

The Ultimate War Crime: America's "Global War on Terrorism"

The criminalization of war is the avenue to reaching World peace

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Introduction

*The Obama administration has embarked upon **the ultimate war crime, a Worldwide military adventure, "a long war", which threatens the future of humanity.***

The Pentagon's global military design is one of world conquest.

This military deployment of US-NATO forces is occurring in several regions of the world simultaneously, resulting in millions of civilian deaths and countless atrocities. More recently, U.S. and NATO ground forces have been deployed in Eastern Europe including Ukraine on Russia's immediate doorstep.

Major military and covert intelligence operations are being undertaken simultaneously in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia and the Far East. The U.S. military agenda combines both major theatre operations as well as covert actions geared towards destabilizing sovereign states.

In turn, Israel in liaison with the US, is threatening Iran with nuclear weapons. And the U.S. and its allies are threatening China and North Korea under President Obama's "Pivot to Asia".

Under a global military agenda, the actions undertaken by the Western military alliance (U.S.-NATO-Israel) in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Palestine, Ukraine, Syria and Iraq are coordinated at the highest levels of the military hierarchy.

In turn, military undertakings are closely coordinated with a process of economic warfare which consists not only in imposing sanctions on sovereign countries but also in deliberate acts of destabilization of financial and currencies markets, with a view to undermining the enemies' national economies.

The Criminalization of War

What is at stake is a **global criminal undertaking in defiance of international law**. In the words of the late William Rockler:

The United States has discarded pretensions to international legality and decency, and embarked on a course of raw imperialism run amok." (William Rockler, Nuremberg Tribunal prosecutor)

We will recall that the architect of Nuremberg, Supreme Court Justice and Nuremberg Prosecutor Robert Jackson said with some hesitation:

"We must never forget that the record on which we judge these defendants is the record on which history will judge us tomorrow. To pass these defendants a poisoned chalice is to put it to our own lips as well."

Does this historical statement apply to President Barack Obama and his European political cohorts?

In defiance of Nuremberg, the Obama administration has invoked the conduct of "humanitarian wars" and counter-terrorism operations, with a view to installing "democracy" in targeted countries.

America and the Western World are allegedly threatened by the Islamic State bogeyman. And the International community is called upon take a stance.

War becomes peace. Realities are turned upside down. By actively co-opting the United Nations, the US administration has also invoked "self defence" as a justification to wage war against this illusive "outside enemy" of the Western World.

These lies and fabrications are part of of war propaganda. Under no circumstances can Obama's war be upheld as a "solution", as a means to implementing peace. War is the ultimate crime, "The Crime against Peace" as defined under Nuremberg.

The US-NATO led war applied Worldwide is a criminal undertaking under the disguise of counter-terrorism. It violates the Nuremberg Charter, the US constitution and the UN charter. According to former chief Nuremberg prosecutor Benjamin Ferencz, in relation to the 2003 invasion of Iraq:

"a prima facie case can be made that the United States is guilty of the supreme crime against humanity — that being an illegal war of aggression against a sovereign nation."

Ferencz was referring to "Crimes against Peace and War" (**Nuremberg Principle VI**): which states the following:

“The crimes hereinafter set out are punishable as crimes under international law:

(a) Crimes against peace:

(i) **Planning, preparation, initiation or waging of a war of aggression** or a war in violation of international treaties, agreements or assurances;

(ii) Participation in a common plan or conspiracy for the accomplishment of any of the acts mentioned under (i).

(b) War crimes:

Violations of the laws or customs of war which include, but are not limited to, murder, ill-treatment or deportation to slave labor or for any other purpose of civilian population of or in occupied territory; murder or ill-treatment of prisoners of war or persons on the Seas, killing of hostages, plunder of public or private property, wanton destruction of cities, towns, or villages, or devastation not justified by military necessity.

(c) Crimes against humanity:

Murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation and other inhumane acts done against any civilian population, or persecutions on political, racial, or religious grounds, when such acts are done or such persecutions are carried on in execution of or in connection with any crime against peace or any war crime.”

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It should be noted that **Nuremberg Principle III** relates directly to president Obama and the heads of State and heads of government of the US-NATO led coalition:

“a person who committed an act which constitutes a crime under international law acted as Head of State or responsible government official does not relieve him from responsibility under international law.”

Moreover, the evidence amply confirms that the United States of America is a “State Sponsor of Terrorism” and that the campaign against the Islamic State is a smokescreen used by the US and its allies to justify in the eyes of public opinion its global war of conquest.

Under Nuremberg the “Global War on Terrorism” is a criminal undertaking.

The Kuala Lumpur Initiative to Criminalize War



Following in the footsteps of Nuremberg, the objective of the December 2005 Kuala Lumpur initiative led by **Tun Mahathir Mohamad** was to criminalize war and eventually abolish war.

Let us recall the fundamental principles contained in the Kuala Lumpur Initiative to Criminalize War under the helm of Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the fourth and longest serving prime minister of Malaysia.

“Killings in war are as criminal as the killings within societies in times of peace.

Since killings in peace time are subject to the domestic law of crime, killings in war must likewise be subject to the international law of crimes.

This should be so irrespective of whether these killings in war are authorized or permitted by domestic law.” (See full text of the Kuala Lumpur Initiative below)

Since the adoption of the KL Initiative to Criminalize war in December 2005, the Kuala Lumpur War Crimes Tribunal (KLWCT) has passed two important judgements:

against George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, *et al* for war crimes in Iraq,

and against the State of Israel on charges of genocide against the people of Palestine.

More than ever the Kuala Lumpur Initiative launched almost ten years ago in December 2005 by Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad should be widely understood and applied.

What is at stake is the universal recognition of the value of human life, solidarity and understanding between nationalities, ethnic groups and religions, as well as respect for national sovereignty. These are preconditions for World peace. As outline in the Kuala Lumpur declaration: **“peace is the essential condition for the survival and well-being of the human race”**.

