

Netanyahu Vows Continued War on Syria

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War in Syria isn't civil as falsely reported. It's US launched aggression, aided by NATO, Israel and other rogue regional allies.

Its aim is regime change. Washington wants another imperial trophy. It wants Iran's government toppled.

It wants regional control along with Israel, weakening or eliminating Russian and Chinese influence in the Middle East.

Imperialism is dirty business, human lives and welfare of no consequence. Millions of casualties attest to US viciousness. **Trump** seems bent in escalating things on the phony pretext of combating terrorism America supports.

On Tuesday, **Netanyahu** denied reports about Russia demanding Israel halt airstrikes in Syria, vowing they'll continue.

Their aim is more about weakening the country than targeting weapons convoys allegedly intended for Hezbollah.

Pretexts are easy to invent to justify lawlessness. Attacking the territory of another country for any reason other than Security Council authorized self-defense constitutes the highest high crime against peace, a flagrant international law violation.

Netanyahu said he told **Putin** during his March 9 Moscow visit that Israel's "policy is consistent.

"We will not allow Israel to be attacked from Syrian territory, and we will not tolerate the transfer of advanced weaponry of those entering Syria – Hezbollah – to the extent that we detect it."

Translation: Israel is allied with Washington's regime change objective, Syrian territory attacked to advance this aim.

The issue isn't about "Israel's national security," as Netanyahu claims. It reflects its regional hegemonic ambitions – war, instability and aiding terrorist fighters its strategy of choice.

Early Wednesday, Israeli warplanes again terror-bombed Syrian targets. Reports indicated Syrian army posts in Mount Qasioum near Damascus were struck – the fourth such incident in the past week.

Israel apparently wants conflict escalated. It's goading Syria to respond more forcefully, wanting a convenient pretext to escalate attacks more than already, maybe intending full-scale war, what Damascus and Russia want avoided.

On Monday, **Assad** told Russian and EU members visiting Damascus he intends trying to resolve years of conflict by combating terrorism and diplomacy.

He urged European parliamentarians to pressure their governments to stop supporting terrorist groups.

Syrian People's Assembly Speaker Hadiyeh Abbas said

"we rely on the European parliamentarians and representatives of the peoples of Europe to correct the wrong European policies towards Syria and enhance cooperation and coordination to combat terrorism since it is the only way to protect the Europeans."

Escalated Israeli aggression along with increasing numbers of US forces in northern Syria show both countries want endless war continued, not resolution through peace talks.

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