

## Is the Truce in Syria A Deceitful Neocon Strategy to Launch a Pro-Terrorist Arab Coalition Invasion?

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As of this Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup> a peace proposal brokered by Russia and the United States is scheduled to take effect in Syria for one week. But if last Monday both the <u>US and Russian presidents</u> expressed hopeful optimism that the war in Syria might be coming to an end this Saturday, then why on Tuesday would <u>Saudi Arabia</u>, <u>United Arab Emirates and Bahrain issue warnings</u> to all its citizens in Lebanon to immediately evacuate as well as impose a travel ban to Lebanon. Beirut, Lebanon is located only <u>54 miles</u> from Syria's capital Damascus. Hence, an invasion force through Lebanon seems a most plausible avenue given this scant piece of turf separating invading forces from their eyed prize – an overthrow of Assad.

To add weight to the high probability that neither US ally Turkey nor Saudi Arabia has any intention of complying with the truce, on Thursday Turkish <a href="Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu">Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu</a> stated:

For us, the (Kurdish) YPG (militia) is a terror organization just like Daesh. The deal did not designate the YPG as a terrorist organization. That should have been done. But it should be known that this ceasefire deal is valid for Syria.

The Turkish leader in so many words is telling the world that the ceasefire only applies to Syria, not other nations like Turkey, Saudi Arabia or for that matter their <u>34-nation Sunni Arab coalition</u> supplying 350,000 soldiers currently prepping in northern Saudi Arabia for the already declared Syrian invasion. The <u>Machiavellian strategy of pure deception</u> and attempted stealth deployed by a litany of US Empire lies and false flags would cunningly sign a truce just as its Arab allies pre-position themselves to move forward with a massive invasion by the Saudi-led Arab Antiterrorism Coalition (a misnomer if there ever was one) to invade Syria from all directions.

This presentation examines the realistic and probable underlying plans still in place yet transparently masked by America's so called truce starting Saturday that the US will likely still permit its proxy nation allies Turkey and Saudi Arabia to spearhead their invasion of Syria already announced two week ago. It's the old "good cop-bad cop" strategy. While Empire signs agreements for peace, its bloodthirsty allies are lustfully preparing for war.

As more evidence that Turkey and the Saudis are intent on expanding the war to unprecedented heights, earlier this week bigmouth <u>Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir</u> was at it again telling *der Spiegel*:

the balance of power on the ground.

Saudi Arabia plans to arm the terrorists with more antiaircraft weapons capable of shooting down Russian warplanes that have been providing the necessary air support that's turned the tide in Syria's favor to win the war against the foreign jihadists. Barring a US led Sunni invasion, the <u>South Front</u> group of geopolitical analysts expect the Syrian-Russian coalition to be finished defeating the terrorists possibly within weeks or at most a few more months. There's good reason why Turkey and Saudi Arabia are Empire's closest Islamic regional allies willing to sacrifice the slaughter of thousands of their own troops to save a few raggedy terrorists. More good cop-bad cop chicanery and deception at Empire's behest sets the stage for more carving up Middle Eastern borders according to the <u>Greater Israel Plan</u>, not according to the <u>delusional duo of the sultan</u> and the prince in for a rude awakening.



Lavrov and Kerry at UNSC

Once news that a truce was agreed upon by Russia and the US this last Monday, on Tuesday before a congressional hearing US Secretary of State John Kerry immediately began hedging, bringing up a contingency plan B delineating a partitioned separate section in northern Syria (i.e., the designated terrorist safe haven stronghold) that would be the outcome should the truce not work out. As a second choice behind their "Assad must go" mantra, this has been what the US Empire and its terrorist loving allies have been supporting and have pretty much had all along during their five year war until recently, an autonomous region as a designated Islamic caliphate able to continue business as usual waging Empire's regime change proxy war against the Assad government.

The Russian Deputy Foreign Minister <u>Mikhail Bogdanov's</u> puzzled response was that Kerry's "Plan B" alternative was never even brought up during the negotiations. This discrepancy is typical of US diplomacy saying and agreeing to one thing and then doing another because

the Empire, after all, can always claim "exceptionalism" allowing willful defiance toward any and all international law or agreement... just another unipolar hegemonic perk worth fighting for say the neocons in control of US foreign policy. The peace proposal that the US and Russia approved earlier this week will be presented to the UN Security Council for consideration as a formal UN resolution.

Saudi Arabia is where the largest military exercises in Middle East history involving those 350,000 troops from 20 different Arab nations are presently being conducted in the northernmost part of the country conveniently closest to the Syrian border. The war games dubbed Operation North Thunder include 20,000 tanks, 2,450 warplanes and 460 military helicopters. Participating nations are Saudi Arabia, UAE, Jordan, Bahrain, Senegal, Sudan, Kuwait, Maldives, Morocco, Pakistan, Chad, Tunisia, Comoro Islands, Djibouti, Oman, Qatar, Malaysia, Egypt, Mauritania, and Mauritius. The Northern Thunder twitter account specifies that the drills that began on February 14<sup>th</sup> will continue through March 10<sup>th</sup>, plenty of time to go live for their threatened invasion of Syria.

