

Has Bibi Achieved His Dream of Obliterating the Arab World? Mike Whitney

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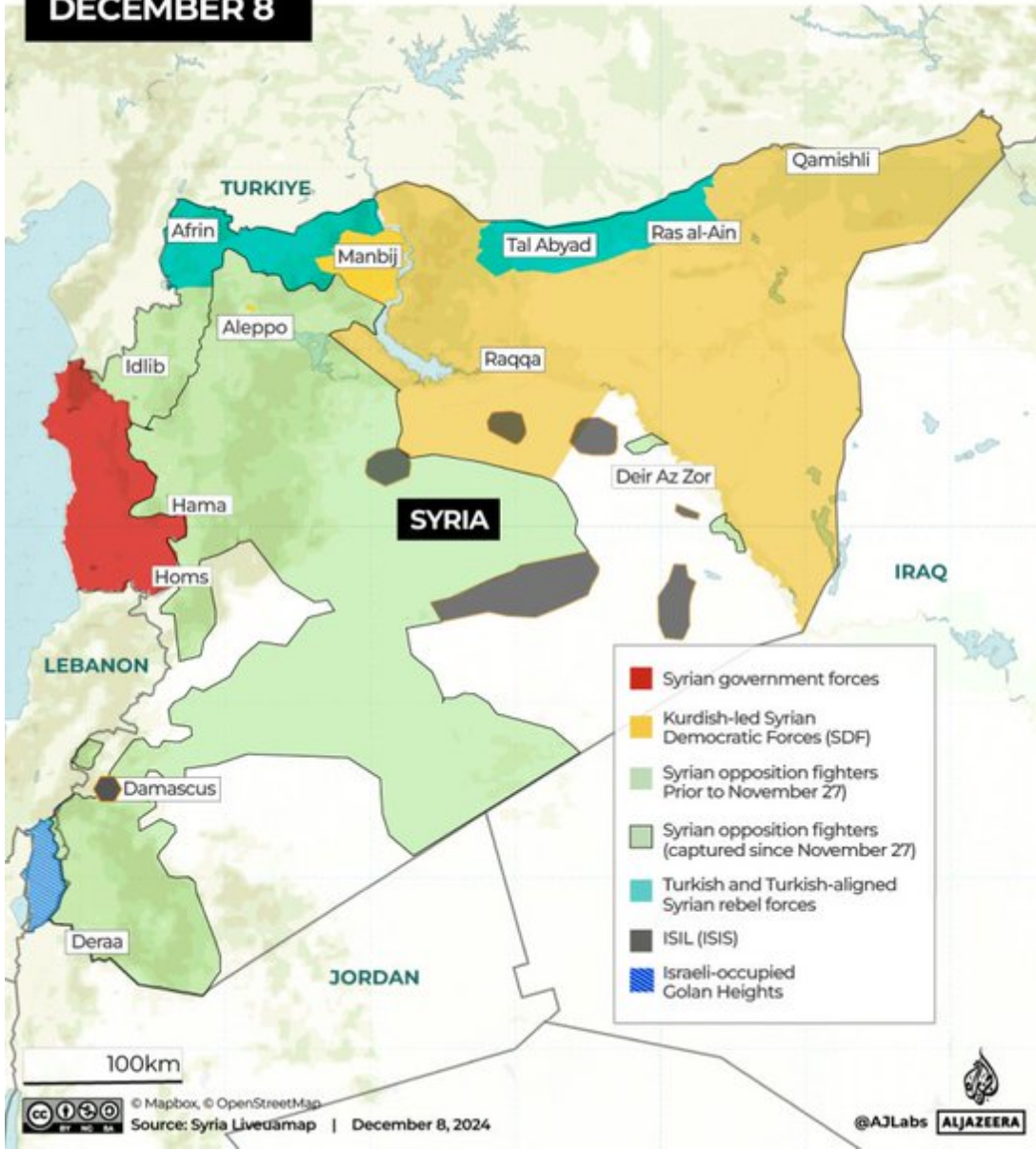
Take a look at the map below. It explains everything.

