

Naked Turkish Aggression on Syria

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Turkey is a fascist police state, Erdogan a hoodlum, an international outlaw, a tyrannical regional scourge.

His aggression against Turkish and Syrian Kurds, downing a Russian SU-24 bomber in Syrian airspace, committing other provocative acts against the Russian Federation, and now cross-border shelling of targets in Syria following permission from or complicity with Washington.

Erdogan would never launch attacks outside his territory otherwise.

Russia presented indisputable video evidence, showing Turkish military cross-border shelling, according to Defense Ministry spokesman General Igor Konashenkov, saying:

This is what we call a fact. This is irrefutable proof that Turkish armed forces shell borderline Syrian settlements with large-caliber artillery systems.

We expect an immediate reaction and explanations of the actions of the Turkish military by NATO and the Pentagon.

Syria's General Staff confirmed heavy self-propelled artillery deployments along its border. Pointedly addressing Washington, Konashenkov stressed "(t)hose who warn us about consequences with understanding what happened should first of all think about the trap their Turkish partners are dragging them into."

Will ground invasion follow? Days earlier, Turkish troops entered Syrian territory near Jarablus. Large numbers of its forces are massed along its border.

Russia Insider said "(e)yewitnesses to the incursion reported that the Turkish forces have not encountered any resistance from ISIS fighters in the area."

These reports once again raise the question of (apparent) collaboration between Turkey and ISIS aimed at halting the advance of the Kurdish (YPG) militias in north Syria.

Provoking Syrian forces to respond may be another objective. Russia controls the country's airspace. Challenging its military superiority assures failure.

Russian aircraft and S-400 anti-missile systems can easily destroy Turkish aerial incursions, using warplanes or missiles.

Farcical Syrian peace talks are beginning, a US-orchestrated charade with no chance of succeeding.

The backdrop includes Pentagon warplanes bombing Syrian targets, Israel conducting terror-bombings at its discretion, hundreds of American combat troops on the ground with thousands more coming, covert CIA operatives infesting the country, US support for ISIS and other terrorists, as well as Turkey launching limited aggression, perhaps prelude for much more to come.

Washington rejects peace and stability. Sham peace talks are cover for its imperial objective – orchestrating failure, wrongfully blaming Assad, escalating aggression, continuing endless war, destroying Syrian sovereignty, and replacing it with pro-Western puppet governance.

Nothing in prospect suggests positive developments ahead. Syria's only chance against US-orchestrated aggression is continued war allied with Russia against terrorist groups.

Resolving things militarily is the only hope for restoring peace and stability. Diplomatic efforts without peace partners are a waste of time.

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