

# Pentagon Contractors Have Trained the Terrorists in the Use of Chemical Weapons in Syria

Interview with Michel Chossudovsky

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*Press TV has conducted an interview with Michael Chossudovsky, Center for Research on Globalization, Montreal about the statement made by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad that Syria is able to face Israel.*

The following is an approximate transcript of the interview.

Press TV:

Bashar al-Assad has said Syria is capable of facing Israel. Just how much do you think there will be a military confrontation between Damascus and Tel Aviv and which do you think can overcome the other?

Chossudovsky:

Let me first address the statement of Secretary of State John Kerry. The United States was involved in the decision to bomb Syria. This was not strictly an act of aggression on the part of Israel acting on its own. It was an act of aggression, which was approved by the United States, namely the Pentagon as well as NATO. It is an act of aggression and a violation of international law.

When Secretary of State John Kerry says we need to reach a solution and presents himself as a mediator, we are in effect in a dead alley because “an aggressor” presenting himself as “a mediator” is a non-sequitur.

You can’t on the one hand support an armed insurrection of Al Qaeda terrorists against the Syrian government –provide them with chemical weapons and give them funding — and at the same time present yourself as a mediator.

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And now we have a statement by a United Nations Independent Commission, which has confirmed unequivocally – and it was revealed on the same day – that the terrorists who are backed by the United States and its allies, are in possession of deadly sarin nerve gas, which they are using against the civilian population. So, we can talk about reaching a peaceful solution, but the issue is about those who are acting as self proclaimed mediators including Secretary of State John Kerry and I should also say Ban Ki-moon because the Secretary General of the United Nations has called on all sides to exercise maximum restraint.

The U.S. is an aggressor, financing and supporting the opposition terrorists as well as the Israeli bombings.

There was absolutely no word of condemnation uttered by the United Nations Security Council, Secretary General of the United Nations against Israel's attack on Syria and neither has there been a position taken by the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

Vladimir Putin warned (that was yesterday) that further Israeli attacks on Damascus would not be tolerated; he also intimated (and this is something that we know) that Syria has an advanced air defense system – namely the S300 and various other weapons capabilities, and they are therefore able to strike back.

However, we are at a very dangerous crossroads because anything could happen and this could ultimately lead us into a regional war in which other countries would inevitably be involved in the conflict.

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Factual Proof that the US Sponsored Al Qaeda Terrorists were trained by the Pentagon in the US of chemical weapons

*Ironically, when the chemical weapons pretext was first launched by the Pentagon in August 2012, the accusations were not directed against President Bashar al Assad to the effect that he was underhandedly conniving to use WMD against Syrian civilians. Quite the opposite. According to the Pentagon, the operation was to ensure that Syria's WMDs, which allegedly had been "left unguarded" in military bunkers around the country would not fall in the hands of opposition jihadist rebels who are fighting government forces:*

*Pentagon planners are more focused on protecting or destroying any Syrian stockpiles that are left unguarded and at risk [of] falling into the hands of rebel fighters or militias aligned with Al Qaeda, Hezbollah or other militant groups. ([U.S. has plans in place to secure Syria chemical arms - latimes.com](#), August 22, 2012*

*What the Pentagon was saying in August 2012, is that these WMD could fall in the hands of the "pro-democracy" Al Qaeda rebels recruited and financed by several of America's close allies including Turkey, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, in liaison with Washington and NATO headquarters in Brussels.*

Training in Use of Chemical Weapons confirmed by CNN

*In a twisted logic, the Pentagon was to ensure that the rebels aligned with Al Qaeda would not acquire or use WMD, by actually training them in the use of chemical weapons:*

*The training [in chemical weapons], which is taking place in Jordan and Turkey, involves how to monitor and secure stockpiles and handle weapons sites and materials, according to the sources. Some of the contractors are on the ground in Syria working with the rebels to monitor some of the sites, according to one of the officials.*

*The nationality of the trainers was not disclosed, though the officials cautioned against assuming all are American. [\(CNN, December 09, 2012, emphasis added\)](#)*

*And once these Al Qaeda rebels had been supplied and trained in the use of WMDs by military contractors hired by the Pentagon, the Syrian government would then be held responsible for using the WMD against the Syrian people.*

What is unfolding is a diabolical scenario –which is an integral part of military planning– namely a situation where opposition terrorists advised by Western defense contractors are actually in possession of chemical weapons. This is not a rebel training exercise in non-proliferation. While president Obama states that “you will be held accountable” if “you” (meaning the Syrian government) use chemical weapons, what is contemplated as part of this covert operation is the possession of chemical weapons by the US-NATO sponsored terrorists, namely “by our” Al Qaeda affiliated operatives, including the Al Nusra Front (see image on right), which constitutes the most effective Western financed and trained fighting group, largely integrated by foreign mercenaries. In a bitter twist, Jabhat al-Nusra, a US sponsored “intelligence asset”, was recently put on the State Department’s list of terrorist organizations.

The West claims that it is coming to the rescue of the Syrian people, whose lives are allegedly threatened by Bashar Al Assad. The truth of the matter is that the Western military alliance is not only supporting the terrorists, including the Al Nusra Front, it is also making chemical weapons available to its proxy “opposition” rebel forces.

The next phase of this diabolical scenario is that the chemical weapons in the hands of Al Qaeda operatives will be used against civilians, which could potentially lead an entire nation into a humanitarian disaster.

The broader issue is: who is a threat to the Syrian people? The Syrian government of Bashar al Assad or the US-NATO-Israel military alliance which is recruiting and training “opposition” terrorist forces, which are now trained in the use and in possession of chemical weapons

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