from superficial window dressing via an elaborate array of proxies through which US cash and weapons will flow, more direct military aid, including securing a defacto no-fly zone over parts of northern Syria using US-made Patriot missile batteries is now being discussed.



**Image**: A Patriot missile system. <u>NATO Source Alliance News Blog</u> reported on November 4, 2012, "Turkey plans to officially request NATO deploy a Patriot missile defense system in its territories as a security precaution against a potential large-scale military offensive from

Syria as Syrian shelling on the border raises tensions." Now this request is being repurposed to enact a defacto "no fly zone" over northern Syria – illustrating the duplicitous nature of reports/initiatives coming out of NATO members as they once again attempt to creep their way toward unwarranted military intervention.

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The Associated Press (AP) claims in their article titled, "Obama Re-Election Signals New Phase in Syria War," that "Turkey and allies, including the United States, have discussed the possibility of using Patriot missiles to protect a safe zone inside Syria." This, it is claimed, would only be implemented with a UN mandate. Such a mandate is unlikely, with Russia and China having obstructed all efforts to justify Libya-style military aggression against Syria. Additional cross-border incidents will most likely be used as a pretext instead.

# Secretary Clinton Handpicks Client Syrian Regime at Meeting in Despotic Nation of Qatar.

Meanwhile US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is attempting to gestate a newly handpicked proxy regime to pose as the leadership of NATO armed, funded, and directed terrorists currently ravaging Syria within and across its borders. Ironically, this is occurring in Doha, Qatar, one of the most despotic regimes on Earth, and one of a handful of remaining absolute monarchies.

While Western governments and the Western press have attempted to portray the violence in Syria as the result of indigenous "pro-democracy" aspirations, it is clear that not only is the violence driven by sectarian extremists – many of whom are not even Syrian, its leaders are merely handpicked proxies of the West, contradicting any concept of "selfdetermination" one might associate with "democracy."

# UK's Prime Minister Cries Freedom for Syria, Then Arms Despotic Autocracies to Teeth.

UK Prime Minister David Cameron is likewise in the Middle East, pledging tens of millions in cash to foreign terrorists operating inside Syria in an effort to ""shape the opposition" into a coherent force and open channels of communication directly with rebel military commanders," while making arms deals with certifiably despotic regimes lining the Persian Gulf.



**Image**: A Saudi Typhoon fighter (Wikipedia). Both the Saudis and the UAE seek additional Typhoon aircraft as part of astronomically large weapons deals being made with the West as of late. The hypocrisy of arming terrorists for "freedom" in Syria, while the West arms regimes like the Saudis currently slaughtering protesters both at home, and in neighboring Bahrain, has forced even Amnesty International to make a statement, albeit an ineffectual one.

Even Amnesty International was forced to recognize the overt hypocrisy of a British prime minister selling despotic regimes deadly weapons systems almost assuredly to be turned on their own people, while citing a moral imperative to justify supporting violent regime change in Syria. <u>Amnesty International stated</u>:

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Responding to news of the Prime Minister David Cameron's visit to the United Arab Emirates and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to promote UK arms sales, Amnesty International UK's Head of Policy and Government Affairs Allan Hogarth said:

"Selling arms to countries like Saudi Arabia and UAE should only be considered if there are absolutely watertight guarantees over them not being used to commit human rights violations.

"Saudi Arabia has been the recipient of record-breaking arms deals involving the UK, yet these have been highly secretive and there's been little or no follow-up over how the weaponry was used.

"For example, in 2009 the Saudi air force used UK-supplied Tornado fighterbombers in attacks in Yemen which killed hundreds – possibly thousands – of civilians. In one attack conducted by Saudi forces on the town of al-Nadir in November 2009, so many were killed in just one extended family that witnesses say the family 'had to create a cemetery for themselves'.

"More than two years ago we called for the UK government to urgently investigate Saudi Arabia's involvement in this episode and meanwhile suspend any further arms supplies to Saudi Arabia.

"In the past a large Saudi chequebook has apparently meant it could purchase weapons as well as silence over its own dreadful human rights record. It's time for David Cameron to end this deeply disturbing trade-off."

## Saudi Arabia, US, and Israel had Planned Overthrow of Syria via Al Qaeda Since 2007.

Saudi Arabia, of course, is using their weapons and cash flow from the West to not only to brutalize their own people, but to seed the Muslim World with madrases designed to indoctrinate an army of sectarian extremists, arm and fund them, and use them across the Muslim World to execute Western and Saudi foreign policy. The very same networks used by the US and Saudi Arabia to flood Afghanistan in the 1980's with militants to fight the Soviets, and again during the US-British occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan, are now being used to flood Syria with foreign terrorists.

