

Obama's Ludicrous Afghanistan Declarations - Killer Teams Redefined as "Advisors"

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President Obama thinks he can make war appear to be peace with a wave of "his semantic magic wand." U.S. troops in Afghanistan, including elite killer teams, are to be redefined as mere "advisors" to Afghan forces so that America's "combat" role can be declared ended - to be followed by ten more years of mass killing and occupation.

The most ridiculous actor in the fictitious U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan is not President Hamid Karzai, the hustler the U.S. installed as its puppet after the American invasion in 2001. The real clowns in this charade are those Americans that pretend to believe President Obama when he says the U.S. war in Afghanistan [will end](#) on the last day of next year. Obama is, of course, lying through his teeth. The United States and its NATO allies plan to keep 10,000 to 16,000 troops in the country, occupying nine bases, some of them set aside for exclusive American use - and would remain there at least ten years, through 2024. Shamelessly, Obama claims these troops - including thousands from the Special Operations killer elite - will have no "combat" role. It's the same lie President Kennedy told in 1963, when he called the 16,000 U.S. troops then stationed [in Vietnam](#) "advisors," and the same bald-faced deception that Obama, himself, tried to pull off, unsuccessfully, in Iraq - until the Iraqis kicked the Americans out.

Barack Obama has arrogated to himself the right to redefine the very meaning of war, having two years ago declared that the 7-month U.S. bombing campaign against Libya was not really a war because no Americans were killed. In Afghanistan, Obama waves his semantic magic wand to transform the past 12 years of war into 10 more years of not-war, simply by changing the nomenclature. This is hucksterism from Hell.

If there was a Devil, he would be laughing his butt off at Susan Rice, Obama's National Security Advisor and raving Banshee of War, whose assignment is to pretend that the U.S. might choose the so-called "[Zero Option](#)" if President Karzai doesn't immediately sign away his country to the Americans for the next ten years. By "Zero Option," Washington means it might just pick up its killer soldiers and weapons and leave Afghanistan. But that's an empty bluff. Since when has the U.S. voluntarily left anyplace it has forcibly occupied? There is zero chance of a zero option. But, I am reminded of the events in 1963 Vietnam, when the Vietnamese president Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother were overthrown and executed in a U.S.-backed coup. Sending the homicidal Susan Rice to get in President Karzai's face is definitely some kind of threat.

Far from ending U.S. imperial wars, Barack Obama has expanded the theaters of armed conflict. He tried to keep U.S. troops in Iraq, but the Iraqis insisted on the withdrawal terms

and timetable they had negotiated with President George Bush. Iraq is now paying a heavy price, as the U.S. and its allies arm Iraqi Al Qaida and other jihadist elements fighting to overthrow the government of neighboring Syria. These U.S.-backed jihadists – the same ones the Americans fought against in Iraq for eight years – now wage war against Shiites on both sides of the border.

If there is any hope for an eventual peace in the region, it is that Washington might finally begin to understand that it can no longer control events through brute force, or by using jihadists as surrogates in the Middle East and South Asia. Maybe that's why the Americans have tried to strike a deal with Iran. Maybe President Karzai thinks the winds of change will be sweeping through his neighborhood, soon, and he doesn't want to go out like the puppet he came in.

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