In contrast to these broad principles which define human values, the US military and financial establishment and its allies are intent upon destroying and destabilizing sovereign countries as part of an imperial agenda, through acts of war and economic plunder, the end result of which is the transformation of sovereign nations into open economic territories,

under the jurisdiction of US approved proxy regimes.

To no avail, since 2008, President Obama has followed in the footsteps of George W. Bush. Together with America's NATO allies, his administration has not only supported terrorist organizations, it has covertly supported terrorist insurgencies and has waged an extensive bombing campaign against Libya (2011), Syria and Iraq (2014-), drone attacks and targeted assassinations against Pakistan (2004-) among other military-intelligence operations.

Under the Kuala Lumpur Initiative to Criminalize War which was adopted under the helm of Tun Mahathir,

“All national leaders who initiate aggression must be subjected to the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.”

Let us be crystal clear: Consistent with Nuremberg, the above statement applies to president Barack Obama and the heads of State and heads of government of NATO countries which endorsed the extensive carpet bombing operations directed against Libya, Syria and Iraq, resulting in the death of countless civilians.

Under Nuremberg and Kuala Lumpur, Barack Obama, France's president Francois Hollande, Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron *et al* are war criminals.

War Propaganda and the Demonization of Muslims: A Criminal Undertaking under International Law

An extensive propaganda campaign has been launched with a view to upholding US-NATO-Israel military actions in Libya, Syria, Iraq and Palestine as humanitarian endeavours, as part of a crusade against Al Qaeda and the Islamic State.

This agenda has been embraced at the political level by America's European allies. A broad political consensus prevails which upholds war as a peace-making undertaking, as a solution, as a means to implementing “democracy” and the “free market”.

The Pentagon, NATO and Israel are the protagonists of war and war crimes. Al Qaeda and the Islamic State are presented at the “outside enemy” which threatens the Western World.

In turn, a hate campaign has been launched against Muslim countries as well as Muslim communities within Western countries. This recent wave of Islamophobia is intended to create divisions within Western societies.

In a bitter irony, while the West has initiated a Worldwide demonization campaign against Muslims, the millions of victims of US-NATO led wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Libya, are predominately Muslims. Moreover, in both Syria, Iraq and Palestine the Christian communities have also been targeted, the cultural heritage of Muslims and Christians in Mesopotamia has been decimated by US sponsored terrorists.

The crimes and atrocities committed by the Western military alliance in Fallujah, Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo are beyond description. These crimes have been amply documented in the 2012 Judgment of the Kuala Lumpur War Crimes Commission against George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, *et al*

The intent of Obama's campaign is to beat the drums of war, to justify in the eyes of public opinion, America's wars in Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia.

The Global War on Terrorism: The Political Consensus



Sustained by media disinformation, the Global War on Terrorism is now part of a far-reaching political consensus in Western countries. It has also been used by Western governments to justify and implement "anti-terrorist" legislation within their respective countries.

Image: "War is Peace We Can Believe In". President Barack Obama and his European cohorts herald War as a Peace-making endeavor

The fact that the "Global War on Terrorism" is endorsed by the so-called "international community" and rubber-stamped by the United Nations Security Council does not, however, provide it legitimacy under international law. Despite these endorsements, it nonetheless constitutes a diabolical criminal undertaking, which is fundamentally based on a Lie.

When the Lie becomes the Truth and War becomes Peace, there is no turning backwards.

The legitimacy of the Global War on Terrorism is sustained by media disinformation and war propaganda. In this regard, the various actions intended to deliberately mislead public opinion, obfuscate the atrocities of America's led wars and justify war on humanitarian grounds, are categorized as criminal acts of war propaganda, under Nuremberg. In this regard, [David Walsh in an April 2003 article](#), recounts the circumstances surrounding the prosecution of one of Nazi Germany's most prominent propagandist:

Hans Fritzsche was named head of the German Press Division in 1938 ... The Nuremberg prosecutor detailed the propaganda campaigns taken up by the German media, under Fritzsche's immediate supervision,...

"Fritzsche incited atrocities and encouraged a ruthless occupation policy. The results of propaganda as a weapon of the Nazi conspirators reaches into every aspect of this conspiracy, including the atrocities and ruthless exploitation in occupied countries. It is likely that many ordinary Germans would never have participated in or tolerated the atrocities committed throughout Europe, had they not been conditioned and goaded by the constant Nazi propaganda. The callousness and zeal of the people who actually committed the atrocities was in large part due to the constant and corrosive propaganda of Fritzsche and his

official associates.”

Nuremberg also applies to military indoctrination and “internal propaganda” within the various US and NATO war colleges and academies which glorify war.

Moreover, under Nuremberg, the granting of a peace prize to war criminals, including Barack Obama and Tony Blair is criminal, in that it upholds the legitimacy of the war criminals in high office.

The Kuala Lumpur Initiative to Criminalize War acknowledges the criminal nature of war propaganda as defined under Nuremberg and calls upon the mainstream media to:

“actively oppose war and the incitement to war and consciously promote the peaceful settlement of international disputes. Entertainment media [Hollywoods] must cease to glorify war and violence and should instead cultivate the ethos of peace.”

Beyond doubt, the “Global War on Terrorism” is a fabrication. It is part of a conspiracy to mislead the public into accepting war as a humanitarian undertaking. The United States of America is the “Number One” State Sponsor of Terrorism responsible for extensive war crimes.

Without war propaganda, war criminals in high office would not have a leg to stand on. Their legitimacy in the eyes of public opinion would collapse like a deck of cards.

The Big Lie: The Global War on Terrorism, Obama’s Crusade against the Islamic State (ISIS)

✘ America’s “global war on terrorism” is a hegemonic project, carried out under a fake counter-terrorism mandate which consists in going after an illusive “Jihadist” Enemy which “threatens Western civilization”.