This is roughly the situation on the ground today. The majority of Syria's landmass is controlled by 5 groups: Al Qaida (HTS), the Kurds (SDF), the IDF (Israel), the Turks, and remnants of the Syrian Army (SAA). Of course, the situation is extremely fluid so some of the territory is likely to change hands in the near future as rival groups fight among themselves. But here's what won't change: A government will not emerge that is capable of stitching together a unified, contiguous, viable centrally-governed Syrian state. That's not going to happen. The various armies are too powerful for any one group to crush the others and reestablish a government that rules all of Syria's previously controlled territory.

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Who controls what in Syria?

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Why does that matter?

Because we need to acknowledge that Israel has accomplished what it sought from the very beginning; **they not only enlisted allies to help them topple Assad, but they also obliterated the Syrian state. Syria is gone; it no longer exists. And that has been Israel's goal for more than 40 years.**

So, we shouldn't view the events of the last week as random or spontaneous, because they are neither. Everything that has taken place aligns closely with a strategic blueprint produced by a Zionist intellectual (Oded Yinon) more than four decades ago and which—according to biographer Israel Shahak—concocted “an accurate and detailed plan....for the Middle East which is based on the division of the whole area into small states, and the dissolution of all the existing Arab states.” Full Stop.

This is where readers need to pause for a moment and honestly consider whether this accurately explains the endless fighting and turmoil we've seen in the Middle East for the last two decades?

The answer is: It does. Iraq, Libya, Lebanon, Syria etc. **These are not just countries; they are agenda items on a Zionist checklist for regional domination.** So, stop thinking that the wars have something to do with Assad or oil or pipelines or Hamas or even Israeli security. Because they don't. **These are wars aimed at establishing Israeli hegemony across the Middle East.** Let's look at the document itself which is titled **A Strategy for Israel in the Nineteen Eighties** by Oded Yinon:

The Moslem Arab World is built like a temporary house of cards put together by foreigners without the wishes and desires of the inhabitants having been taken into account. ...**every Arab Moslem state nowadays faces ethnic social destruction from within**, and in some a civil war is already raging. **All of the Arab states east of Israel are torn apart, broken up and riddled with conflict...** This national **ethnic minority** picture extending from Morocco to India and from Somalia to Turkey points to **the absence of stability and a rapid degeneration** in the entire region. When this picture is added to the economic one, we see how the entire region is built like a house of cards, unable to withstand its severe problems.....[A Strategy for Israel in the Nineteen Eighties](#), Oded Yinon, *voltairenet*

So, in the opening paragraphs, the author identifies the vulnerabilities within the current societies that can be exploited for Israel's strategic advantage. The focus, of course, is on "ethnic minorities" that can be incited to exacerbate existing divisions within the society in order to weaken the larger body politic leading to regime change. Here's the kicker:

The Western front... is in fact less complicated than the Eastern front. Lebanon's total dissolution into five provinces serves as a precedent for the entire Arab World..... **The dissolution of Syria and Iraq later on into ethnically or religiously unique areas such as Lebanon, is Israel's primary target** on the Eastern front in the long run, **while the dissolution of the military power of those states serves as the primary short term target. Syria will fall apart in accordance with its ethnic and religious structure, into several states** such as in present day Lebanon, so that there will be a Shi'ite Alawi state along its coast, a Sunni state in Damascus hostile to its northern neighbor, and the Druzes who will set up a state, maybe even in our Golan, and certainly in the Hauran and in northern Jordan. This state of affairs will be the guarantee for peace and security in the area in the long run, and that aim is already within our reach today.... [A Strategy for Israel in the Nineteen Eighties](#), Oded Yinon, *voltairenet*

Repeat: "This state of affairs will be the guarantee for peace and security in the area in the long run." In other words, inciting ethnic and religious violence against other groups within the society, is the operational strategy for achieving regional dominance. In order to establish Israeli security, Arabs must be encouraged to kill each other.