A Middle Eastern map at a glance illustrates the short distance across a narrow strip of Jordan less than 60 miles wide separating northern Saudi Arabia from Syria's southeastern border. From Saudi Arabia passing through Jordan – a known training ground for terrorists, would be a potentially viable route and entry point into Syria for launching a major ground war invasion. A Saudi military spokesman general reiterated two weeks ago that his nation's decision to invade Syria is both "irreversible" and "final," and he's backing it up with 350,000 troops from his Saudi-led 34-Sunni nation coalition currently participating in war games near the northern Saudi city of Hafar Al-Batin close to the Iraq border. As a longer route an enormous ground force invasion could also cut through Iraq's southwestern corner into Syria. Because of the distance involved, it would be the first ground troop movement towards Syria to detect as a key part of a possible larger, multi-pronged attack on Syria from all sides.

When asked a couple weeks ago if the US will send GI boots on the ground in Syria (aside from the military advisors already there) in the wake of the Turkish-Saudi invasion pronouncement, <u>Secretary of Defense Ash Carter</u> replied that he would not rule it out, adding:

We do need to accelerate the campaign and we have a very clear operational picture of how to do it. Now we just need the resources and the forces to fall in behind it.

Hmm... a good-to-go Sunni army of 350,000 might just do it Ash. Then there's the 18,000 soldiers Turkey currently has amassed at Syria's northern border just waiting for their order to invade.

On Thursday Kerry mentioned anywhere from 15 to 30,000 troops necessary to create and secure a "safe zone" in northern Syria. More thinking aloud here – might those Turkish troops at the border plunging southward be conveniently used to establish John Kerry's said Plan B? The elephant in his room is that safe zone would be for the terrorists, not the so called displaced Syrian civilian population the feds like to talk about. The old <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.org/">https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.org/</a> excuse for military intervention is standard lying policy.

Meanwhile to try and soften up that northern border for an invasion, <u>Turkey's daily shelling</u> is intended to push back the Syrian coalition forces that have recently made

significant strides toward sealing off the border to Turkey. This would obviously be the quickest invasion route into Syria in last gasp effort to reverse militants' recently lost territory in Latakia and Aleppo and a chance to reinforce and salvage the remaining terrorist stronghold in Raqqa. But superior Russian forces with airpower superiority, air defense superiority and very competent, battle-tested allies would defeat a Turkish incursion in Syria and the top generals in Ankara know this. But unfortunately their tyrannical leader is an unpredictable megalomaniac.

Though a cessation of violence and peace ending the five year bloody rampage of a war brought on by US Empire of Chaos and Destruction would come as a welcomed long-awaited Godsend to the long suffering people of Syria, it would be considered a disaster to the sinister anti-Assad forces bent on further treachery and bloodshed. In all likelihood they are only planning to misuse the truce as a deceitful attempt to gain an elemental trace of tactical surprise in launching their military offensive into Syria. Though a common enough pattern in history as numerous nations have used this deceptive Machiavellian "art of war" strategy to their advantage, it's a tall order to preannounce your invasion and then actually surprise anyone. But signs still eerily portend that the pro-terrorist coalition of Sunnis, their Sunni terrorists fighting inside Syria and the West's pro-terrorist US-NATO-EU-Israel alliance range from minimally complicit to actively plotting a massive, multi-pronged, protracted, costly campaign that couldrisk WWIII ending all earthly life.

So it all comes down to the US led pro-terrorists versus the Russian led antiterrorists. Should an invasion occur attacking the antiterrorist forces aligned on history's moral high ground operating in good faith to cease military operations except against ISIS/al Qaeda/as-Nusra Front and any would-be invading terrorist nations, the winners will not be the pro-terrorists. The Saudis are already bogged down in a stalemate and losing busily cause committing crimes against humanity against the poorest Middle Eastern nation in Yemen. And the Turkish military is inexperienced at war compared to its seasoned opponents.



Image: US Defense Secretary Ashton Carter

Peace is but a longshot. The grey area challenge and likely source of disagreement between the US-led and Russian-led coalitions will be drawing fine line distinctions amongst numerous local armed militias to define who is actually a terrorist and who isn't. Assad's straightforward contention is any armed opposition group is a terrorist but the DC neocons rigidly hold onto the false notion that "moderate rebels" aren't terrorists. Assumedly the US will be sharing intelligence information with the Russian military and its allies Syria, Iran, the Syrian Kurds and Lebanese Hezbollah forces. All week Putin has been actively communicating with foreign leaders not only in the US and Syria but also Israel, Saudi Arabia and Iran, trying to win cooperation amongst disparate parties to maximize the chance for peace. Additionally he has set up a coordination center that will field and

investigate any reports of ceasefire violations.

