

Trump Skips Saudis in “Anti-Terror” Sweep

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The Washington Post in its recent article, [“Trump orders ISIS plan, talks with Putin and gives Bannon national security role,”](#) attempts to portray US President Donald Trump’s recent moves as “anti-terror” in nature.

In particular, the Washington Post states:

President Trump on Saturday ordered the Pentagon to devise a strategy to defeat the Islamic State and restructured the National Security Council to include his controversial top political adviser as he forged a partnership with Russian President Vladimir Putin in their first official phone call.



While the Washington Post attempts to further divide and distract Americans with implications of a pro-Russian stance by the new US administration, the paper skips past crucial aspects of President Trump’s “ISIS plan.”

The Post continues, stating:

Even prior to the memo, military officials had been at work developing potential actions for Trump and Defense Secretary James Mattis to consider. Those include potentially deploying additional advisers to Iraq and Syria, allowing U.S. military personnel to accompany local forces closer to the front lines, and delegating greater decision-making power to field commanders.

However, fighting terrorists downstream from their state sponsors is a losing battle. In US commander of US Forces Afghanistan General John Nicholson's [December 2016 briefing](#) on the continued US occupation of Afghanistan, he repeatedly noted the difficulties of defeating militants in the Central Asian state due to support and safe havens they enjoyed in neighboring states, including Pakistan.

General Nicholson, of course, was referring to the Taliban, not Al Qaeda or the so-called "Islamic State" (ISIS). These two terrorist organizations may have networks extending into Pakistan and elsewhere, but by both President Trump's own National Security Adviser Michael Flynn's admission - as revealed in a leaked 2012 Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) memo - and even by Trump's 2016 presidential opponent, Hillary Clinton's acknowledgement in leaked e-mails - Saudi Arabia and Qatar are the premier state sponsors of these two notorious terrorist networks - since their inception.

B. THE OPPOSITION FORCES WILL TRY TO USE THE IRAQI TERRITORY AS A SAFE HAVEN FOR ITS FORCES TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SYMPATHY OF THE IRAQI BORDER POPULATION, MEANWHILE TRYING TO RECRUIT FIGHTERS AND TRAIN THEM ON THE IRAQI SIDE, IN ADDITION TO HARBORING REFUGEES (SYRIA).

C. IF THE SITUATION UNRAVELS THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A DECLARED OR UNDECLARED SALAFIST PRINCIPALITY IN EASTERN SYRIA (HASAKA AND DER ZOR), AND THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE SUPPORTING POWERS TO THE OPPOSITION WANT, IN ORDER TO ISOLATE THE SYRIAN REGIME, WHICH IS CONSIDERED THE STRATEGIC DEPTH OF THE SHIA EXPANSION (IRAQ AND IRAN).

B. THE SALAFIST, THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD, AND AQI ARE THE MAJOR FORCES DRIVING THE INSURGENCY IN SYRIA.

C. THE WEST, GULF COUNTRIES, AND TURKEY SUPPORT THE OPPOSITION; WHILE RUSSIA, CHINA, AND IRAN SUPPORT THE REGIME.

(b)(1) Sec. 1.4 (c),(b)(1) Sec. 1.4 (d)




It should also be noted that not only did the 2012 DIA memo reveal Saudi Arabia and Qatar as state sponsors seeking the rise of what it at the time called a "Salafist principality," but it also included the United States, Europe, and Turkey as seeking such an adversary with which to "isolate" the Syrian government.

Tough Talk - No Action

Supporters of President Trump continuously refer concerned analysts to a Twitter exchange Trump had with Saudi businessman and member of the ruling Saud family, Al-Waleed bin Talal. In it, Trump proclaimed:

Dopey Prince @Alwaleed_Talal wants to control our U.S. politicians with daddy's money. Can't do it when I get elected. #Trump2016

Yet, now as US president, signing off on multiple, intentionally distracting and controversial executive orders – including one targeting migrants from seven majority Muslim nations the US and Saudi Arabia jointly destroyed over the past 20 years, mention of Saudi Arabia and the role it has played in sponsoring terrorism worldwide is absent.



The image is a screenshot of a tweet from Donald J. Trump. At the top left is a profile picture of Donald Trump, followed by his name "Donald J. Trump" with a verified badge and his handle "@realDonaldTrump". To the right is a "Follow" button with a dropdown arrow. The tweet text reads: "Dopey Prince @Alwaleed_Talal wants to control our U.S. politicians with daddy's money. Can't do it when I get elected. #Trump2016". Below the text are statistics: "RETWEETS 12,094" and "LIKES 14,535". A row of profile pictures of users who interacted with the tweet is shown below the statistics. At the bottom left, the timestamp "10:53 AM - 12 Dec 2015" is visible. Below the timestamp are icons for replies (3.8K), retweets (12K), and likes (15K).

Like all politicians and every US president before Donald Trump, talk is cheap – used to target and manipulate the weakest minds among any nation's population. Action, however, is more difficult to manifest among deficient and/or dishonest politicians and political parties.

That President Trump is continuing America's partnership in terror with Saudi Arabia should be of no surprise to the public. Trump – even during his presidential campaign last year – surrounded himself with Bush-era Neo-Conservatives and policymakers, corporate-financier elitists, and the right-wing counterparts of the corporate media, including those elements cleverly disguised as "alternative media" such as Breitbart News.

Objective adults weigh words against actions. Across the West, however, both President Trump's opponents and supporters appear mesmerized by his words, and entirely oblivious to both his actions and their implications.

For President Trump's actions to match his words – US military, political, and financial support for the regimes in Riyadh and Doha would by necessity need to end. The exposure and sanctioning of Saudi-Qatari terrorism, including those Western interests who used both nations as proxies to wage war in Syria, Libya, Iraq, and beyond, would also by necessity be required.

The likelihood of President Trump doing any of this is nonexistent. For the public, instead of being pulled into the rhetorical black hole the Western corporate media is intentionally creating, identifying the corporate-financier special interests driving this US-EU-Gulf collaboration, exposing them, then isolating and entirely replacing them must take priority.

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