

Selected Articles: US-NATO Attacks against Syria Geared Towards "Regime Change"

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The Real Defenders of Democracy: Syria and the Struggle against the International Despotism of Wall Street

By <u>Stephen Gowans</u>, May 02, 2017

A more sophisticated view holds that there exists in Syria an indigenous Islamist movement which—though rejecting democracy as a man-made ideology and seeking rule by the Quran (Islam's holy book) and Sunna (the record of the Islamic prophet Mohammad's thought and actions)—is fundamentally democratic insofar as it represents the aspirations of the majority. This view, however, suffers from two fatal defects: (1) There is no evidence that a majority of Syrians hold Islamist aspirations; and (2) a significant part of the Islamist opposition to the secular Syrian government is of foreign origin.



GRNH Radio: Escalation of Tensions in Syria: One Month after the Chemical Attack <u>in Khan Sheikhoun</u>

By <u>Michael Welch</u>, <u>Ray McGovern</u>, <u>Patrick Henningsen</u>, and <u>Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya</u>, May 02, 2017

<u>President Trump explained</u> that the killing of "innocent children, innocent babies — babies, little babies — with a chemical gas that is so lethal" inspired him to rethink his approach to dealing with the Syrian President, and ultimately to <u>fire 59 Tomahawk Missiles</u> on the air base from which the chemical gas attack was allegedly launched.



Flawed Chemical Analysis in the French Intelligence Report Alleging a Syrian Government Sarin Nerve Agent Attack in Khan Sheikhoun

By Dr. Theodore Postol, May 01, 2017

Aside from the lack of a rational linkage of asserted observations, the FIR falsely claims (or

implies that) the presence of DIMP is a unique indicator that the sarin found by the French at Saraqib must have been produced by the Syrian government. As it turns out, DIMP is likely to be found at any location where sarin has been introduced into the environment. In the case of hexamine, this chemical can be produced by the military explosives in a sarin nerve agent dispensing munition or from explosives produced in military attacks unrelated to the use of sarin.



How Obama and Erdogan Moved ISIS from Iraq to Syria, to Weaken Assad

By Eric Zuesse, May 01, 2017

Then, when U.S. and Turkish forces attacked ISIS in Mosul Iraq, an escape-path was intentionally left by them for those ISIS jihadists to travel west to Der Zor, so that they could not only take over the oil wells there, but do major damage to the Syrian government's army forces in that key city, after Obama had bombed there on September 17th. Consequently, Erdogan and Obama were now using ISIS in Mosul as a means for reinforcing ISIS in Syria, in such a way as to provide oil-income to ISIS and also to directly weaken Assad's government.



America Mingles with Al Qaeda in Syria: Washington Wants Russia Not to Target al-Qaeda "Terror Groups"

By Daniel McAdams, May 01, 2017

Now we see the extraordinary situation where the US government admits that the militia groups Jaish al-Islam and Ahrar al-Sham are fighting alongside and are "intermingled with" al-Qaeda's Nusra Front, but resoundingly rejects the Russian request to therefore classify these two groups terrorist.



US Deploys Troops and Armored Vehicles "Inside Syria", Close to Turkish Border

By Press TV, May 01, 2017

A convoy of armored vehicles with US flags was spotted on a rural road in the village of Darbasiyah, a few hundred meters from the Turkish border in Syria's northeastern Hasakah province, Kurdish activists said Friday.



<u>Video: President Al-Assad Interview: The West and Israel are Supporting the</u> <u>Terrorists</u> By Bashar al Assad and Telesur, April 30, 2017

President al-Assad added in an interview given to Venezuelan Telesur TV that the solution in Syria should be through stopping outside support to the terrorists and reconciliation among the Syrians.

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