The Global War on Terrorism is a Lie. The alleged enemy of the West is fabricated. Counter-terrorism is invoked as a pretext to wage an all out war of conquest.

We will argue that the U.S. airstrikes initiated in August 2014 directed against Iraq and Syria under the pretext of going after the Islamic State (ISIS) are part of a scenario of military conquest and escalation extending from North Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean to Central and South Asia.

Since August 2014, the US Air Force with the support of a coalition of more than twenty countries has relentlessly waged an intensified air campaign against Syria and Iraq allegedly targeting the Islamic State brigades.

According to Defense News, over 16,000 airstrikes were carried out from August 2014 to mid January 2015. Sixty percent of the air strikes were conducted by the US Air Force using advanced jet fighter and bombing capabilities (Aaron Mehta, [“A-10 Performing 11 Percent of Anti-ISIS Sorties”](#). Defense News, January 19, 2015.)

The airstrikes have been casually described by the media as part of a “soft” counter-terrorism operation, rather than an act of all out war directed against Syria and Iraq.



This large scale air campaign which has resulted in countless civilian casualties has been routinely misreported by the mainstream media. According to Max Boot, senior fellow in national security at the Council on Foreign Relations. "Obama's strategy in Syria and Iraq is not working... [because] the U.S. bombing campaign against ISIS **has been remarkably restrained**". ([Newsweek](#), February 17, 2015, emphasis added).

Americans are led to believe that the Islamic State constitutes a formidable force confronting the US military and threatening Western Civilization. The thrust of media reporting is that the US Air Force has failed and that "Obama should get his act together" in effectively confronting this "Outside Enemy" of America.

According to CFR Max Boot, military escalation is the answer: what is required is for the president "to dispatch more aircraft, military advisers, and special operations forces, while loosening the restrictions under which they operate." (Ibid)

What kind of aircraft are involved in the air campaign? The [F-16 Fighting Falcon](#),(above right), The [F-15E Strike Eagle](#) (image below) , The [A-10](#) Warthog, not to mention Lockheed Martin's F-22 Raptor stealth tactical fighter aircraft.

Why has the US Air Force not been able to wipe out the Islamic State, which at the outset was largely equipped with conventional small arms not to mention state of the art Toyota pickup trucks?

From the very outset, this air campaign has NOT been directed against ISIS. The evidence confirms that the Islamic State is not the target. Quite the opposite.

The air raids are intended to destroy the economic infrastructure of Iraq and Syria.

The USAF-15E Strike Eagle

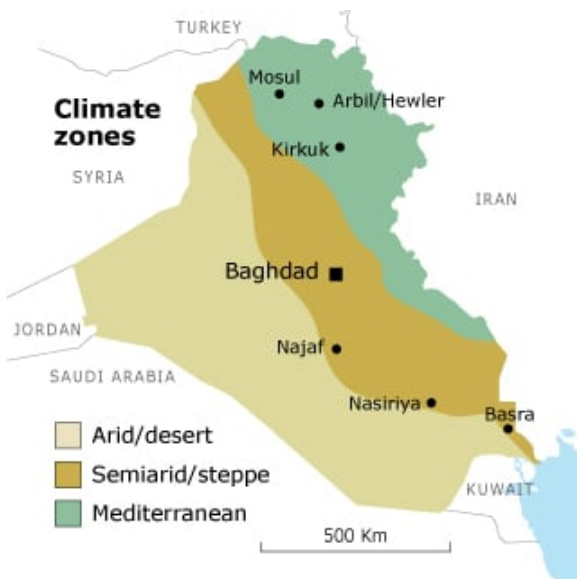
We call on our readers to carefully reflect on the following image, which describes the Islamic State convoy of pickup trucks entering Iraq and crossing a 200 km span of open desert which separates the two countries.

This convoy entered Iraq in June 2014.



What would have been required from a military standpoint to wipe out a ISIS convoy with no effective anti-aircraft capabilities?

Without an understanding of military issues, common sense prevails.



If they had wanted to eliminate the Islamic State brigades, **they could have “carpet” bombed their convoys of Toyota pickup trucks when they crossed the desert from Syria into Iraq in June.**

The answer is pretty obvious, yet not a single mainstream media has acknowledged it.

During the 1991 Gulf War, retreating Iraqi ground forces were decimated under Operation “Desert Storm” at a time when smart bombs had not been fully developed, at least by today’s standards.

The Syro-Arabian Desert is open territory (see map right). With state of the art jet fighter aircraft (F15, F22 Raptor, F16) it would have been **-from a military standpoint- “a piece of cake”, a rapid and expedient surgical operation,** which would have

decimated the Islamic State convoys in a matter of hours.

Instead what we have witnessed is an ongoing drawn out six months of relentless air raids and bombings, and the terrorist enemy is apparently still intact.

(In comparison, the NATO bombing raids of Yugoslavia in 1999 lasted about three months (March 24-June 10, 1999).

And we are led to believe that the Islamic State cannot be defeated by a powerful US led military coalition of more than 20 countries.

The air campaign was not intended to decimate the Islamic State.

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The Islamic State (IS) militia, which is currently the alleged target of a US-NATO bombing campaign under a “counter-terrorism” mandate, continues to be supported covertly by the US. **Washington and its allies continue to provide military aid to the Islamic State.**

US and allied bombings are not targeting the ISIL, they are bombing the economic infrastructure of Iraq and Syria including factories and oil refineries.

The IS caliphate project is part of a longstanding US foreign policy agenda to carve up Iraq and Syria into separate territories: A Sunni Islamist Caliphate, an Arab Shia Republic, a Republic of Kurdistan.

