

Selected Articles: Crisis in the Middle East, “Prelude to Something Bigger”

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[Art of the Deal: Behind Saudi-Lebanon Crisis Is Trump’s Middle East ‘Peace Project’](#)

By [Patrick Henningsen](#), November 13, 2017

The recent ‘forced’ resignation by Lebanese **PM Saad Hariri** in Riyadh under the influence of **Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman**, and [subsequent threats](#) by Saudi Minister **Thamer al-Sadhan** against Lebanon and Hezbollah – have puzzled analysts as to the motivation behind this seemingly irrational series of events.



[Saudi Authorities Arrested Prince Bandar in Sultan, “The Engineer of the Syrian War”](#)

By [South Front](#), November 13, 2017

The Saudi Authorities arrested **Prince Bandar bin Sultan** as a part of [the anti-corruption](#)

[purge that was launched by Saudi Arabia King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and his Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman](#), according to a report of the Middle East Eye (MEE) online news portal.



[Secret Document: Saudis, Israel Working Together to Provoke War in Lebanon](#)

By [Joyce Chediak](#), November 12, 2017

Only a day after major ISIS defeats in Syria and Iraq indicated that fighting may be winding down, an extraordinary series of events raised the danger of a new war, this time against Lebanon. These events began on Nov. 4 when Saudi Arabia destabilized Lebanon's government by forcing **Prime Minister Saad Hariri**' to resign, and led to the [Saudi government false claim on Nov. 7 that Lebanon had "declared war"](#) on that kingdom.



[Mohammed Bin Salman Drains the Saudi Swamp](#)

By [Andrew Korybko](#), November 11, 2017

The future King has been [much more successful](#) in this endeavor than Trump due to the fundamental differences in political systems and leadership culture, which has seen him decisively neutralize a broad swath of pro-American challengers for the throne and their supportive conspirators under the pretext of an anti-corruption campaign.



[Muhammd Bin-Salman's Purge in Saudi Arabia Is the Prelude to Something Bigger](#)

By [Abdel Bari Atwan](#), November 11, 2017

Our region stands on the brink of war. We should not let small details — such as the resignation of Lebanese **Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri**'s resignation or the detention of princes and former ministers in Saudi Arabia — divert us from the big picture and the real developments taking place behind the scenes.



[Real Motive Behind Saudi Purge Emerges: \\$800 Billion in Confiscated Assets](#)

By [Zero Hedge](#), November 10, 2017

From the very beginning, there was something off about Sunday's unprecedented countercoup purge unleashed by **Mohammad bin Salman** on alleged political enemies, including some of Saudi Arabia's richest and most powerful royals and government officials: it was just too brazen to be a simple "power consolidation" move; in

fact most commentators were shocked by the sheer audacity, with one question outstanding: why take such a huge gamble?

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