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American-led imperialism has evolved from bloody bouts of episodic militarism over several decades to the present day state of permanent belligerence, with wars or war-making stretching from North and East Africa into the Middle East and Central Asia and beyond to Eurasia, the Far East and the Arctic. Of most immediate concern are the ongoing American-led war plans within the broader Middle East/Central Asian region involving coordinated actions against Iran, Syria and Pakistan.

We are living in an era hallmarked by “The Globalization of War” conducted by the very states that proclaim to be defenders of democratic rights and international law.

The chief protagonist of this globalized war is the United States of America. The US, along with its allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Britain, France, Canada and Germany among others, as well as an array of proxies – such as the Persian Gulf Arab states – is now emboldened to strike militarily in any region of the world.

War preparations to attack Syria and Iran have been in “an advanced state of readiness” for several years.

US, NATO and Israeli military planners have outlined the contours of a “humanitarian” military campaign, in which Turkey (the second largest military force inside NATO) would play a central role.

We are at dangerous crossroads. Were a US-NATO military operation to be launched against Syria or Iran, the broader Middle East Central Asian region extending from North Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean to the Afghanistan-Pakistan border with China would be engulfed in the turmoil of an extended regional war.

In the face of blatant media disinformation, a “Re-Learning Process” must be launched, which focuses both on the background and history of US led wars as well as on recent developments including US, NATO and Israeli war plans directed against Iran and Syria.

This selection of articles prepared by Global Research purports to dispel the daily flow of media distortion, which presents war as a humanitarian undertaking.

This collection consists of three previously published I-Books (PART I), each of which contains 30 or more chapters on different dimensions of the US led War in the Middle East and Beyond. For the most recent news reports and analysis scroll down to Part II and III, respectively on Syria and Iran.

PART I

History and Background Reading:

Global Warfare, War Plans Pertaining to Iran and Syria



[The Globalization of War: The “Military Roadmap” to World War III](#)

ONLINE INTERACTIVE READER

- by Michel Chossudovsky, Finian Cunningham - 2012-07-14



[WAR PLAN IRAN: Dispelling the Lies, Telling the Truth about Western Aggression in the Persian Gulf](#)

- by Finian Cunningham, Michel Chossudovsky - 2012-03-16

GR ONLINE NEWS READER. The region is on a hair-trigger for a conflagration that would involve nuclear weapons and the collision of global powers...



[SYRIA: NATO’s Next “Humanitarian” War?](#)

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PART II

Syria: Recent News Reports and Analysis



[NATO War Council To Target Syria](#)

- by Rick Rozoff - 2012-06-26

The U.S. and NATO have been itching for a pretext to attack Syria, and Turkey, the only NATO member to border the country, has always been the pretext which would be employed to justify military action against the Arab nation.



[War At Any Cost: Another Manufactured Pretext for War with Syria](#)

- by Eric Draitser - 2012-06-26

The downing of a Turkish jet by the Syrian military last week was not merely a military incident making the possibility of an intervention and regional war much more likely. This episode was the most recent in a long and storied history of “international incidents” or provocations used by imperial powers as pretexts for military aggression. Without such incidents, the forces of imperialism are seen as nothing more than aggressors, out to destroy weaker nations in their own interests. However, with the necessary justifications that such episodes provide, those same powers can portray their wars as justified, necessary, and wholly righteous.



[The Evil of Humanitarian Wars](#)

Iraq, Libya, Syria: “We Have No Right to Play God”. Or Do We?

- by Jonathan Cook - 2012-06-26

In a traditional cowboy movie, we know what to do: we look for the guy wearing the white hat to be sure who to cheer, and for the one wearing the black hat to know who deserves to die, preferably gruesomely, before the credits roll. If Hollywood learnt early to play on these most tribal of emotions, do we doubt that Washington’s political script-writers are any less sophisticated?