These various affiliated Al Qaeda entities in the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa and Asia are CIA sponsored “intelligence assets”. **They are used by Washington to wreck havoc, create internal conflicts and destabilize sovereign countries.**

Boko Haram in Nigeria, Al Shabab in Somalia, [the Libya Islamic Fighting Group \(LIFG\)](#) (supported by NATO in 2011), [Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb \(AQIM\)](#), [Jemaah Islamiyah \(JI\)](#) in Indonesia, among other Al Qaeda affiliated groups are supported covertly by Western intelligence.

The US is also supporting Al Qaeda affiliated terrorist organizations in the Xinjiang Uighur autonomous region of China. The underlying objective is to trigger political instability in Western China.

Chinese jihadists are reported to [have received “terrorist training” from the Islamic State](#) “in order to conduct attacks in China”. The declared objective of these Chinese-based jihadist

entities (which serves the interests of the US) is to establish a Islamic caliphate extending into Western China. ([Michel Chossudovsky, America's War on Terrorism, Global Research, Montreal, 2005, Chapter 2](#)).

Flashback to 1979: The History of Al Qaeda

The US has supported Al Qaeda and its affiliated organizations for more than thirty years: [since the heyday of the Soviet Afghan war](#).

[CIA training camps were set up in Pakistan](#), in liaison with Pakistan's Inter-Services-Intelligence (ISI). In the ten year period from 1982 to 1992, [some 35,000 jihadists from 43 Islamic countries were recruited](#) by the CIA to fight in the Afghan jihad.

“Advertisements, paid for from CIA funds, were placed in newspapers and newsletters around the world offering inducements and motivations to join the Jihad.”

Lest we forget, Osama bin Laden, America's bogymen and founder of Al Qaeda [was recruited by the CIA in 1979](#) at the very outset of the US sponsored jihadist war against Afghanistan . He was 22 years old and was indoctrinated in a CIA sponsored guerilla training camp. Al Qaeda was a creation of US intelligence, which was put together with the support of Pakistani and Saudi intelligence:

“[I]t was the government of the United States which supported Pakistani dictator General Zia-ul Haq in creating thousands of religious schools from which the germs of Taliban emerged.” (Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA), RAWA Statement on the Terrorist Attacks In the US, Centre for Research on Globalisation (CRG), <http://globalresearch.ca/articles/RAW109A.html> , 16 September 2001)

Since the Carter Administration, Washington has supported the Islamic terror network

Ronald Reagan called the terrorists “freedom fighters”. The US supplied weapons to the Islamic brigades. It was all for “a good cause”: fighting the Soviet Union and regime change, leading to the demise of a secular government in Afghanistan.



Ronald Reagan meets Afghan Mujahideen Commanders at the White House in 1985 ([Reagan Archives](#))



Front row, from left: Major Gen. Hamid Gul, director general of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate (ISI), **Director of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) William Webster**; **Deputy Director for Operations Clair George**; an ISI colonel; and senior CIA official, Milt Bearden at a Mujahideen training camp in the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan in 1987. (source RAWA)

Religious schools were generously funded by the US. [Jihadist textbooks were published by the University of Nebraska](#). According to the [Washington Post \(2002 report\)](#):

... the United States spent millions of dollars to supply Afghan schoolchildren with textbooks filled with violent images and

militant Islamic teachings, part of covert attempts to spur resistance to the Soviet occupation.

The primers, which were filled with talk of jihad and featured drawings of guns, bullets, soldiers and mines, have served since then as the Afghan school system's core curriculum. Even the Taliban used the American-produced books...



Picture above is translated as follows: "Jihad - Often many different wars and conflicts arise among people, which cause material damages and loss of human life. If these wars and disputes occur among people for the sake of community, nation, territory, or even because of verbal differences, and for the sake of progress..."

This page is from a third-grade language arts textbook dating from the mujahidin period. A copy of the book was purchased new in Kabul in May 2000.

According to the [Council on Foreign Relations](#) in the wake of the US 2001 invasion, "New madrassas sprouted, funded and supported by Saudi Arabia and U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, where students were encouraged to join the Afghan resistance.

The CIA led war on Afghanistan largely contributed to destroying secular education. The number of CIA sponsored religious schools (madrassas) increased from 2,500 in 1980 to over 39,000 [in 2001]. (Michel Chossudovsky, [9/11 ANALYSIS: From Ronald Reagan and the Soviet-Afghan War to George W Bush and September 11, 2001](#), Global Research, September 09, 2010)

Washington's Agenda: Destabilize Secular Institutions. Install an Islamic State in Afghanistan. The Role of the Wahhabi Missions

US military intervention in Afghanistan in the 1980s was supported by the Wahhabi missionaries out of Saudi Arabia, who trained the Taliban ('graduates') in the CIA sponsored madrassas (schools) in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Wahhabi doctrine would not have spread in the way it did without the support of US intelligence.

Saudi Arabia worked closely with Washington in recruiting the Mujahideen (holy warriors) to fight against the Soviet Union. The Saudi monarchy enlisted the support of the religious authorities. Confirmed by the Afghan Project (<http://nsarchive.chadwyck.com/afintro.htm>), which has collected hundreds of CIA and State Department documents, cables and memoranda, the CIA developed from the late 1970s, ties with a number of Islamic organizations. The objective was to use "Islamic fundamentalist" doctrine to unseat secular governments and install an Islamic proxy State.

Saudi Arabia and the Bush Family links to Bin Laden and Al Qaeda: The State Sponsors of Terrorism

George W. Bush and the late King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia

The late Saudi King Abdullah was known to have supported and financed Al Qaeda in liaison with the Washington. Saudi intelligence played a key role in this regard.

The House of Saud provided and continues to provide financial aid to the terrorists. And so does the bin Laden family. According to [The Washington based CATO Institute](#) (November



2001) Saudi Arabia is a "prime sponsor of terrorism".

The U.S. government has warned that it will treat regimes that harbor or assist terrorist organizations the same way that it treats the organizations themselves. Yet if Washington is serious about that policy, **it ought to regard Saudi Arabia as a State sponsor of international terrorism.** Indeed, that country should have been included for years on the

U.S. State Department's annual list of governments guilty of sponsoring terrorism.

