

## NATO's Dream Coming True - Turkey Pushes For Syria No-Fly Zone; US Approves

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On October 2, 2014, Turkey's parliament passed a resolution to allow the Turkish military to enter the sovereign territory of Iraq and Syria under the pretext of battling Western-backed IS militants.

The resolution will also allow foreign troops to use Turkish territory for the same purpose suggesting that the Incirlik air base may soon be used by the United States for its airstrikes against Syria.

The vote was 298 in favor of the motion and 98 opposed.

Despite its claims that the vote was centered around defeating ISIS on its borders, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Erdogan, perhaps inadvertently, admitted that the real target of NATO aggression is the Syrian government.

## As the BBC reports,

Speaking in parliament earlier on Wednesday, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan urged the West to find a long-term solution to the crises in Syria and Iraq, pointing out that dropping "tonnes of bombs" on IS militants would only provide a temporary respite.

While he said "an effective struggle" against IS would be a priority for Turkey, "the immediate removal of the administration in Damascus" would also continue to be its priority. [emphasis added]

Erdogan also called for a "buffer zone" on the Turkey/Syria border – which would be enforced by a no-fly zone – to "ensure security."

A buffer zone, of course, has been part of the NATO agenda against Syria since the beginning of the Western-controlled crisis in the country. Remember, it was under the guise of a <a href="https://www.nator.org/ncountrolled">humanitarian corridor or buffer zone in Libya</a>, that NATO bombing took place which ultimately led to the destruction of the Libyan government, the murder of Ghaddaffi, and the subsequent expansion of chaos, anarchy, and genocide across the entire North African country.

Indeed, public discussion of the implementation of a "buffer zone" began as far back as 2012 when the Brookings Institution, in their memo " <u>Assessing Options For Regime Change</u>" stated

An alternative is for diplomatic efforts to focus first on how to end the violence and how to gain humanitarian access, as is being done under Annan's leadership. This may lead to the creation of safe-havens and humanitarian corridors, which would have to be backed by limited military power. This would, of course, fall short of U.S. goals for Syria and could preserve Asad in power. From that starting point, however, it is possible that a broad coalition with the appropriate international mandate could add further coercive action to its efforts. [emphasis added]

The Brookings Institution went further, however, describing a possible scenario that mirrors the one currently unfolding in Syria where Turkey, in coordination with Israel, could help overthrow Assad by establishing a "multi-front war" on Syria's borders. Brookings writes,

In addition, Israel's intelligence services have a strong knowledge of Syria, as well as assets within the Syrian regime that could be used to subvert the regime's power base and press for Asad's removal. Israel could posture forces on or near the Golan Heights and, in so doing, might divert regime forces from suppressing the opposition. This posture may conjure fears in the Asad regime of a multi-front war, particularly if Turkey is willing to do the same on its border and if the Syrian opposition is being fed a steady diet of arms and training. Such a mobilization could perhaps persuade Syria's military leadership to oust Asad in order to preserve itself. Advocates argue this additional pressure could tip the balance against Asad inside Syria, if other forces were aligned properly. [emphasis added]

To his credit, Syrian Foreign Minister Waleed Muallem has recognized the beginning of the implementation of the NATO plan for a buffer zone in the manner described by the Brookings Institution. In an interview with Lebanese television outlet Al-Meyadin, Muallem declared that Syria will not accept the creation of a "buffer zone" and that such an act is "attack on Syrian territory and its sovereignty."

Muallem also rightly pointed out both the fact that Turkey has been a reliable supporter of ISIS terrorists and the coordination of the calls for a buffer zone between Turkey and Israel. Muallem stated,

At a time when Israel promised that a buffer zone would be set up in the south of Syria, Turkey is in the same manner talking about setting up a buffer zone in northern Syria. Both announcements are linked to one another. These initiatives constitute as an attack on the Syrian territory and its sovereignty. If Turkey considers the security and stability of Syria, it must end these kinds of provocative acts.

The Obama administration is also stating that it is open to the possibility of establishing a "no-fly zone" over Syria.

The statements, made by both Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and General Martin E. Dempsey, are supposed to hinge upon an agreement with Turkey, that is itself calling for a "buffer zone," one of the wishes of NATO since the very beginning of the Syrian crisis.

According to the New York Times, Hagel stated that "We've discussed all these possibilities

and will continue to talk about what the Turks believe they will require."

Dempsey added that "a buffer zone might at some point become a possibility" although he also stated that it should not be considered imminent.

A "buffer zone" and/or a "no-fly zone," of course, is tantamount to war and an open military assault against the sovereign secular government of Syria since the implementation of such a zone would require airstrikes against Assad's air defense systems.

Turkey has been whining and groaning for some time over an influx of Syrian refugees as a result of a humanitarian crisis that it helped create with its support and facilitation of Islamic fundamentalist death squad forces funded by the West and allowed to travel into Syria through Turkey's borders. The most recent influx of refugees came from the city of Kobani, where ISIS fighters were herded by American airstrikes for the purposes of reinforcing the fighters already battling Kurdish and Syrian forces there.

As Tony Cartalucci comments in his own article "Turkey Preparing For Syria Occupation?"

Of course, with US airstrikes carving out a vacuum soon to be filled with extremists uncontested by the Syrian Arab Army forced to back off in fear of provoking further Western aggression, the situation will undoubtedly "deteriorate." Just as Turkey staged false flag operations along its border last year in attempts to trigger a war with Syria directly, and by supporting terrorists resulting in a predictable humanitarian catastrophe now spilling over into Turkey' territory, the vacuum the US is intentionally creating is meant to be filled with terrorist mercenaries and NATO forces to protect them as the front is inched ever closer to Damascus in the form of a "buffer zone."

It is important to remember that the U.S. airstrikes and its attempts to create a "buffer zone" inside Syria are nothing more than a farce. The death squads running amok in Syria are themselves entirely creatures of NATO and they remain under NATO's command. The true enemy of ISIS, Khorasan, and the cannibals of the Levant has always been and continues to be Bashar al-Assad.

For those of us who have tried to warn of and prevent a direct military intervention in Syria, we must now redouble our efforts. Time is growing short.

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