A plan by the US, Israel, and Saudis to use sectarian extremists against Syria, many directly associated with Al Qaeda itself, was first exposed by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Seymour Hersh in his 2007 New Yorker report titled, ""<u>The Redirection: Is the Administration's new policy benefiting our enemies in the war on terrorism?</u>"

In the report it specifically stated:

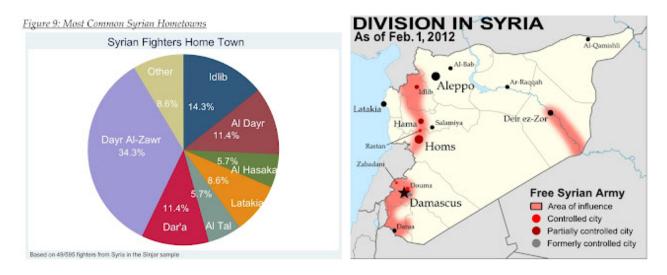
"To undermine Iran, which is predominantly Shiite, the Bush Administration has decided, in effect, to reconfigure its priorities in the Middle East. In Lebanon, the Administration has coöperated with Saudi Arabia's government, which is Sunni, in clandestine operations that are intended to weaken Hezbollah, the Shiite organization that is backed by Iran. The U.S. has also taken part in clandestine operations aimed at Iran and its ally Syria. A by-product of these activities has been the bolstering of Sunni extremist groups that espouse a militant vision of Islam and are hostile to America and sympathetic to Al Qaeda." -<u>The Redirection, Seymour Hersh (2007)</u>

Hersh's report would continue by stating:

"the Saudi government, with Washington's approval, would provide funds and logistical aid to weaken the government of President Bashir Assad, of Syria. The Israelis believe that putting such pressure on the Assad government will make it more conciliatory and open to negotiations." -<u>The Redirection, Seymour Hersh (2007)</u>

The link between extremist groups and Saudi funding was also mentioned in the report, and reflects evidence regarding the origin and backers of similar extremists who flooded Iraq during the US occupation, sowing sectarian strife and killing Western troops alike:

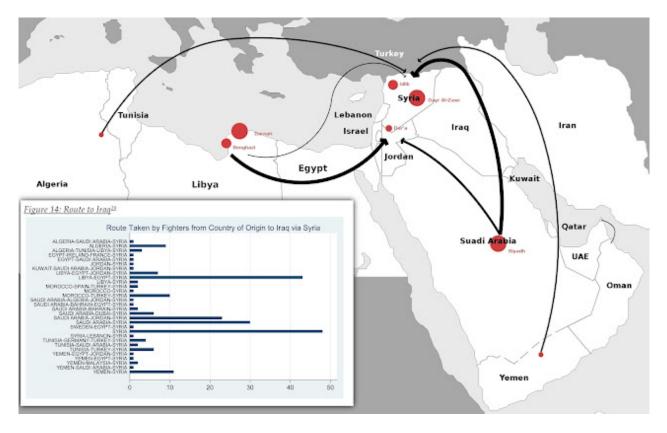
"...[Saudi Arabia's] Bandar and other Saudis have assured the White House that "they will keep a very close eye on the religious fundamentalists. Their message to us was 'We've created this movement, and we can control it.' It's not that we don't want the Salafis to throw bombs; it's who they throw them at—Hezbollah, Moqtada al-Sadr, Iran, and at the Syrians, if they continue to work with Hezbollah and Iran." -<u>The Redirection, Seymour Hersh (2007)</u>



**Image**: (Left) West Point's Combating Terrorism Center's 2007 report, "<u>Al-Qa'ida's Foreign</u> <u>Fighters in Iraq</u>" indicated which areas in Syria Al Qaeda fighters filtering into Iraq came from. The overwhelming majority of them came from Dayr Al-Zawr in Syria's southeast, Idlib in the north near the Turkish-Syrian border, and Dar'a in the south near the Jordanian-Syrian border. (Right) A map indicating the epicenters of violence in Syria indicate that the exact same hotbeds for Al Qaeda in 2007, now serve as the epicenters of so-called "prodemocracy fighters."

It was exposed in "<u>NATO Using Al Qaeda Rat Lines to Flood Syria With Foreign Terrorists</u>," that indeed, the very networks used by Al Qaeda to flood Iraq with foreign fighters is now being used by the United States, NATO and the Persian Gulf States of Saudi Arabia and Qatar to violently overthrow Syria.

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**Image**: The most prominent routes into Syria for foreign fighters is depicted, with the inset graph describing the most widely used routes by foreign fighters on their way to Iraq, as determined by West Point's 2007 Combating Terrorism Center report "<u>AI-Qa'ida's Foreign</u> <u>Fighters in Iraq</u>" (page 20). These same networks are now being used, with the addition of a more prominent role for Turkey, to target Syria directly. (Click to enlarge)

# Mitt Romney's Warmongering Promises to be Fulfilled by Reelected President Obama.

While Americans, and the world in general, are expected to believe that elections directly affect a nation's policy, it is clear that foreign policy objectives versus Syria were determined long before President Obama took office, and have continued despite whatever alleged political ideology he supposedly adheres to. While many may be disappointed by the loss of Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, within hours of President Obama's reelection, already a pledge made by Romney is being fulfilled by his opponent.

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