

SYRIA: The West Undermines UN Monitors. Paves the Way for NATO Intervention

Western propagandists unanimously defer to "activists" despite hundreds of UN monitors on the ground in Syria.

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Reports this week of the Syrian military "slaughtering civilians" near Homs have been reported relentlessly by Western media outlets, citing solely "activists" who have been consistently exposed as manipulating and purposefully distorting the reality on the ground in Syria. After episodes including "Gay Girl in Damascus," who turned out to be in fact a "middle-aged American man in Scotland," and "Syrian Danny" who was caught directing fake gunfire before a staged "casualty report" given to CNN's Anderson Cooper, the word of "activists" in Syria, openly sympathetic to the Free Syrian Army, is clearly less than credible.



Salman Shaikh @Salman_Shaikh1

Reading through my timeline & angry reactions towards #UN over #HoulaMassacre. The safety of observer mission can't be

guaranteed. #Syria

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Image: Brookings Institution's Salman Shaikh, a chief proponent of the engineered violence plotted by Brookings and others since as early as 2007, makes veiled threats against the safety of UN monitors in Syria. Corporate-financier elite, through their think-tanks have made a concerted effort to undermine the UN mission now that the rebels have been successfully rearmed, reorganized, and redeployed. The next step, as stated by Shaikh's peers over at the Henry Jackson Society, after feigning attempts to diplomatically resolve the conflict, is to begin NATO military intervention.

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Then there are aggregators like the London-based "Syrian Observatory for Human Rights" who cites anonymous phone-calls <u>and regularly consorts directly with the British Foreign Ministry</u>, and <u>convicted criminal George Soros'</u> Open Society-funded Amnesty International (<u>annual report page 8</u>), <u>Human Rights Watch</u>, and <u>Doctors Without Borders</u> (<u>page 39</u>) (advised by a myriad of lawyers, PR firms, <u>and even a representative of Goldman Sachs</u>), who have already undermined their legitimacy in Libya after <u>peddling verified-lies provided by the Libyan rebels</u> while downplaying verified atrocities committed by NATO-backed militants <u>that continue to this very day</u>.

Despite this constant torrent of disinformation put out by dubious institutions possessing clear conflicts of interest, funded literally by convicted criminals and serial warmongers, a great deal of evidence has still emerged painting a very contradictory picture of events in Syria, and alleged "massacres" like the one supposedly unfolding once again near Homs. A picture of the Syrian military attempting to restore order in the face of a heavily armed,

foreign-backed army of sectarian militants.

It is confirmed that indeed the "pro-democracy" "freedom fighters" in Syria are in fact carrying out horrific atrocities, including the <u>kidnapping</u>, torture, and murder of civilians – this <u>according to Human Right Watch itself</u>, as well as <u>a recent report provided by the UN</u>. These atrocities are revealed to be the result of sectarian violence, not aspirations for "democratic" reform, with ethnic and <u>religious minorities being hit hardest</u> by rebel attacks.

There are also admissions of Syrian rebels carrying out a campaign of <u>indiscriminate</u> terrorist bombings conducted by Free Syrian Army militants with ties to fighters <u>who killed US troops in neighboring Iraq</u>. Finally, there are revelations that the violence in Syria was not in fact "inspired" by the "Arab Spring," but instead the result of years of meticulous preparations by the US, Israel, and Saudi Arabia to create a violent extremist front with which to destabilize a vast region extending from Iran all the to Lebanon, including Syria in between – this according to a 2007 New Yorker article titled, "<u>The Redirection" by Seymour Hersh</u>.

And despite the West's narrative unraveling, and it becoming abundantly clear that the unrest is being perpetuated by terrorist organizations funded and armed by foreign interests, the US has pressed on with Israel and Saudi Arabia in continuing this funding and arming – even in the midst of a UN brokered ceasefire. The Washington Post reported that indeed the Gulf States with the US' help, were arming militants operating in and around Syria despite the ongoing efforts by the UN to end the violence. Associated Press confirms that the US is further planning to arm Syrian militants, despite reports out of the Pentagon itself that Al Qaeda is demonstratively present and operating alongside the so-called Free Syrian Army. Again, it should be noted that as early as 2007, the Pentagon was well aware that arming extremists to destabilize Iran, Syria, and Hezbollah in Lebanon required using groups affiliated directly with Al Qaeda.

