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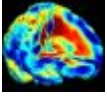
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[Torture Is a Hallmark of US Invasions and Interventions. Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan \(RAWA\)](#)

By [Friba](#) and [Edu Montesanti](#), March 19, 2018

The Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan's representative speaks out about the International Criminal Court's [decision](#) to investigate crimes committed by all sides in the Central Asian country, since May 1, 2003. "There's no indication that US crimes have stopped occurring in Afghanistan," Friba says.



### [In 1974 CIA Claimed Israeli Nuclear Missiles Could Hit Neighbors](#)

By [Grant Smith](#), March 19, 2018

The Central Intelligence Agency believed that by 1974 Israel could strike all of its bordering countries with nuclear-tipped two-stage Jericho missiles. Israel was viewed by CIA as a proliferation threat via sales of turn-key nuclear weapons systems to its close allies such as apartheid South Africa.



### [US Smooths Israel's Path to Annexing West Bank](#)

By [Jonathan Cook](#), March 19, 2018

Last week, during an address to students in New York, Israel's education minister Naftali Bennett publicly disavowed even the notion of a Palestinian state.



### [The Strategy of Tension Towards Russia and the Push to Nuclear War](#)

By [Colin Todhunter](#), March 19, 2018

The United States has devised an ongoing strategy of tension towards Russia. It has initiated [economic sanctions](#) against Moscow, concocted a narrative about 'Russian aggression' for public consumption and has by [various means](#) attempted to undermine and weaken the energy-dependent Russian economy. It has moreover [instigated a coup](#) on Russia's doorstep in Ukraine and is escalating tensions by placing troops in Europe.



### [Pentagon Trained Syria's Al Qaeda "Rebels" in the Use of Chemical Weapons, Confirmed by CNN](#)

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), March 19, 2018

While the Western media casually upholds Washington's narrative which consists in blaming Bashar Al Assad of killing his own people, coincidentally they also *refute their own lies*. Not only do they confirm that the Pentagon has been training the terrorists in the use of chemical weapons for more than five years, they also acknowledge the existence of a not so secret ["US-backed plan to launch a chemical weapon attack on Syria and blame it on Assad's regime"](#).



## [European Disintegration. Opposition Grows to Merkel-Macron EU Superstate](#)

By [F. William Engdahl](#), March 19, 2018

A predictable process of disintegration across the European union is underway. It has now gained momentum not only from the elections in Italy where more than two-thirds voted against open borders refugee policies pushed by Brussels. And it comes not only from Austria or the East states such as Hungary and Poland or the new Austrian government. Now opposition to the Berlin-Paris-Brussels "centralist" axis is coming from Holland and a group of northern EU countries.



## [Russia Says U.S. Trains Jihadists to Undertake Chemical Attacks Blamed Against Assad](#)

By [Eric Zuesse](#), March 19, 2018

He went on to add that in the most jihadist-friendly province, Idlib, another such "false flag" attack is being prepared by Al Qaeda in Syria, called there, "Al-Nusra Front terrorist group, in coordination with the White Helmets," which is a group financed by the U.S. and UK Governments to rescue victims of bombings by Syria's Government and its ally Russia.

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