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[Syria Chemical Attack: Douma Whistleblowers Respond to OPCW's Attempts to Discredit Them](#)

By [Dave DeCamp](#), March 12, 2020

Two whistleblowers that have been speaking out about a scandal within the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) have responded to the organization's attempts to discredit them. The OPCW has been doing some serious damage control over its investigation into a chemical attack that allegedly took place in Douma, Syria on April 7th 2018. New revelations from The Grayzone and journalist Peter Hitchens severely undermine the OPCW's attack on the brave whistleblowers.



[In a Europe Closed Down by the Coronavirus the EU Opens its Doors to the US Army. Could the Defender become the Invader of Europe?](#)

By [Manlio Dinucci](#), March 12, 2020

The Ministers for Defence of the 27 countries of the EU, 22 of which are also members of NATO, met on 4 and 5 March in Zagreb, Croatia. The central theme of the meeting (in which Lorenzo Guerini of the Democratic Party represented Italy) was not to seek a response to the Coronavirus crisis which is jamming up civil mobility, but how best to develop « military mobility ». The decisive test is the Defender Europe 20 exercise, scheduled for April and May. The General Secretary of NATO, Jens Stoltenberg, who took part in the EU meeting, defines it as « the largest deployment of US forces in Europe since the end of the Cold War ».



[Covid-19 "Is a Significant Economic Threat"](#)

By [UNCTAD](#), March 12, 2020

The spread of the coronavirus is first and foremost a public health emergency, but it is also,

a significant economic threat. The so-called “Covid-19” shock will cause a recession in some countries and depress global annual growth this year to below 2.5 per cent, the recessionary threshold for the world economy.



[COVID-19: Further Evidence that the Virus Originated in the US](#)

By [Larry Romanoff](#), March 11, 2020

The Taiwanese physician noted that in August of 2019 the US had a flurry of lung pneumonias or similar, which the Americans blamed on ‘vaping’ from e-cigarettes, but which, according to the scientist, the symptoms and conditions could not be explained by e-cigarettes. He said he wrote to the US officials telling them he suspected those deaths were likely due to the coronavirus. He claims his warnings were ignored.



[Video: Saudi-initiated All-out Oil War Could Lead to Collapse of Kingdom Itself](#)

By [South Front](#), March 11, 2020

It all began on March 8 when Riyadh cut its April pricing for crude sales to Asia by \$4-\$6 a barrel and to the U.S. by \$7 a barrel. The Kingdom expanded the discount for its flagship Arab Light crude to refiners in northwest Europe by \$8 a barrel offering it at \$10.25 a barrel under the Brent benchmark. In comparison, Russia’s Urals crude trades at a discount of about \$2 a barrel under Brent. These actions became an attack at the ability of Russia to sell crude in Europe. The Russian ruble immediately plummeted almost 10% falling to its lowest level in more than four years.



[How Black Swans Are Shaping Planet Panic](#)

By [Pepe Escobar](#), March 11, 2020

Is the planet under the spell of a pair of black swans – a Wall Street meltdown, caused by an alleged oil war between Russia and the House of Saud, plus the uncontrolled spread of Covid-19 – leading to an all-out “cross-asset pandemonium” as billed by Nomura?

Or, as German analyst Peter Spengler suggests, whatever the averted climax in the Strait of Hormuz has not brought about so far “might now come through market forces”?



[US-Israel Predictably Behind Turkish Aggression in Syria](#)

By [Tony Cartalucci](#), March 11, 2020

Turkey’s ongoing fighting in northern Syria’s Idlib governorate was – from the beginning of

recent escalations – clearly a continuation of Washington’s wider now 9 year-long proxy war against Damascus.

Whatever gains Turkey had made in terms of [reducing](#) its role in Washington’s proxy war and repairing ties with Syria’s allies Russia and Iran – were clearly less important to Ankara amid these recent weeks of renewed aggression than whatever Washington has either promised Anakara or threatened it with.



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