

## Selected Articles: Ceasefire in Syria, Opium in Afghanistan, and the “Economic Hit Man” (EHM)

By [Global Research News](#)

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[Video: Vladimir Putin on the Ceasefire in Syria: “I Have Just held a Phone Conversation with President Barack Obama”](#)

By [President Vladimir Putin](#), February 23 2016

Translated from Russian: “Dear friends, I have just held a phone conversation with the President of the United States, Barack Obama. The conversation was initiated by Russia, however interest toward dialogue was undoubtedly mutual...”



[“Je Suis Homs”: UN Security Council Silence on Homs, Damascus Terror Attacks, Who Was Behind Them? The International Community’s Double Standards](#)

By [Stephen Lendman](#), February 23 2016

Failure to condemn terrorist attacks in Damascus’ southern Sayeda Zeinab district and Homs last Sunday, killing scores, injuring hundreds, causing enormous damage shows US/Russia negotiated cessation of hostility terms won’t stop future incidents.



[Syria: Does This “Cessation Of Hostilities” Allow Attacks On Jaish al-Fatah?](#)

By [Moon of Alabama](#), February 23 2016

Joint Statement of the United States and the Russian Federation, as Co-Chairs of the ISSG, on Cessation of Hostilities in Syria ... Consistent with UN Security Council Resolution 2254 and the statements of the ISSG, the cessation of hostilities does...



[Opium in Afghanistan: How a Pink Flower Defeated the World’s Sole Superpower](#)

By [Alfred W. McCoy](#), February 23 2016

As for that list of Washington's accomplishments, it might be accurate to say that only one thing was "liberated" in Afghanistan over the last 14-plus years and that was, as TomDispatch regular Alfred McCoy points out today, the opium poppy.



## [The Evil Empire Has The World In A Death Grip](#)

By [Dr. Paul Craig Roberts](#), February 23 2016

In my archives there is a column or two that introduces the reader to John Perkins' important book, Confessions of an Economic Hit Man. An EHM is an operative who sells the leadership of a developing country on an economic plan or massive development project.

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