Are we clear about that?

Regarding the Palestinians, there's this little nugget:

Genuine coexistence and peace will reign over the land only when the Arabs

understand that without Jewish rule between the Jordan and the sea, they will have neither existence nor security. A nation of their own and security will be theirs only in Jordan. [A Strategy for Israel in the Nineteen Eighties](#),

Keep in mind, this was written in 1982 which means—that among the politicians in Netanyahu's party—there was never any intention of exchanging land for peace or fulfilling their obligations under US Resolution 242 to evacuate the occupied territories. It was always a ruse aimed at confusing credulous nitwits in the US.

Economist Jeffrey Sachs has confirmed much of what we've stated here. He has recently been quite outspoken in a number of interviews on YouTube where he has laid blame for all the recent wars in the Middle East on Benjamin Netanyahu. Here's Sach's in a recent piece at *Consortium News*:

The fall of Syria this week is the culmination of the Israel-U.S. campaign against Syria that goes back to 1996 with Netanyahu's arrival in office as prime minister. The Israel-U.S. war on Syria escalated in 2011 and 2012, when former U.S. President Barack Obama covertly tasked the C.I.A. with the overthrow of the Syrian Government in Operation Timber Sycamore.

Syria's fall came swiftly because of more than a decade of crushing economic sanctions, the burdens of war, the U.S. seizure of Syria's oil..... and most immediately, Israel's attacks on Hezbollah... **Netanyahu's ambition to transform the region through war, which dates back almost three decades, is playing out in front of our eyes...**

The long history of Israel's campaign to overthrow the Syrian government is not widely understood, yet the documentary record is clear....

Israel's war on Syria began with U.S. and Israeli neoconservatives in 1996, who fashioned a "Clean Break" strategy for the Middle East for Netanyahu as he came to office.....**The core of the "clean break" strategy called for the Israel (and the U.S.) to reject "land for peace," the idea that Israel would withdraw from the occupied Palestinian lands in return for peace....**

...Netanyahu's strategy was integrated into U.S. foreign policy. Taking out Syria was always a key part of the plan. This was confirmed by General Wesley Clark after 9/11. (The role of the Israel Lobby is spelled out in Ilan Pappé's new book, *Lobbying for Zionism on Both Sides of the Atlantic*)....

The U.S. has by now led or sponsored wars against Iraq (invasion in 2003), Lebanon (U.S. funding and arming Israel), Libya (NATO bombing in 2011), Syria (C.I.A. operation during 2010s), Sudan (supporting rebels to break Sudan apart in 2011), and Somalia (backing Ethiopia's invasion in 2006).

A prospective U.S. war with Iran, ardently sought by Israel, is still pending..... **The U.S. and Israel are high-fiving that they have successfully wrecked yet another adversary of Israel and defender of the Palestinian cause, with Netanyahu claiming "credit for starting the historic process."...**

American interference, at the behest of Netanyahu's Israel, has left the

Middle East in ruins, with over a million dead and open wars raging in Libya, Sudan, Somalia, Lebanon, Syria, and Palestine, and with Iran on the brink of a nuclear arsenal, being pushed against its own inclinations to this eventuality. [US & Israel Destroyed Syria & Called it Peace](#), Jeffrey Sachs, *Consortium News*



These are Israel's wars, and they are prosecuted to pursue Israeli interests not American interests. The US military (and political class) has been hijacked by the maneuverings of strongarm lobbyists who know how to work the levers of power to achieve their own ends. Their rate of success speaks for itself. Much of the Middle East lies in ruins which was the plan from the get-go.

But now comes the hard part, because nothing has really been resolved in Syria. Yes, Assad is gone and, yes, the Syrian state has disintegrated. But how long will it take before Turkey is fighting the US-backed Kurds in the East, or before Israeli and Turkish interests clash in central or southern Syria or before HTS proves to be the unreliable terrorist organization it is known to be and refuses to follow its marching orders from Washington and Tel Aviv? So, yes, the invaders may be congratulating themselves this week "for a job well done", but the Syrian conflagration is not over yet, not by a long-shot.