Image right: George W. Bush and the late King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia

The Insidious Relationship between the Bush and bin Laden Families

Now let us turn our attention to the relationship between the Bush and bin Laden families.

The Bushes and bin Ladens are long-time friends. This relationship goes back to George H. W. Bush, who served as head of the CIA in the Ford administration, before becoming Vice President under the Reagan administration and President of the United States (1989-1993).

George W. Bush Junior had business dealings in the oil industry dating back to the late 1970s, at the time when his father Bush Senior was head of the CIA

The Bush-bin Laden Relationship: Flash Forward to September 10, 2001

Despite his family ties and links to the Royal Saudi household, Osama bin Laden was officially considered "a disgrace" to members of the bin Laden family, who reluctantly provided him with "pocket money", which was used to develop Al Qaeda (The Base). He was referred to as a "Black Sheep".

Its all part of a "good guys project" of going after Osama, the "Black Sheep", and waging the "Global War on Terrorism".

There is nothing wrong, therefore, in socializing and doing business with family members of terror mastermind Osama bin Laden, including the late Salem bin Laden and Shafiq bin Laden of the Carlyle Group.

Flash Forward to September 10, 2001. The Bush-bin Laden Relationship prevails. Confirmed by the Washington Post, "fellow investors" of the Carlyle Group Osama's brother **Shafiq bin Laden** and former President H.G.W. Bush met at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on September 10, 2001, one day before 9/11,

It didn't help that as the World Trade Center burned on Sept. 11, 2001, the news interrupted a Carlyle business conference at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel here attended by a brother of Osama bin Laden [Shafiq bin Laden]. Former president Bush [senior, see image below], a fellow investor, had been with him at the conference the previous day. (Greg Schneider, Pairing the Powerful With the Rich, Washington Post, March 16, 2003)

Lest we forget, Osama bin Laden was the alleged architect of the 9/11 attacks, yet his brother **Shafiq bin Laden** was meeting up with the presidents's dad, former president George H. W. Bush on September 10, 2001.

A day later, on the evening of September 11, 2001, president George W. Bush pronounced a historic speech in which he defined the relationship between "terrorists' and "state sponsors of terrorism":

The search is underway for those who are behind these evil acts. I've directed the full resources of our intelligence and law enforcement communities to find those responsible and to bring them to justice. We will make no distinction

between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them.

Needless to say Osama's brother Shafiq and members of the bin Laden family were flown out of Washington in government planes in the immediate wake of 9/11.

Al Qaeda and The Islamic State

U.S. sponsored Al Qaeda terror brigades (covertly supported by Western intelligence since the 1980s) have been deployed in Mali, Niger, Nigeria, the Central African Republic, Somalia and Yemen. Al Qaeda affiliated organizations have also been deployed in several Asian countries including China and Indonesia.

"The Global War on Terrorism" (GWOT) builds upon the history of CIA supported terrorism since the heyday of the Soviet-Afghan war. What has unfolded is a vast network of Al Qaeda affiliated entities supported covertly by US intelligence, extending from Central Asia the Middle East into South East Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

Libya 2011

We will recall that the alleged "pro-democracy" rebels in Libya (2011) were led by Al Qaeda paramilitary brigades integrated by NATO Special forces. The "Liberation" of Tripoli was carried out by "former" members of the Libya Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG). The jihadists and NATO worked hand in glove. These "former" Al Qaeda affiliated brigades were the backbone of the "pro-democracy" rebellion against Moahamar Gaddafi.

The commander of the assault on Tripoli was Abdel Hakim Belhadj, (also known as Abu Abdullah al-Sadeq, Hakim al-Hasidi), who was recruited by the CIA in Afghanistan in the 1980s. He had been entrusted, with NATO's approval, ([according to CNN](#)) of:

"one of the most powerful rebel brigades in Tripoli [which] took charge of successful rebel efforts ... to storm Gadhafi's Bab al-Azziziyah compound, further bolstering his prominent position in rebel ranks. ...

"[Belhadj] was a well-known figure in the jihadist movement. He fought the Soviet-backed government in Afghanistan and helped found [with the support of the CIA, M.Ch.] the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group there." ([CNN](#), August 11, 2011)

But Belhadj, according to CNN has repented. He is no longer a terrorist (i.e. a "bad guy") "but a powerful voice against Al Qaeda's terrorism".

"In 2009, Sadeeq [BelHadj] and other senior LIFG leaders **formally repudiated al Qaeda style terrorism** and disbanded their campaign to overthrow the Libyan regime.

The breakthrough was the result of a two-year dialogue with the regime brokered by Benotman [a former LIFG commander now in the employ of the London based Quilliam Foundation with a mandate in conflict resolution. CNN interviewed leading figures of the LIFG in Abu Salim prison in Tripoli in September 2009, shortly before the group's leaders were released. Although they were then behind prison bars, the

leaders' disavowal of violence appeared genuine. (Ibid)

Guess What? Confirmed by media reports, the illustrious pro-democracy former LIFG leader Abdelhakim Belhadj (alias Sadeeq), who worked in close liaison with US-NATO in 2011 has now (February 2015) joined the leadership of the Islamic State in Libya, thereby facilitating the extension of the Islamic State project into the Maghreb, on behalf of his US-NATO sponsors:

If Belhadj has gone over to Islamic State, it will represent a major boost to Islamic State's efforts to co-opt and bring in Libya's existing jihadist forces under their banner, which now reportedly includes as many as 3,000 fighters. Belhadj's forces play a significant role in the Islamist "Libyan Dawn" coalition (which includes the Muslim Brotherhood and al Qaeda's Ansar al-Sharia), which currently holds Tripoli, and which claims to be the rightful government in opposition to the U.N. recognized government of Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni. ([Washington Times](#) , March 3, 2015)

Mali 2013

Similarly, **Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM)**, an entity involved in terrorist attacks in 2013 in Mali traces origins back to the CIA sponsored al Qaeda insurgency in Afghanistan. AQIM also has ties to the LIFG. According to the Washington based Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)

"Most of AQIM's major leaders are believed to have trained in Afghanistan during the 1979-1989 war against the Soviets as part of a group of North African volunteers known as "Afghan Arabs" that returned to the region and radicalized Islamist movements in the years that followed. ([Council on Foreign Relations, Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, cfr.org](#), undated)

What the CFR report fails to mention is that the leaders of AQIM were trained as part of the CIA initiative launched in 1979 under the Carter administration.

