

The Bombing of Damascus: Terror, Lies, Human Rights and Mass Media “Conspiracy Theories”

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On Friday 23rd December two terrorist attacks hit the Syrian capital of Damascus. The attacks struck the State Security Directorate and another security branch in the Syrian capital. Russia, China and other countries were quick to condemn the attacks which murdered 44 people and injured 166.

In spite of its claims to be concerned about the “protection” of civilians and the state of “human rights” in Syria, the Western press was more concerned with demonizing the Syrian government than the condemnation of the barbarians who carried out the savage terrorist attacks in Damascus.

Attacks of this kind have terrorized countries in the Middle East for decades and have generally been attributed to terrorist groups. Attacks targeting civilians tend to bear all the hallmarks of Al-Qaida. Yet, in an act of obscene cynicism, the Western press attempted to lay the blame on the Syrian government for the attacks. Le Monde carried the headline: « Attentats a Damas. L’Opposition syrienne accusent le régime, qui accuse Al-Qaida »[1]

The Le Monde headline which translates as “Attacks in Damascus. The Syrian opposition accuses the regime, who accuses Al-Qaida”. Terrorist attacks in a given country normally imply an opposition to the government of that country, yet the ludicrous conspiracy theory of a government “inside-job” is given credence in the spin of the French daily’s headline, which prioritizes the claims of the Syrian opposition.

The terrorist attacks in Damascus massacred men, women and children. Bodies were ripped to pieces. Yet Western government and “human rights” organizations and the “independent” press refused to say what any decent human being would say: that these attacks were crimes against humanity and should be unequivocally condemned.

“Conspiracy theory” was also the order of the day in the editorial offices of Sky News, which gave much credence to the claims of the “opposition” that the Syrian government planted the bombs themselves.

Sky news was also convinced of a diabolical plot hatched by the Assad régime so as to discredit the “peaceful pro-democracy” groups who oppose the government. So, it seems conspiracy theory has finally invaded the pages of the mainstream media.[2]

According to Wikipedia, the term conspiracy theory “is sometimes used to automatically dismiss claims that are deemed ridiculous, misconceived, paranoid, unfounded, outlandish or irrational.” [3]

The idea that the Syrian government, which is facing all-out warfare from Western powers under the Orwellian “responsibility to protect” doctrine, is planting bombs on its own security forces in order to discredit the oppositions, is surely worthy of such adjectives as “ridiculous”, “misconceived”, “paranoid”, “unfounded”, “outlandish” and “irrational”.

There is not a shred of evidence to support the paranoid and deranged conspiracy theory that claims the Syrian government was behind the attacks in Damascus. However, instead of sympathizing with the victims of these crimes against humanity, the Western media establishment prefers to promote wild conspiracy theories.

What has been proved, however, is that the so-called Syrian opposition are heavily armed; are targeting civilians and security forces and are backed by Western intelligence agencies.[4]

While there is no evidence that the Syrian government is planting bombs on its own people, there is a plethora of evidence to show that the United States wants regime change in Damascus and is prepared to use all means necessary to achieve this.

Since the promulgation of the Syrian Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 and the admission of general Wesley Clark to Amy Goodman on March 2, 2007 that Syria was to be one of seven countries slated for US-backed regime change, all the available evidence shows that Syria has long been an object of US military aggression.[5]

In a time of year so often associated with peace and kindness, the Western political establishment and their public relations servants in the mass media and “human rights” organizations have shown yet again what scant regard they have for human lives.

The nefarious political agenda of the West’s most prestigious “human rights” organisations can be clearly seen from the deafening silence of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, the International Federation of Human rights and their affiliates, as their dear peaceful “pro-democracy” activists blew Syrian citizens to pieces in Damascus.

Human rights discourse has provided a lethally effective camouflage for Western imperialist strategies in the Middle East since the outbreak of the US-backed people-power coups in Tunisia and Egypt this year.

Throughout 9 months of incessant bombing of civilian targets in Libya, human rights groups such as the International Federation for Human Rights, inter alia, provided the justification for NATO’s mass terror campaign against the Libyan people, under the pretext of “protecting civilians”.

Amnesty International only admitted a paucity of the crimes committed by the putschists of Benghazi, while maintaining a hysterical chorus of neo-colonial war-mongering against the legitimate Libyan Jamahiriya, repeatedly pinning crimes committed by the NATO rebels on “Gaddafi’s forces”.

In his famous essay “On the Jewish Question” Marx argued that the doctrine of human rights was a creation of the property-owning class or “the bourgeoisie”. As the doctrine of human rights prioritizes private property, it follows that the doctrine favours the propertied classes over the poor.

As the human rights doctrine of the French revolution included the sanctification of private property, such abstract human rights as equality before the law, freedom of expression and freedom of assembly would, as Marx predicted, be used to further the interests of the capitalist class, that is to say the class that owned the means of production and communication. By ignoring the reality of class struggle in society, human rights doctrine is nothing more than a codification of bourgeois law, a justification of minority rule.

As such, the human rights doctrine becomes the religion of ruling elites. My human rights become my right to exploit, dominate and rule over my fellow men through my acquisition of private property. The phalanx of international human rights organisations currently operating in the service of Western imperialism provides the incontrovertible demonstration of Marx's critique.

The callous silence of so-called human rights groups in the wake of the crimes against humanity committed in Damascus on December 23rd coupled with the paranoid conspiracy theories of the corporate media are a damning indictment of what the German philosopher Oswald Spengler described as "*Der Untergang des Abendlandes*", the decline of the West.

The Syrian Human Rights Network have warned the Syrian people of future "mass grave" fabrications by NATO's proxy terrorists which will be blamed as the crimes of the mass media's new bogey-man President Baschar al-Assad. [6]

The recourse to car-bomb terrorism by the Western-backed jihadists shows that the colour revolution strategy has been a total failure in Syria. The destabilisation of Syria is now likely to require even higher levels of mass media mendacity and more "human rights" hysteria.

Fabricated stories of mass graves, death camps and mass killings have garnered public support for imperialist adventures in the past.

In April 1993, James Harff of the American PR firm Ruder and Finn boasted on French TV about how they managed to fool American Jews into supporting US "humanitarian" bombing in Yugoslavia stating:

"At the beginning of July 1992, New York Newsday came out with the article on Serb camps. We jumped at the opportunity immediately. We outwitted three big Jewish organizations.... That was a tremendous coup. When the Jewish organizations entered the game on the side of the [Muslim] Bosnians we could promptly equate the Serbs with the Nazis in the public mind. Nobody understood what was happening in Yugoslavia.... By a single move, we were able to present a simple story of good guys and bad guys which would hereafter play itself. We won by targeting the Jewish audience. Almost immediately there was a clear change of language in the press, with the use of words with high emotional content such as ethnic cleansing, concentration camps, etc, which evoke images of Nazi Germany and the gas chambers of Auschwitz. "[7]

The PR firm's "tremendous coup" cost the lives of thousands of innocent civilians and tore a multi-ethnic and tolerant society apart.

The media demonisation of Syria's president Bashar Al-Assad is likely to intensify in the new year as humanitarian warfare and human-rightism spreads from North Africa to the borders of Russia and China.

Notes

[1]

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