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[The Long, Long Story: “Principled Realism”, Trump and Afghanistan](#)

By [Dr. Binoy Kampmark](#), August 23, 2017

Addressing the nation from Fort Myer military base in Arlington, Virginia, Trump conceded to weariness – weary, that is, of not achieving victory in Afghanistan. “I share that American people’s frustration.”



ISIS - Always-Always Claims Responsibility

By [Peter Koenig](#), August 23, 2017

Whenever a terrorist attack hits somewhere in Europe or the world, wait a few hours and the police or media report ISIS / ISIL / Daesh claims responsibility. To enhance credibility, they usually say it was confirmed by ISIS news agency Amaq. As soon as this little piece of info is out, the upset populace takes a deep breath and falls at ease. It's the usual culprits. It's them, not us. We are fine. We can go back to business as usual.



Syria's Victories Represent a Window of Opportunity

By [Mark Taliano](#), August 23, 2017

Now that Syrian refugees are flooding back into the country that they love, and terrorist-occupied areas are increasingly liberated, the real story about the war – an inversion of the disgraceful MSM and Western government fabrications – will no doubt become stronger, and the larger reality that the “War On Terror” is a fraud will gain ascendancy.



Trump's Betrayals, Military Escalation in Afghanistan

By [Karin Brothers](#), August 23, 2017

The U.S. and NATO have no legal right to attack Afghanistan or Pakistan. Afghans do not threaten Americans. The Taliban, the former government of Afghanistan, does not threaten the U.S. Pakistan does not threaten the U.S. If ISIS threatened the U.S., one has to ask why injured ISIS fighters go to Israel to be treated. Those described as terrorists would have no motive to hurt Americans if the U.S. would end its destruction of peaceful, non-threatening countries.



Moqtada Al-Sadr and Saudi Arabia— The New Allies

By [Yusur Al-Bahrani](#), August 23, 2017

Al-Sadr's office released a statement identifying what the cleric and Saudi officials talked about during meetings. “His Imminence discussed ways to strengthen the relations between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Iraq,” according to Al-Sadr's office statement following the rare visit. The office announced that both Al-Sadr and the Crown Prince share the same views on a number of issues. The visit and meetings produced a number of outcomes that were mentioned in the statement.



[Why Are All Those Racists So Terrified?](#)

By [Robert J. Burrowes](#), August 23, 2017

Racism is a manifestation of the mental illness of elites manipulating us into doing their insane bidding. Unfortunately, many people are easy victims of this manipulation because they are full of suppressed terror and self-hatred too.



[U.S. Reneges on Its Deal with China About North Korea](#)

By [Eric Zuesse](#), August 23, 2017

On August 14th, China complied with Trump's demand, but on August 22nd, the U.S. Treasury Department [issued a press release ignoring that, and imposing sanctions against China on the basis of the fact that China had, in the past, been doing business with North Korea](#).

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