Middle Eastern <u>expert and author Saeb Shaath</u> pointed out this week that the pro-terrorist camp could resort to more trickery with deceptive name changing so that Daesh-ISIS-al Qaeda-al-Nusra suddenly could adopt a different name and logo claiming that the Syria-Russian coalition still firing on them after Saturday is violating the signed truce since the terrorists are a new organization not yet designated as terrorists. Though such absurd ploys are not inconceivable especially when it comes to Empire transgressions and twisted truth machinations, fabricating and attempting to gain any real traction from a foolish technicality like that would hardly deter the Russian-Syrian coalition from pursuit of victory against terrorists occupying Syrian territory.

Whenever a truce in any military conflict is announced, various warring factions will readily attempt to use it to their strategic advantage both militarily as well as politically through accusatory rhetoric with warnings crying foul that the enemy is exploiting the lull in violence only for false purposes of regrouping for more war. Look how Kiev disingenuously uses ceasefire agreements repeatedly to <u>regroup for the next major offensive</u> into Donbas. Critics of the US coalition accuse more of the same.

Truces have also been misused to deceptively launch surprise attacks, although Turkey and Saudi Arabia broadcasting their plan a couple weeks ago for a massive joint troop invasion into Syria would hardly come as a surprise now. Plus, deployment of Saudi military units and warplanes to Turkey and the largest military exercise in Middle East history (in early March the US and South Korea are engaging in their biggest ever joint military exercise involving 105,000 troops incurring North Korea's wrath) presently taking place in northern Saudi Arabia could easily be construed as invasion precursors. The precedent for military drills to suddenly go live in response to a deep state covertly planned and timed crisis has become a tall-tale sign of virtually every false flag terrorist operation.

Additionally, during this entire month of February from its side of the border Turkey has been brutally shelling northern Syria with heavy artillery mortar fire killing Syrian Arab Army soldiers, Syrian Kurd forces, at least one confirmed Russian advisor and Syrian civilians, flagrantly defying both the US and UN Security Council demands. Turkey has also been violating international law by sending Turkish soldiers and more terrorists inside Syria asreinforcements. Turkish madman President Erdogan is taking US backing the Syrian Kurds personal. A cessation of violence so that all the prime investors in terrorism on this planet currently amassed at the border with guns blazing are not about to passively sit by watching their billions worth of vested interest in an Islamic Wahhabi Caliphate or second Ottoman Empire be systematically destroyed. That simply will not happen and Russia, Syria and Iran must fully realize as well even if they are upholding the truce. No doubt Putin who's outplayed, out-maneuvered and outclassed Obama, his neocons and Western vassals at every turn also sees through the US phony con job of a truce that has no chance at all to bring lasting peace, not when Armageddon's knocking at the door.

All this escalating, mounting aggression recently by Turkey, Saudi Arabia and their Gulf State allies are overt provocative acts in preparation for triggering a much larger scaled war. This Turkish-Saudi led Arab coalition consisting of the Islamic State's <u>strongest</u>, <u>most fervent terrorist supporters</u> have stated it will invade Syria as soon as the United States gives them the go-ahead. Of course this comes after recent weeks of the Russian-Syrian coalition's dramatic success decisively <u>cutting off the terrorist supply line</u> from Turkey and soundly defeating the jihadist militants now running for their lives. Thus, in desperation the

most pro-terrorist nations on earth <u>representing by proxy</u>the US-NATO-EU-Israel axis-of-evil are using the fork-tongued lie that they will invade Syria to fight against the terrorists when of course we all know they will be fighting against the only true anti-terrorist forces the Syrian-Russian coalition. It's the pro-terrorists last ditch desperado effort to protect and save what's left of their barbarian terrorists.

If you really believe that this truce will successfully halt all further aggressive actions by Turkey and Saudi Arabia et al after mobilizing such a massive military force into pre-invasion positioning at multimillion dollar expense when both the Saudi and Turkish economies have never been shakier, one would have to be blind to believe that on Saturdayonce the truce is in place they will all just simply pack up their arms and go home. It's all too obvious that the war in Syria will turn in an instant from a regional conflict to a world war if US Empire gives the greenlight for the Arab invasion that's really just another divide and conquer war pitting Sunni nations against Shiite nations Syria, Iraq and Iran. But even more significant, it will also initiate a West versus East showdown against Russia, China and North Korea, and of course this holds broader nuclear implications that could potentially end all life on this planet.

