

Syria, Yemen, Iraq,...: Greater US Aggression Under Trump Coming?

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Nearly straight away in office, Trump proved he's the latest in a long line of US warrior presidents.

He's continuing naked aggression in multiple theaters, upping the stakes in Syria and Yemen, increasing numbers of US combat troops in both countries, perhaps more headed for Iraq.

At the urging of CENTCOM chief General Joseph Votel, he may increase America's military presence in Afghanistan.

Earlier this week, a joint statement by US, UK and French ambassadors to Libya expressed concern about escalated violence in and around the country's oil installations – urging a "unified military force" to protect them.

Will US-led NATO combat troop deployments follow? Candidate Trump criticized wasting trillions of dollars on warmaking, creating a mess in all theaters, depriving the country of vitally needed revenue for homeland needs.

President Trump is like the Clintons, Bush/Cheney and Obama, continuing imperial wars, escalating them, perhaps planning new aggression, shunning peace and stability – along with breaking his promise to cooperate with Russia in combating terrorism.

He's aiding, not combating it, terror-bombing infrastructure in Syria and Iraq, massacring civilians, perhaps intending larger US combat troop deployments to both countries than already there.

In Thursday testimony before Senate Armed Services Committee members, General Votel said Russia's involvement in Syria (legally at the behest of its government) "negatively impacted the regional balance of power," adding:

Iran has expanded cooperation with Russia in Syria in ways that threaten US interests in the region...aspir(ing) to be a regional hegemon and its forces and proxies oppose US interests in Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon, Gaza and Syria, and seek to hinder achievement of US objectives in Afghanistan and some Central Asian States.

Will Iran be Washington's next imperial target? Longstanding plans call for regime change. An earlier color revolution failed.

War plans were prepared years ago, updated to stay current to the times. Anti-Russia comments are worrisome. Pentagon, Capitol Hill and administration hawks may yearn for confrontation.

America's military footprint abroad has nothing to do with combating terrorism as claimed – everything to do with advancing its imperium, along with waging endless wars to feed the ravenous appetite of its military/industrial/media complex on the phony pretext of humanitarian intervention and democracy building.

Post-WW II, nations America attacked threatened no one. They were targeted for their sovereign independence. Others not subservient to US interests are on its hit list.

Hostility toward Russia, China and Iran should scare everyone. Hillary's defeat didn't end the risk of nuclear war.

Neocons infesting Washington make the unthinkable possible by design or accident. Will America's rage for unchallenged global dominance doom us all?

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