The State Sponsors of Terrorism: US, NATO, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Israel

With regard to **The Islamic State (ISIS)** which is now in the limelight, it is categorized as enemy Number One of America, it was originally an Al Qaeda affiliated entity created by US intelligence with the support of Britain's MI6, Israel's Mossad, Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and Saudi Arabia's General Intelligence Presidency (GIP), Ri'āsat Al-Istikhbārāt Al-'Āmah (رئاسة الاستخبارات العامة).

In relation to the Syrian insurgency, **the Islamic State fighters together with the Al Qaeda affiliated jihadist forces of the Al Nusra Front are the foot soldiers of the Western military alliance.** They are covertly supported by US-NATO-Israel. Their mandate is to wage a terrorist insurgency against the government of Bashar al-Assad. The atrocities committed by Islamic State fighters in Iraq are similar to those committed in Syria. Their unspoken mandate is to wreck havoc and destruction in Syria and Iraq, acting on behalf of their US sponsors.



The ISIS brigades were involved in the US-NATO supported insurgency in Syria directed against the government of Bashar al Assad. **NATO and the Turkish High Command were responsible for the recruitment of ISIL and Al Nusra mercenaries** from the outset of the Syrian insurgency in March 2011.

According to Israeli intelligence sources, this initiative consisted in:

“a campaign to enlist thousands of Muslim volunteers in Middle East countries and the Muslim world to fight alongside the Syrian rebels. The Turkish army would house these volunteers, train them and secure their passage into Syria. (DEBKAFfile, NATO to give rebels anti-tank weapons, August 14, 2011.)

There are Western Special Forces and Western intelligence operatives within the ranks of the ISIL. British Special Forces and MI6 have been involved in training jihadist rebels in Syria.

Western military specialists on contract to the Pentagon have trained the ISIS and Al Nusra terrorists in the use of chemical weapons.

“The United States and some European allies are using defense contractors to train Syrian rebels on how to secure chemical weapons stockpiles in Syria, a senior U.S. official and several senior diplomats told CNN Sunday. ([CNN Report](#), December 9, 2012)

According to the State Department Bureau of Counter-terrorism, Jabhat al Nusra, the main rebel force in Syria is a terrorist organization, an affiliate of Al Qaeda in Iraq (AQI).

The State Department has issued a **“prohibition against knowingly providing, or attempting or conspiring to provide, material support or resources to, or engaging in transactions with, al-Nusra Front,** and the freezing of all property and interests in property of the organization that are in the United States, or come within the United States or the control of U.S. persons.” (emphasis added). It is understood that US State Department Counter-terrorism policy also applies to “state sponsors of terrorism”.



Al Nusrah is financed by Turkey, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Israel in close consultation with NATO and the Pentagon.

The Obama administration has openly confirmed its support for the Syrian rebels with most of this aid channeled to Al Nusrah.

US Senator **John McCain is reported to have met up with jihadist terrorist leaders** in Syria. (see picture right)

The Role of Israel: State Sponsor of Al Nusrah and the Islamic State (ISIS)

While theoretically committed to the US-led war on terrorism, the Israeli government of Benjamin Netanyahu quite openly supports al Qaeda. [The Al Nusrah and ISIS terror brigades operate out of the occupied Golan Heights.](#)

Jihadist fighters have met Israeli IDF officers as well as Prime Minister Netanyahu. The IDF top brass acknowledges that **“global jihad elements inside Syria”** [ISIL and Al Nusrah] are supported by State of Israel.



image. “Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Moshe Ya’alon **next to a wounded mercenary**, Israeli military field hospital at the occupied Golan Heights’ border with Syria, 18 February 2014”.

The ISIS’s practice of beheadings is part of the US sponsored terrorist training programs implemented in Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

Recruited by America’s ally, **a large number of ISIS mercenaries are convicted criminals** released [from Saudi prisons on condition they join the ISIL.](#) [Saudi death row inmates were recruited to join the terror brigades.](#)

The Islamic State is routinely funded by the US, invariably through indirect sources. According to a [recent \(January 28, 2015\) report by Pakistan’s Express Tribune](#) (affiliated to the International Herald Tribune and the NYT)

Yousaf al Salafi – allegedly the Pakistan commander of Islamic State (IS) or

Daish – **has confessed during investigations that he has been receiving funds through the United States.**

Law enforcing agencies on January 22 claimed that they arrested al Salafi, along with his two companions, during a joint raid in Lahore. However, sources revealed that al Salafi was actually arrested sometimes in December last year and it was only disclosed on January 22.

“During the investigations, Yousaf al Salafi revealed that **he was getting funding - routed through America - to run the organisation in Pakistan and recruit young people to fight in Syria,**” a source privy to the investigations revealed to Daily Express on the condition of anonymity.

While the stated objective of the Obama administration is to go after the ISIS terrorists, recent reports confirm that US and allied forces are delivering weapons to the Islamic State.

According to the Head of the Iraqi Parliament’s National Security and Defense Committee Hakem al-Zameli, US apache helicopters shot down by Iraqi forces were delivering weapons to the Islamic State (ISIS) rebels:

Last week, Head of the Iraqi Parliament’s National Security and Defense Committee Hakem al-Zameli announced that the helicopters of the US-led anti-ISIL coalition were dropping weapons and foodstuff for the ISIL terrorists in the Southern parts of Tikrit.

