

## Selected Articles: US Sanctions on Syria

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### [US Economic Embargo on Syria Is 'Crime Against Humanity'](#)

By [Mark Taliano](#) and [Press TV](#), June 22, 2020

The new sanctions came into effect under the so-called Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act on June 17, targeting almost all Syrian economic and trade activities as well as the country's government and business officials loyal to Damascus.

The restrictive measures, signed by US **President Donald Trump** last December, penalized 39 companies and individuals, including Syrian **President Bashar al-Assad** and his wife **Asma** — the first time she has been hit by US sanctions.



### [The US "Caesar's Law" Sanctions Regime against Syria. How It Will Affect Lebanon: Israel Will be Targeted](#)

By [Elijah J. Magnier](#), June 19, 2020

The enactment of "[Caesar's Law](#)" – the new US sanctions designed to "pursue individuals, groups, companies, and countries that deal with the Damascus government" – is apparently

directed against Syria but in reality aims to subdue Lebanon and its population to accommodate Israel's conditions. Lebanon's "Axis of the Resistance" member, Hezbollah, has an open conflict with Israel. Israel has a list of imposing demands: close off the flow of weapons via the Lebanese borders with Syria, disarm Hezbollah, impose its own terms on land and maritime borders, and push Lebanon to join other Middle Eastern countries in signing a peace deal- with Israel. But Hezbollah naturally has other plans- to enforce a new Rule of Engagement and take the attack initiative rather than opt for the defence response. This is similar to the Gaza deterrence policy of Hamas, another member of the "Axis of the Resistance", that has been to hit targets in Israel if (and when) economic sanctions are imposed.



### **[Why Is the US Still Sanctioning Syria? Beijing Pressures Washington](#)**

By [Tony Cartalucci](#), June 19, 2020

China's attempts to aid Syria economically and challenge American sanctions aimed at Damascus follows Russia's open opposition to the US-led proxy war against the Syrian government which included Moscow's direct military involvement in the conflict and Russia's leading role in liquidating US-armed militant groups across the country.



### **["Main Victim of Caesar Act Is the Syrian Citizen." Ambassador Bashar Al-Ja'fari](#)**

By [Dr. Bachar al-Jaafari](#) and [The Syria Times](#), June 18, 2020

The unilateral coercive economic measures, mistakenly called sanctions, are based on a shared unethical principle by governments that impose such blockades, based on belief that whoever possesses economic, military and political influence is capable of imposing his own will, decisions and policies on any country in the world by just trapping them commercially, economically and impeding their banking system, while totally ignoring and condoning the fact that these measures are illegal according to international law and the Charter of the United Nations. With regard to the so-called "Caesar's Act", let me say that Syria has been subject to US sanctions for decades since 1979 under the pretext of supporting terrorism and threatening the security of Israel, but since the terrorist war on Syria began, the US government has issued eight executive orders to impose or tighten economic, commercial and banking unilateral measures on Syria. These punitive measures, which were accompanied by similar European ones, had and still have clear impact on the Syrian economy and on the Syrian citizen.



### **[The US Admits They Are to Blame for Hunger in Syria](#)**

By [Steven Sahiounie](#), June 12, 2020

United States Special Envoy to Syria, [James Jeffrey](#), announced on Sunday that Washington had offered Syria a proposal to end the US sanctions. The Foreign and Expatriates Ministry in [Damascus](#) said that the statements by James Jeffrey constitute a clear admission by the Trump administration of it being directly responsible for the suffering of Syrians. The Syrians see the increasing sanctions as economic-warfare after the US failure to bring about 'regime change', by using [terrorists supported by the CIA](#). Damascus declares the sanctions violate human rights and international law as they affect the Syrian population.



### **[Video: Hearing Is Not Like Seeing: NATO's Terrorists Burning Syrian Wheat Crops](#)**

By [Arabi Sourj](#), June 12, 2020

A video clip shared by local farmers from Ras Al-Ayn showing an inferno burning their livelihood before their eyes, hundreds of acres of wheat on fire just as the crop is due to harvest.

We've been reporting about these fires in areas of operation of the NATO's Turkish (Orwellian-named) 'Spring of Peace' military operation in northern, and especially in northeastern Syria regions as well as in areas where remnants and sleeper cells of NATO-sponsored terrorists of [ISIS](#) and its affiliates are active in the south of the country.



### **[The US Supports New Kurdish Unity to Destabilize the Middle East](#)**

By [Steven Sahiounie](#), June 20, 2020

[The Kurdish National Unity Parties](#) (PYNK), a newly-established umbrella group consisting of 25 parties, was formed on May 20 to support the Kurdish unity talks, which have resulted in a "common political vision" on governance and partnership following a series of US-backed talks. The statement released on June 17 by all parties is the culmination of talks which first began in October 2019, and are based on the [2014 Duhok Agreement](#), in which the parties reached a power-sharing compromise, but the agreement was never implemented. Talks will continue until a final agreement on matters related to finance, administration, and the military is reached.

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