In their diabolical grand design to redraw the map of the Middle East and North Africa, the imperialistic US and Israel agenda is to partition (aka balkanize) all designated enemy nations into weakened, destroyed failed states. A trail of tears follows America's every King Midas in reverse intervention. The neocons have been working nonstop on that Wesley Clark disclosed 7 nation regime change list with Iraq, Syria and Iran the final three, the same final three Shiite nations that back in 2012 went ahead with their own proposed natural gas pipeline rejecting Empire's previously prescribed proxy offer submitted by Gulf puppet Qatar.

Because the Russian troop contingent fighting in Syria numbers only about 12,000 while the enemy forces amassing at or near the Syrian border could approach near half million, Russia has already warned Turkey and Saudi Arabia that it will not hesitate using its tactical nukes against any invading forces on Syrian soil. Yet because the 6-oligarch owned and controlled Western mainstream media corporations have kept Americans in the dark with 24/7 lies and disinformation throughout the Syrian war, next to no coverage of this impending Turkish-Saudi invasion of Syria has even been reported, so soon Americans may wake up one morning to the breaking news headline "Russia nukes US allies." This will be exploited as the propagandized pretext for World War III and the modern day Armageddon may start on the Syrian battlefield.

The ruling elite has engineered through its servant lackey leaders of the West and their puppet governments Turkey and Saudi Arabia the perfect storm of events all converging, colliding and exploding in the days and weeks ahead. With Europe overrun and reeling from the globalist manufactured mass migration crisis, the EU is about to go bust. With virtually every honest economist and financial analyst unanimously predicting that the global economy is on the verge of total collapse starting with the Deutsch Bank, like dominoes all the major banks will fail once again while national economies crash. Covert legislation in both Europe and North America will ensure that this time around instead of a "too big to fail" buyout, a buy-in will steal citizens' life savings from their private bank accounts. All the central banks, Homeland Security, FEMA and the rest of the treasonous Washington criminals have been methodically preparing for this moment in history for decades.

So as a weapon of mass distraction, the elite has manipulated the global chessboard for

World War III. In the days leading up to Saturday's truce we have been witnessing the predictable banter and squabbling. Regional kingpin bully and nuclear-powered antagonist Israel that borders war torn Syria from the south has war criminal Netanyahu phoning Putin on Wednesday soliciting assurances that Israel's designated enemies – Syrian, Iranian and Hezbollah forces – as Russian allies will not attempt to take advantage of the truce by advancing into the disputed Israeli occupied oil rich Golan Heights that Israel stole from Syria during the 1967 Six-Day War. It's total hypocrisy for Netanyahu to even act like he's so worried defensively when he along with US Empire has always been the longtime aggressor and secret supporter of jihadist terrorism. He knows that a world war about to erupt at his backdoor is all part of his Zionist Plan.

It was the US neocons and Israel's unholy marriage that produced Muslim terrorists as their original twenty-first century baby, their manufactured mercenary stooges to scapegoat and falsely criminalize Islam for their own demonically evil purposes, enabling them to pull off their 9/11 inside job to spawn their "endless war on terror." And since the neocons and Bibi share the same common enemies, they self-servingly made more unholy alliances dividing and conquering the Arab world with its fellow terrorist loving supporters Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Qatar and the rest of the Arab Gulf State monarchies. You can bet that any Arab Sunni invasion of Syria led by the Turks and Saudis is not only fully endorsed by the bloodthirsty Netanyahu but will be granted free access to Syria through the Golan Heights to the invading Sunni army as part of any ground offensive sweeping towards Damascus from Syria's southern border.

As <u>Willian Engdahl suggests</u>, US Empire's seemingly disastrous entanglements around the world and in particular the Middle East and North Africa may actually be by hidden design. In a recent article he states:

Washington policy – the policy of the USA military-industrial complex and their Wall Street bankers – has in no way changed... They plan to destroy Syria as a functioning nation, to finish the destruction of Iraq begun in 1991, and to spread that destruction now to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to Turkey, and across the entire oil and gas-rich Middle East.

The Israeli-American strategy to upend Putin's success in Syria could well be setting the stage for the impending Saudi-Turkish-Sunni invasion as a trap where they become the sacrificial lunatic lambs to state-of-the-art war precision commanded by the chessboard master himself Putin. The neocons in Washington may claim that the Arab Sunni coalition is acting on its own accord defying all US directives to not invade Syria or interfere with the peace process in a Machiavellian attempt to wash their bloodstained hands clean from the bloodbath that may soon be spilled. This cunning diabolical endgame scenario also exemplifies how US Empire treats its two longstanding Muslim best buds in the Middle East, priming and setting them up for disaster while pretending to seek peace and harmony with its adversaries. And then like predatory sharks when it's all over move in to redraw, partition and control what's left. Let's pray for peace and root for the good guys in Syria who know how to fight and defeat the terrorists of the world, including the terrorists behind the terrorists.

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