[Downed Turkish Fighter Jet is the Result of NATO Aggression, not Syrian Action](#)

- by Finian Cunningham - 2012-06-27



[Bilderberg Plan to Force NATO’s Turkey Into Syrian War](#)

- by Patrick Henningsen - 2012-06-26

Last Friday saw a Turkish combat jet downed in the Mediterranean Sea by Syrian anti-aircraft batteries. Syria insists that Turkey’s F-4 Phantom was shot down inside Syrian airspace. It appears to be a Neo-Ottoman baiting exercise by NATO, and for all intents and purposes, it has worked - so far. Regardless of the facts surrounding this event, the Western media machine and political operators will seek to quickly leverage this event in their efforts to move their inevitable Syrian bombardment project forward.

[BREAKING: The Downing of the Turkish Plane. Syrian Government Press Conference](#)

- 2012-06-25

In a press conference held on Monday, The Syrian government spokesman said that what happened was a blatant violation of Syrian sovereignty according to international law, which is confirmed by facts, information, and the Turkish statements that admitted to the violation of Syrian airspace and territorial waters, regardless of the intents of the aircraft be they reconnaissance or training.



[CONFIRMED: US CIA Arming Terrorists in Syria](#)

- by Tony Cartalucci - 2012-06-22

The West, led by the US and its Gulf State proxies, have been arming terrorists, while berating the Syrian government for “violating” a UN mandated ceasefire and for “failing to

protect” its population.



[Hidden US-Israeli Military Agenda: “Break Syria into Pieces”](#)

- by Prof. Michel Chossudovsky - 2012-06-16

The objective of the US sponsored armed insurgency is -with the help of Israel- to “Break Syria into Pieces”. The “balkanisation of Syria” is to be carried out by fostering sectarian divisions, which will eventually lead to a “civil war” modelled on the former Yugoslavia.



[SYRIA: Cold War II, Edging Closer to a “Hot War”?](#)

Turkish Jet Flying 100 Meters above the Water 1 Mile from Syrian Coast

- by Washington’s Blog - 2012-06-26



[Washington and Ankara Intelligence Op? Syria Blamed for Turkish Provocation](#)

- by Stephen Lendman - 2012-06-26



[Social Networking, Military Expeditions and America’s Holy Crusade](#)

- by Felicity Arbuthnot - 2012-06-25

“Crusade: Medieval military expeditions undertaken by the Christian powers ... to recapture the Holy Land from the Muslims.”

PART III

Iran: Recent News Reports and Analysis



[Obama’s October Surprise: Largest War Games in US-Israeli History](#)

- by Richard Silverstein - 2012-06-27

These will be the largest such military maneuvers in the history of the joint U.S.-Israel relationship. Three thousand U.S. Air Force personnel and a larger IDF contingent will focus on air warfare and missile defense. The primary goal is to prepare for the aftermath of an Israeli attack on Iran and the expected counterattack against Israel.



[The Possibility of a US War with Iran is Escalating very Rapidly](#)

- by Michael Carmichael - 2012-06-22

The Obama administration is under tremendous pressure from many ill-advised Democratic members of Congress to abandon diplomacy with Iran and follow a path that would make war inevitable in the near term...



[CONFRONTING IRAN, “PROTECTING ISRAEL”: The Real Reason for America’s War on Syria](#)

- by Prof. Michel Chossudovsky - 2012-06-08

“Coming to the rescue of the Syrian people” under a fake “humanitarian” R2P mandate is intended to destabilize Syria as a Nation State, weaken Iran and enable Israel to extend its

influence throughout the region.



["Netanyahu has decided to attack Iran before the U.S. Elections in November."](#)

- by Michael Carmichael - 2012-06-24

Netanyahu's major backer, Sheldon Adelson, is now firmly behind Mitt Romney, and they are known to believe that an Israeli attack on Iran in September or October will displace Obama and many dovish Democrats in Congress and establish a hawkish regime in Washington.



[US Sponsored Terrorists: The Menacing Plots of the Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization \(MKO\) against Iran](#)

- by Kourosh Ziabari - 2012-06-24

The ill-omened, inauspicious plots of the terrorist gang Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization against Iran seem to have no end. The recent letter signed by 44 U.S. Senators addressed to President Obama in which it was implied that time for diplomacy with Iran is over and other options to deal with Iran's nuclear program should be considered to be a magnum opus of MKO.

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