He underscored that he had documents and photos showing that the US Apache helicopters airdropped foodstuff and weapons for the ISIL.

On Friday the Iraqi security forces regained control of al-Baghdadi district from the ISIL terrorists.

“Iraqi security forces seized control of al-Shohadaa neighborhood and 13 Daesh (ISIL) militants were killed in the clashes,” Lt. Saoud al-Ibeidi said.

“The Iraqi Parliament’s National Security and Defense Committee has access to the photos of both planes that are British and have crashed while they were carrying weapons for the ISIL,” al-Zameli said, according to a Monday report of the Arabic-language information center of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq.

He said the Iraqi parliament has asked London for explanations in this regard.

The senior Iraqi legislator further unveiled that the government in Baghdad is **receiving daily reports from people and security forces in al-Anbar province on numerous flights by the US-led coalition planes that airdrop weapons and supplies for ISIL in terrorist-held areas.**

The Iraqi lawmaker further noted the cause of such western aids to the terrorist group, and explained that the US prefers a chaotic situation in Anbar Province which is near the cities of Karbala and Baghdad as it does not want the ISIL crisis to come to an end.

Earlier today, a senior Iraqi provincial official lashed out at the western countries and their regional allies for supporting Takfiri terrorists in Iraq, revealing that US and Israeli-made weapons have been discovered from the areas purged of ISIL terrorists.

“We have discovered weapons made in the US, European countries and Israel from the areas liberated from ISIL’s control in Al-Baqdadi

region,” the Al-Ahad news website quoted Head of Al-Anbar Provincial Council Khalaf Tarmouz as saying.

He noted that the weapons made by the European countries and Israel were discovered from the terrorists in the Eastern parts of the city of Ramadi.

Al-Zameli had also disclosed in January that the anti-ISIL coalition’s planes have dropped weapons and foodstuff for the ISIL in Salahuddin, Al-Anbar and Diyala provinces.

Al-Zameli underlined that the coalition is the main cause of ISIL’s survival in Iraq.

“There are proofs and evidence for the US-led coalition’s military aid to ISIL terrorists through air (dropped cargoes),” he told FNA in January.

He noted that the members of his committee have already proved that the US planes have dropped advanced weaponry, including anti-aircraft weapons, for the ISIL, and that it has set up an investigation committee to probe into the matter.

“The US drops weapons for the ISIL on the excuse of not knowing about the whereabouts of the ISIL positions and it is trying to distort the reality with its allegations.

He noted that the committee had collected the data and the evidence provided by eyewitnesses, including Iraqi army officers and the popular forces, and said, “These documents are given to the investigation committee ... and the necessary measures will be taken to protect the Iraqi airspace.”

Also in January, another senior Iraqi legislator reiterated that the US-led coalition is the main cause of ISIL’s survival in Iraq.

“The international coalition is only an excuse for protecting the ISIL and helping the terrorist group with equipment and weapons,” Jome Divan, who is member of the al-Sadr bloc in the Iraqi parliament, said.

He said the coalition’s support for the ISIL is now evident to everyone, and continued, “The coalition has not targeted ISIL’s main positions in Iraq.”

In late December, Iraqi Parliamentary Security and Defense Commission MP disclosed that a US plane supplied the ISIL terrorist organization with arms and ammunition in Salahuddin province.

MP Majid al-Gharawi stated that the available information pointed out that US planes are supplying ISIL organization, not only in Salahuddin province, but also other provinces, Iraq TradeLink reported.

He added that the US and the international coalition are “not serious in fighting against the ISIL organization, because they have the technological power to determine the presence of ISIL gunmen and destroy them in one month”.

Gharawi added that “the US is trying to expand the time of the war against the ISIL to get guarantees from the Iraqi government to have its bases in Mosul and Anbar provinces.”

Salahuddin security commission also disclosed that “unknown planes threw arms and ammunition to the ISIL gunmen Southeast of Tikrit city”.

Also in Late December, a senior Iraqi lawmaker raised doubts about the

seriousness of the anti-ISIL coalition led by the US, and said that the terrorist group still received aids dropped by unidentified aircraft.

“The international coalition is not serious about air strikes on ISIL terrorists and is even seeking to take out the popular (voluntary) forces from the battlefield against the Takfiris so that the problem with ISIL remains unsolved in the near future,” Nahlah al-Hababi told FNA.

“The ISIL terrorists are still receiving aids from unidentified fighter jets in Iraq and Syria,” she added.

Hababi said that the coalition’s precise airstrikes are launched only in those areas where the Kurdish Pishmarga forces are present, while military strikes in other regions are not so much precise.

In late December, the US-led coalition dropped aids to the Takfiri militants in an area North of Baghdad.

Field sources in Iraq told al-Manar that the international coalition airplanes dropped aids to the terrorist militants in Balad, an area which lies in Salahuddin province North of Baghdad. ([Fars News](#), February 28, 2015, emphasis added)

Obama’s diabolical crusade against the Islamic State is a Big Lie. While the avowed objective is to “go after” the Islamic state, the evidence confirms unequivocally that the US-NATO military alliance with the support of Israel is protecting the Islamic State.

Concluding Remarks

More than 60 percent of the reserves of crude oil lie in Muslim countries. The Worldwide hate campaign directed against Muslims has a geopolitical and economic dimension. It is part of the Battle for Oil. It consists in demonizing the inhabitants of the countries to which these oil reserves belong. Had these countries been inhabited by Buddhists, US foreign policy would have demonized the Buddhists.

America’s ultimate objective through acts of war and regime change is to take possession, namely to “steal those oil reserves”.

Muslims are accused of supporting terrorism, when the evidence amply confirms that the various terrorist organizations affiliated to Al Qaeda are owned and protected by the CIA, MI6, Mossad, et al.

