

The Crisis in Syria: Selection of News Reports and Analysis

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Syria News Reports 10-11 February 2012, prepared by William Bowles

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[Foolishly ignoring the Arab League Report on Syria](#)

occupation magazine - articles Today at 23:59

Sharmine Narwani - Alakhbar English - There is powerful evidence that the mission of the Arab League Observers in Syria has been subjected to a campaign of sabotage aimed at eliminating the possibility of a peaceful solution to the crisis in Syria

[Report of the Head of the League of Arab States Observer Mission to Syria](#)

occupation magazine - articles Today at 23:59

Arab League - Muhammad Ahmad Mustafa al-Dabi - The Mission determined that there is an armed entity that is not mentioned in the protocol. This development on the ground can undoubtedly be attributed to the excessive use of force by Syrian Government forces in response to protests that occurred before the deployment of the Mission demanding the fall of the regime. In some zones, this armed entity reacted by attacking Syrian security forces and citizens, causing the Government to respond with further violence. In the end, innocent citizens pay the price for those actions with life and limb. gm

[Or Your Lying Eye Truth and Fiction in the News Business](#)

The Greenville Post Today at 17:21

CounterPunch Diary Rally in support of Syrian President_(2011) by ALEXANDER COCKBURN
If you want a sense of what could well lie in store for Syria, go no further than Anthony Shadid's report from Libya in the New York Times for February 9. Shadid, a good reporter, describes a dismembered country, rent by banditry:

[Crimes in Syria committed by terrorists backed by Western and Arab countries](#)

Strategic Culture Foundation Today at 17:03

[Russia denies backing to new Syria resolution](#)

Strategic Culture Foundation Today at 16:55

[West's And GCC's Unsavory Proxies In Syrian Regime Change Campaign](#)

Stop NATO Today at 15:52 PanArmenian.net

February 11, 2012 Weapons smuggled from Iraq to Syria for Assad opponents Jihadists are moving from Iraq to Syria, as are weapons being sent to opponents of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime, Iraq's deputy interior minister told AFP on Saturday, Feb 11.

[Kosovo Versus Syria: What Is Truly Disgusting](#)

Stop NATO Today at 14:57 Strategic Culture Foundation

February 11, 2012 Truly Disgusting the West in Kosovo Aleksandar Pavic Economically as well, Kosovo is a basket case, to put it mildly. The unemployment rate is variously estimated at 40-60%, or even 70%. The territory has been identified by various international agencies as the main European center for the distribution of heroin originating in Afghanistan, as well as a center for money laundering and human trafficking. It has been referred to more than once as ♦Afghanistan in Europe.♦ In addition, the top of its ethnic Albanian leadership is currently under international investigation for human organ trafficking.

[NATO's "Secret War" on Syria: Replicating the Libya Model](#)

GlobalResearch.ca Today at 14:31

For more details, please click on the link to read the article.

[Lebanese clash over Syria unrest](#)

BBC News Today at 14:24

At least one person is killed in the Lebanese city of Tripoli in clashes between supporters and opponents of Syria's President Bashar al-Assad.

[Syria general 'shot in Damascus'](#)

BBC News Today at 13:55

A Syrian [medical] general is killed by 'terrorists', state media say, in what is thought to be the first assassination of a senior officer in Damascus since the uprising began."/p>

[Syria's Uprising in Context](#)

GlobalResearch.ca Today at 12:06

For more details, please click on the link to read the article.

[Syria move at UN General Assembly](#)

BBC News Today at 08:28

The United Nations General Assembly is becoming the focus of attempts to apply pressure on the Syrian government over its continued crackdown on dissent.

[Saudi Arabia drafts new Syria resolution](#)

Strategic Culture Foundation Today at 07:02

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[The Unseen Lies: Journalism As Propaganda](#)

The Greenville Post Yesterday at 20:18

JOHN PILGER: One of my favorite stories about the Cold War concerns a group of Russian journalists who were touring the United States. On the final day of their visit, they were asked by the host for their impressions. I have to tell you, said the spokesman, ♦that we were astonished to find after reading all the newspapers and watching TV day after day that all the opinions on all the vital issues are the same. To get that result in our country we send journalists to the gulag. We even tear out their fingernails. Here you don♦t have to do any of that. What is the secret?♦

[Truly Disgusting - the West in Kosovo](#)

Strategic Culture Foundation Yesterday at 20:00

In the tantrums thrown by the Western powers in the wake of the Russo-Chinese veto of their UN Security Council resolution on Syria, the US♦s UN Ambassador, Susan Rice,

expressed disgust at these two states' behavior. In addition to these kinds of hysterics as Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov so aptly described them being calculated to rally the global media further against the two Eurasian giants, they also serve the purpose of directing attention away from the West's own disastrous intervention track record. On February 8, just four days after the failed Syria resolution, the UNSC had a chance to discuss another Western interventionist success story Kosovo...

[Pentagon plans US-backed war against Syria](#)

World Socialist Web Site Yesterday at 18:07

The Pentagon has drawn up plans for military intervention in Syria.

[France's New Anti-capitalist Party echoes NATO propaganda against Syria](#)

World Socialist Web Site Yesterday at 18:07

The NPA published in January a series of articles on Syria, lining up directly with the imperialist propaganda campaign against that country.

[An imperial adventure set to continue](#)

Morning Star Yesterday at 17:09

The growing intervention in Syrian internal affairs demonstrates the West's blatant attempt to rally reactionary Arab forces in support of its continued domination of the region, says George Galloway

[How the Arab League Has Become a Tool of Western Imperialism](#)

By Finian Cunningham

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NATO-UAE Relations and the Way Forward in the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, October 29-30, 2009

It's an intrigue befitting the machinations of classical colonialism in past centuries, such as the Sykes-Picot carve-up of the Middle Eastern Levant territories, or the betrayal of the Arabs after World War I, or the theft of Mesopotamia's oil by British capitalists.

[Hague denies aid for Syria rebels](#)

Morning Star Yesterday at 17:02

William Hague denied today that Britain plans to arm Syrian rebels trying to overthrow President Bashar Assad amid reports that British and Qatari forces were providing 'logistic' support to anti-government groups in Homs.

10 February 2012 — [Syria: New American Eisenhower Doctrine In The Middle East](#)

A new version of the Eisenhower Doctrine and U.S. policy in Syria

Alexey Pilko

There's little doubt that after the neutralization of Syria, a military operation against Iran would be only a matter of time. And taking Bashar out of the game would allow the United States to secure its long-term domination over the Middle East.

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