

Putin Says that US Officials "Have Mush for Brains"

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He fully understands they have pure evil intent in their hearts and minds. Rogue hegemons think and act this way - tolerating no one challenging their ruthless policies.

The New York Times and other Western media quoted Putin blasting US policy responsibly. He diplomatically uses the phrase "American partners" knowing no partnership exists.

US/Russian relations are adversarial because Washington wants them this way. Putin is polar opposite, urging mutual cooperation among all nations – the way all responsible world leaders think and act.

Rogue ones like America demand obedience and subservience, independent governments going their own way not tolerated, endless wars of aggression waged to replace them with US-controlled puppet regimes.

Putin slammed Obama for refusing to receive a high-level Russian delegation led by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev – to discuss differences between both countries on Syria and other vital issues.

"I don't really understand how our American partners can criticize Russia's counterterrorism effort in Syria while refusing direct dialogue on the all-important issue of political settlement," Putin explained.

"I believe this position to be unconstructive. The weakness of this position is apparently based on a lack of agenda. It seems they have nothing to discuss."

They continue pursuing their ruthless hegemonic agenda, waging endless direct and proxy wars of aggression, seeking world conquest and domination they won't achieve.

Putin accused US officials of muddled thinking. "I believe (they) have mush for brains," he stressed.

They claim "our pilots are striking the wrong targets, not IS." Russia asked Washington to provide a list of these targets.

Obama officials declined. "'No, we are not ready for this' was the answer," Putin quoted them saying.

"Then we thought again and asked another question: then tell us where we should not strike. No answer (again)," he said. "That is not a joke. I did not make this up. How is it possible to work together?"

He blasted the Obama administration for air-dropping weapons, obviously intended for terrorists. No so-called "moderates" exist, nor a Free Syrian Army.

Virtually all anti-Assad elements in Syria are terrorists, imported from scores of countries. Meanwhile, the <u>Syrian Arab News Agency</u> (SANA) reported "stepped up operations against terrorist organizations, advancing in various areas across the country and making more gains, the latest was establishing control over the strategic Tal Ahmar (hill) in Quneitra."

On Thursday pre-dawn, a large-scale operation began to liberate areas north of Homs, a Syrian military source saying:

"At 05:30 (AM), our army began a large-scale operation in the north of the Homs Governorate. The village of Haldiye and another neighboring village were freed. The situation on the front line at the moment is excellent.

Syrian television reported ground forces advancing after "concentrated air strikes and heavy preparatory artillery shelling on the terrorist groupings and their bases."

Other ground and air operations are continuing in and around Aleppo, the Eastern Ghouta, Damascus countryside, Hama, Idleb, Daraa, Deir Ezzor, and Hasaka.

Since October 1, Syrian forces liberated numerous villages. At a Wednesday press briefing, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said US-led demands for Assad to resign are wrongheaded.

"They try to persuade us that, if (he) resigns, the terrorist activity will decline, as the Islamic State is waging a war because of Assad. This is the direct implementation of terrorists' logic. One cannot interpret these statements otherwise."

"It's very odd to hear the civilized world suggesting meeting terrorists' requirements. In the past, when international terrorism and terrorist attacks were discussed, the world spoke with one voice and acted very resolutely."

"Nobody said, 'Let's meet terrorists' demands to reduce their influence and minimize the impact.' "

Separately, The <u>New York Times</u> reported Pentagon and other US officials virtually awestruck over impressive Russian weapons, technology, and ability to wage effective military operations, matching anything America can do.

"The Russian advancements go beyond new weaponry, reflecting an increase in professionalism and readiness," said The Times.

Military analyst Michael Kofman was cited, saying Russian operations in Syria show it caught up with US military capabilities, including conducting very effective "night strikes, with damage assessments by drones (and) "amazingly capable" cruise missiles.

So far, Russian air power has only "been used to a fraction of its potential." It represents a formidable challenge to Washington's regional hegemonic aims and perhaps beyond.

A Final Comment

Lunatic fascists Washington installed in Kiev demand Moscow pay Ukraine \$1 trillion dollars "as compensation for the loss of Crimea and its (nonexistent military operations) in Donbass," RT International reported.

Illegitimate prime minister Arseny Yatsenyuk blustered: "We are ready for judicial proceedings."

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