There was an important development that took place last week that provides a window into future goings-on in the battered country, although the statement was downplayed by most

of the media. On Wednesday, officials of Hayat Tahrir-al Sham (HTS) announced that **Mohammed al-Bashir had been appointed as Syria's interim prime minister.** Al-Bashir, who has been running the Idlib province, has been chosen to lead a small cabinet whose job will be to make sure the government agencies, banks and public services continue operate without interruption. More importantly, **al-Bashir, who speaks English, is the likely the designated technocrat chosen by Washington to jumpstart the sale of the country's state-owned assets and businesses, its natural resources, and anything else of value. Judging from past experience, he will probably oversee a sharp reduction in government spending, as well as dramatic cutbacks in education, public safety and health care. He will also seek hefty loans from the IMF for reconstruction that will be diverted to foreign accounts for his family and cronies leaving ordinary Syrians with an ocean of red ink they can never hope to repay.** Sound familiar?

Unfortunately, Bashir's debut did not go as well as expected. Here's the story from *NBC News*:

When Syria's new interim prime minister, Mohammad al-Bashir, chaired a Cabinet meeting in Damascus on Tuesday, hanging behind him was the flag of the country's suddenly victorious opposition. **Next to it, however, was a second banner popular with the region's Sunni Islamist fighters, featuring the large Arabic letters of the Shahada, an Islamic declaration of faith.**

As a new Syria fast emerges from the ruins of the Assad regime, the world is watching for hints of what that might look like — and **that second flag has concerned those hoping for a future of moderation and tolerance....**

HTS is banned as a terrorist organization in the United States and elsewhere and grew out of a branch of Al Qaeda. Its leader, **Abu Mohammad al-Jolani, said a decade ago that there would be no room for religious minorities in the Islamist Syria** of which he dreamed about. He also suggested that he could bring terrorism to the West unless it withdrew from the Middle East's wars.

More **recently, however, Jolani, who now uses his real name, Ahmad al-Sharaa, has undergone something of a rebrand,** trimming his beard, donning Westernized green fatigues and espousing tolerance for all of Syria's myriad faiths. Nevertheless plenty of observers are reserving judgment until these words become actions....

Seeing Syria's corridors of power welcome a flag "indicating Islamist-Salafist leanings" has "put people on alert," Sukkar said. Although he does not think deploying the emblem was a "wise" move, he sees it as more reflective of the rebels' origins in Idlib rather than anything else....

The classic worry among Western foreign policy watchers was that Assad might be toppled but replaced by something that is not much better: an extremist terror group....

Displaying the flag in an image meant to represent Syria's new transition government shows how HTS and Jolani are still "deeply entrenched in their Salafist-Sunni ideology and worldview"....

With the group now making more moderate noises, and also in a position of

considerable influence, **the United States is exploring removing HTS' terrorist designation**, two current administration officials and a former senior U.S. official told NBC News. Although Washington will watch closely the militant group's moves from its new political vantage point. [Why a photo of Syria's interim leader could hint at trouble ahead](#), *NBC News*



Mohammed al-Bashir before and after his Western Facelift

Let's see if I got this right: The Biden administration replaces Assad with a terrorist organization but is suddenly surprised when it discovers the group is led by terrorists. Is that it?

Indeed, it is. As you can see, none of this resolves the basic crisis created by the removal of Assad. Instead, the main proponents of regime change—Turkey, the US and Israel—have merely transformed Syria into an even bigger battleground where their own competing

interests will soon play out by way of mortal combat.

How long will it be before Turkey locks horns with Israel or the United States? How long before sectarian war engulfs the country?

Not long, I'd wager. And for the people who thought that toppling the "evil dictator" would bring peace and security. They'd better think again.

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