Osama bin Laden was recruited by the CIA. In intelligence parlance, Al Qaeda is referred to as an “intelligence assets”, which serves US foreign policy interests.

And lest we forget, as documented above, US officials in high office have over the years established direct contacts with the terrorists. not to mention the insidious relationship between the Bush and Bin Laden families.

What has to be achieved:

Without war propaganda and media disinformation, war criminals in high office do not have leg to stand on.

Without the mainstream media’s lies and fabrications, the legitimacy of the “Global War on

Terrorism” would collapse like a deck of cards.

The Criminalization of War is our ultimate goal as formulated by the Kuala Lumpur Initiative to Criminalize War under the helm Tun Mahathir Mohamad.

War is a criminal undertaking under Nuremberg. It is the ultimate “Crime against the Peace”.

Pursuant to the two judgments of the Kuala Lumpur War Crimes Tribunal, the priority of the Kuala Lumpur process is to undermine war propaganda, reveal the media lies, reverse the tide of disinformation and wage a consistent campaign against the corporate media’s half truths, half lies, innuendos and apologies.

Bear in mind, war propaganda is also considered a criminal act under Nuremberg. And legal action against the corporate media should therefore also be contemplated.

The Truth is a powerful instrument.

Counter-propaganda in the form of a mass campaign nationally and internationally constitutes a means of upholding the Truth and breaking the legitimacy of the warmongers in high office.

Peace and a World without war is our ultimate objective.

Indict political leaders for war crimes.

Dismantle the multibillion dollar national intelligence apparatus, which also supports media disinformation.

Uphold 9/11 Truth. Reveal the falsehoods behind 9/11 which are used to demonize Muslims and justify the extended Middle East/Central Asian war under the banner of the “Global War on Terrorism” (GWOT).

Expose how a profit-driven war serves the vested interests of the banks, the defense contractors, the oil giants, the media giants and the biotech conglomerates.

Reorganize the system of international justice which protects the war criminals. Implement the prosecution of war criminals in high office.

Close down the weapons assembly plants and implement the foreclosure of major weapons producers.

Close down all US military bases in the US and around the world.

Develop an antiwar movement within the armed forces and establish bridges between the armed forces and the civilian antiwar movement.

Dismantle the US-sponsored military adventure and its corporate sponsors. Bring home the troops. Forcefully pressure governments of both NATO and non-NATO countries to withdraw from the US-led global military agenda. Call for the Dismantling of NATO.

Develop a consistent antiwar movement in Israel. Inform the citizens of Israel of the likely consequences of a US-NATO-Israeli attack on Iran.

Target the pro-war lobby groups including the pro-Israeli groups in the US.

Dismantle the homeland security state. Repeal the legitimacy of Obama's extrajudicial assassinations. Repeal the drone wars directed against civilians.

Undermine the "militarization of law enforcement".

Reverse the gamut of anti-terrorist legislation in Western countries which is intended to repeal fundamental civil rights.

These are no easy tasks. They require an understanding of the power structure, of hegemonic relations between the military, intelligence, the state structures and corporate powers which are promoting this destructive agenda.

They require a degree of commitment, solidarity and organization at the political and social levels. They require the formation of an effective and all encompassing grassroots structure of networking (nationally and internationally) which confronts the war criminals in high office and their corporate lobbies and sponsors.

Ultimately these power relations must be undermined with a view to changing the course of World history.

As outline in the 2005 Kuala Lumpur declaration under the helm of Tun Mahathir Mohamad: **"peace is the essential condition for the survival and well-being of the human race"**.

The criminalization of war is the avenue to reaching World peace.

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Text of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration to Criminalize War

15 December 2005

☒ THE Kuala Lumpur Global Peace Forum of concerned peoples from all five continents

UNITED in the belief that peace is the essential condition for the survival and well-being of the human race,

DETERMINED to promote peace and save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

OUTRAGED over the frequent resort to war in the settlement of disputes between nations,

DISTURBED that militarists are preparing for more wars,

TROUBLED that use of armed force increases insecurity for all,

TERRIFIED that the possession of nuclear weapons and the imminent risk of nuclear war will lead to the annihilation of life on earth.

From Left to Right: Francis A.Boyle, Helen Caldicott, Denis J. Halliday, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, Hans-Christof Von Sponeck, Michel Chossudovsky, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf

To achieve peace we now declare that:

1. Wars increasingly involve the killing of innocent people and are, therefore, abhorrent and criminal.
2. Killings in war are as criminal as the killings within societies in times of peace.
3. Since killings in peace time are subject to the domestic law of crime, killings in war must likewise be subject to the international law of crimes. This should be so irrespective of whether these killings in war are authorized or permitted by domestic law.
4. All commercial, financial, industrial and scientific activities that aid and abet war should be criminalised.
5. All national leaders who initiate aggression must be subjected to the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.
6. All nations must strengthen the resolve to accept the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and institute methods to settle international disputes by peaceful means and to renounce war.
7. Armed force shall not be used except when authorised by a Resolution passed by two-thirds majority of the total membership of the General Assembly of the United Nations.
8. All legislators and all members of Government must affirm their belief in peace and pledge to strive for peace.
9. Political parties all over the world must include peace as one of their principal objectives.
10. Non-Governmental Organisations committed to the promotion of peace should be set up in all nations.
11. Public servants and professionals, in particular in the medical, legal, educational and scientific fields, must promote peace and campaign actively against war.
12. The media must actively oppose war and the incitement to war and consciously promote the peaceful settlement of international disputes.
13. Entertainment media must cease to glorify war and violence and should instead cultivate the ethos of peace.
14. All religious leaders must condemn war and promote peace.

To these ends the Forum resolves to establish a permanent Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur to -
IMPLEMENT this Initiative.

OPPOSE policies and programmes that incite war.

SEEK the cooperation of NGOs worldwide to achieve the goals of this Initiative.

Signed by:

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