What is Next for Syria.

As stated previously, the UN "ceasefire" was never intended to end the conflict, but rather allow militants and their foreign sponsors regroup and redeploy for the next leg of destabilization, hoping to fulfill public expectations that a "diplomatic" solution would be tried and "exhausted" before resorting to a NATO-led military intervention. Despite the trappings of a "Democratic" presidency under "Nobel Laureate" Barack Obama, the agenda pursued in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Iran, and Syria represents a "continuity of agenda" stretching back to George Bush Sr.'s presidency, cultivated, defined and promoted by corporate-funded think-tanks and dutifully carried out by each successive presidency.

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Video: Michael Weiss of the Neo-Con "Henry Jackson Society," openly admits that diplomatic options are being paraded publicly to satisfy public opinion, but ultimately NATO plans to unilaterally intervene militarily in Syria, and will do so with the UN's purposefully sabotaged "humanitarian operation" as its pretext.

.... The 2007 plot described by Seymour Hersh in his article, "<u>The Redirection</u>" began under the Bush Jr. presidency and has continued on in earnest under Obama. So when

representatives of the Henry Jackson Society, a corporate-financier funded (beginning on page 18, .pdf), Neo-Conservative led think-tank speaks with Qatari government propaganda outlet Al Jazeera, declaring that the current UN "peace deal" is simply a means of satisfying public expectations that "diplomacy" will be tried before an inevitable, premeditated, unilateral NATO military intervention commences, the public should take notice that this is in fact the next intended step.

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Similar calls from similarly affiliated Neo-Con think-tanks dictated US foreign policy leading up and into NATO's intervention in Libya, again despite America allegedly being "led" by a "liberal" "Democratic" president. World peace hinges on public awareness, the public boycotting and replacing the corporate-financier interests driving this global agenda and the war crimes that result, regardless of who is allegedly "president." World peace also depends on Syria along with its allies creating a diplomatic and tactical environment within and beyond Syria's borders that will make NATO military intervention, as well as their continued arming and funding of terrorist factions, untenable, unsustainable, and ultimately impossible.

The violence in Syria was premeditated and facilitated solely by malicious foreign powers openly seeking to effect regime change <u>since as early as 2002</u> and arming and organizing violent extremists with direct ties to Al Qaeda and the Muslim Brotherhood <u>since as early as 2007</u>.

In an April 2011 AFP report, Michael Posner, the assistant US Secretary of State for Human Rights and Labor, admitted that the "US government has budgeted \$50 million in the last two years to develop new technologies to help activists protect themselves from arrest and prosecution by authoritarian governments." The report went on to admit that the US "organized training sessions for 5,000 activists in different parts of the world. A session held in the Middle East about six weeks ago gathered activists from Tunisia, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon who returned to their countries with the aim of training their colleagues there." Posner would add, "They went back and there's a ripple effect."

There is no doubt, then, that the destabilization across the Middle East, and specifically in Syria now, is a result of foreign aggression, exploiting, not assisting, democratic aspirations for neo-imperial hegemonic expansion. The goodwill, intentions, and courage of genuine NGO workers, activists, and regular people around the world has been harnessed to facilitate this malicious agenda, not unlike how imperial armies throughout time have lured their nation's youth to fill the ranks of a military built for extraterritorial conquest, not defense. The dual nature of modern empire – military conquest and NGO system administrators – using "national defense" and "human rights" in tandem to prod the public into one unjust war of conquest after another, continues only as long as the public's ignorance and apathy allows.

With the Western media now admitting that Syria's opposition consists in fact of very real terrorists, funded by despotic Gulf States and the West, carrying out systematic atrocities against the civilian population, we have only apathy left to blame if NATO is allowed to carry on with its campaign of military aggression – a Nuremberg offense we as a Western society swore after World War II, "Never Again!"

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