

# The Neoconservative Hit List: Iraq, Libya and now Syria? A Plan for Global US Military Supremacy

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1997 witnessed the birth of one of the most pivotal American think tanks in modern times, whose ideas and objectives would come to shape the foreign policy of the United States (U.S.) for decades to come. The Project for a New American Century (PNAC) was founded by William Kristol, the chief of staff to Vice President Dan Quayle during the Bush senior administration, and Robert Kagan, a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institute and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). The PNAC group's stated objectives included the desire to "shape a new century favourable to American principles and interests" along with challenging "regimes hostile to U.S. interest and values".

Prominent individuals who belonged to the think tank include some of the most influential politicians in America's recent history, including the former U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, the Vice President of the U.S. during the George W. Bush administration, Dick Cheney, the ex President of the World Bank and former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Paul Wolfowitz, and Richard Perle, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs under Ronald Regan. In September 2000, the PNAC group released a document titled: 'Rebuilding America's Defenses – Strategy, Forces and Resources for a New Century', in which the group discusses the need for the U.S. to assert its military authority around the globe to secure its strategic objectives:

"Preserving the desirable strategic situation in which the United States now finds itself requires a globally preeminent military capability both today and in the future (p.8)."

#### Premeditated Wars

The report then continues to advocate an increase in military spending to enable this "military capability" as well as asserting one year before 9/11 that all this would be unlikely to manifest unless there was a "new Pearl Harbour" event (p.63). In addition, the document lists a number of regimes that the group viewed as "deeply hostile to America". "North Korea, Iraq, Iran, Libya and Syria" (p.63 & p.64) are all pinpointed as enemies of the U.S. well before the illegal war in Iraq in 2003, as well as the illegal 2011 war in Libya and the ongoing proxy war in Syria.

Further evidence was revealed in 2007 that supports the thesis that wars are premeditated by the Anglo-American elite for years prior to them being launched. This was when retired four star general and former NATO commander, Wesley Clark, disclosed a plan circulating around the Pentagon in 2001 to attack <u>7 countries in 5 years</u>. The countries named mirror the ones targeted by the PNAC group, as Iraq, Syria, Iran and Libya were all listed in addition to Lebanon, Somalia and Sudan.

The reality is that all the wars of the past and the future are planned well in advance of the public ever hearing our morally repugnant politicians demanding action. Countries that resist being absorbed into the Anglo-American-European international order and allow multinational corporations to exploit their resources, are targeting for regime change well in advance of the pretext they give to intervene.

Israel is also set to benefit if the government of al-Assad is replaced with a client state of the West. A study group led by neocon Richard Perle prepared a policy document in 1996 for Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, titled: <u>'A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm'</u>, in which it outlines the strategic importance of removing Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq as well as the desire to weaken the regime in Syria:

"Israel can shape its strategic environment, in cooperation with Turkey and Jordan, by weakening, containing, and even rolling back Syria. This effort can focus on removing Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq — an important Israeli strategic objective in its own right — as a means of foiling Syria's regional ambitions."

#### Russian FM: Airstrikes on Islamic State could be used to Weaken Assad

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov warned the world last month that the US-led airstrikes against Islamic State (IS) in Syria could also target Syrian government forces in an attempt to "weaken the positions of Bashar al-Assad's army". U.S. envoy to the United Nations, Samantha Power, recently reiterated that Washington's objective in Syria is the removal of al-Assad from power in Damascus and that the "moderate Syrian opposition provides the best alternative to the al-Assad regime". What Power omits from her statement though is that IS is a key part of the "Syrian opposition" and has been battling the Syrian government – with the financing and support of the west – for years now. The reality is that the al-Assad regime will remain in power for decades to come unless the Western elite is able to justify military strikes against key military and energy targets inside Syria.

## A History of Turkish False Flag Attacks on Syria

An article by Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Seymour Hersh in April of this year titled: <u>'The Rat Line and the Red Line'</u>, argues that the gas attack last year in Ghouta was an attack carried out by the Syrian rebels with the planning of Turkish authorities as opposed to the Syrian government. In the article Hersh quotes a former intelligence official as stating: 'We now know it was a covert action planned by Erdoğan's people to push Obama over the red line'. As soon as the gas attack hit the mainstream press in the West, the calls for war went into overdrive. War was only averted due to massive public opposition to the move which forced the British parliament to vote against intervention in Syria, as well as the Russian government brokering a deal to place the Syrian government's chemical weapons supplies under international control.

The notion that Turkey is capable of planning such a malevolent attack was strengthened when officials from the top echelons of the Turkish government were caught red handed discussing a false flag attack on their own territory, in order to justify a war with Syria earlier this year. The officials are heard discussing the possibility that they could arrange an attack on the tomb of the grandfather of the founder of the Ottoman Empire, Suleiman Shah, which is situated in a Turkish enclave in the Syrian city of Aleppo. Hakan Fidan, the head of Turkish intelligence is heard saying in the leaked audio tape: "We can also prepare an attack on

Suleiman Shah's tomb if necessary", Fidan continues, "Listen, listen commander if it's a pretext we'll give you one. I'll send over four men and have them fire right rockets on an empty lot. That's not the problem, pretexts can be arranged."

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