

Greater Israel Is on the March. Paul C. Roberts

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Syria no longer exists. *The Russian news service RT reports that Israel has launched the largest attack on Syria in history with Israeli warplanes hitting more than 250 military targets. Other reports put the number at 300. The Israeli Defense Force reports it has destroyed 80% of Syrian military capability. This is after Syria's fall. "Wave after wave of airstrikes carried out by IAF fighter jets and drones then hit Syrian airbases, weapon depots and weapon production sites in Damascus, Homs, Tartus, Latakia and Palmyra, according to the military. Meanwhile, on Monday night, Israeli Navy missile boats destroyed 15 naval vessels belonging to the former regime at the Minet el-Beida bay and Latakia port on the Syrian coast." Possibly the Syrian Army, paid to stand down, suffered more casualties from these attacks than they would have suffered in battle in defense of Syria. The money for the generals came at a high price for the soldiers.*

The Israeli military said the airstrikes destroyed many long-range projectiles, Scud missiles, cruise missiles, coast-to-sea missiles, air defense missiles, fighter jets, helicopters, radars, tanks, hangars and more.

Israel explains its aggression as self-defense to prevent the weapons from falling into the hands of terrorists. But the terrorists that Israel, Washington, and Turkey employed to overthrow Syria have been turned into "democratic forces that liberated Syria" and whose leader has declared friendship with Israel. The real explanation for Israel's aggression is that Israel now occupies part of Syria. If you will remember, recently Netanyahu held up a map of Greater Israel and it included Syria. Netanyahu, despite his criminal indictment in Israel for corruption, is likely to go down as the greatest of all Israeli heroes, as the leader who achieved the Zionist goal of Greater Israel.

You might remember that the American media and "fact checkers" denied there was any such thing as Greater Israel. It was all misinformation by anti-semites. Apparently, the narrative controllers regarded Netanyahu's map of Greater Israel as part of the anti-semantic misinformation. The Zionist neoconservatives showed their hand many years ago when they put in motion their plan to destroy seven countries in five years. It took longer than five years, but with Syria's fall only two of the seven remain-Iran and Saudi Arabia. The inability of the Muslim Middle East to unify has doomed it.

Israel has sent tank columns into Syria with the intent of occupation. [Washington backs Israel's invasion](#) of Syria. Washington's narrative is that it is better to have Syrian territory in the hands of Israel than ISIS, Washington's tool, already betrayed, in Syria's overthrow. State Department spokesman **Matthew Miller** says Washington expects Israel's occupation of Syrian territory to be "temporary." Turkey's reward is that Erdogan can now conduct military operations against the Kurds who were sheltered by Syria.

The myth that Syria still exists is alive in the UN and among Russian government officials. The UN Security Council is united in the need to “preserve the territorial integrity of Syria,” Russian Permanent Representative to the UN **Vassily Nebenzia** said after a closed-door meeting on Monday.

“We were talking about the need to work out a document by the Council ... in the coming days,” Nebenzia said. (See [this](#))

Amazing. The Russians are going to save Syria with a document.

The absence of realism among the Russian government is disturbing. Syria already doesn't exist and is rapidly becoming Greater Israel. Washington covers up reality by emphasizing Israel's right to self-defense. Defense from what? A non-existent Syria?

Washington is also conducting strikes on former Syria. The US claims to be striking ISIS, the CIA created force the US used to overthrow Syria. If the US and Israel now turn on the ISIS-al Qaeda forces, now called Al-Nusra, a name now superseded by “democratic opposition,” used to overthrow Assad, the situation could develop badly for Washington and Israel.

Assad in Syria and Saddam Hussein in Iraq were secular leaders. This was necessary as both countries had Sunni and Shite residents. But the jihadist forces Washington used against Libya and Syria contain real Muslims capable of jihad. These Muslims opposed the secular leaders of Iraq and Syria and are willing agents for Washington and Israel to use for their own purposes against secular Muslim regimes.

Now that Israel and Washington are turning on their jihadist tool, they possibly could have a fight on their hands and more instability than they counted on. Both Israel and Washington are at work destroying Syrian air defenses, which with so much open territory will make it difficult for the jihadists to establish control over the territory they have conquered with the active help of Turkey, Washington, and Israel and the stand down help of Russia and Iran. The question is: what will Washington, Israel, and Turkey do to dispose of the tool that they used to destroy Syria?

What Washington and Israel have going for them is that Muslims have been split since the fight over the succession to Muhammad. The Sunnis and the Shia hate one another more than they hate their Western and Israeli oppressors. As UK ambassador Craig Murray explains, Turkey and the Gulf States accept the annihilation of the Palestinian nation and creation of a Greater Israel, in return for the annihilation of the Shia minorities of Syria and Lebanon and the imposition of Salafism across the Eastern Arab world.

The Russian government shows no understanding of the consequences of Greater Israel. **Alan Sabrosky concludes that Russia was not willing to fight as hard in Syria's defense as Washington and Israel were to fight for Syria's downfall. (See [this](#)) The road to Iran is now clear.**

The fact that matters most is that throughout the world the perception is that Washington and Israel have prevailed over Russia. This perception will strengthen Washington and likely have effects on foreign policies and on the development of BRICS. Saudi Arabia, which went so far as to hold joint military maneuvers with Iran and to express an interest in BRICS will likely reinstate the petro-dollar in exchange for Washington's protection against the Israeli government minister who declared that the map of Greater Israel now includes Saudi

Arabia.

The extraordinary defeat that Israel and Israel's American neoconservatives have dealt to Russia and Iran pre-empts Trump from any peace moves. The West has recovered its hegemony with Russia's defeat in Syria and is on a roll. Washington will insist on Russia and Iran's obedience.

The purpose of Trump's ceasefire in Ukraine is to protect the West from a defeat. As Putin prefers agreements to war, he might fall into the trap, and Washington will have succeeded in restoring its hegemony.

Did the Russian and Iranian governments understand that the stakes in Syria were Washington's hegemony and Israel's hegemony over the Middle East in the form of Greater Israel? Do they realize the enormity of their defeat?

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