

Trump Wants Regime Change in Syria, Extended US Led Wars in Yemen, Afghanistan, South Sudan

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In March 2011, Obama launched war on Syria to destroy its sovereignty and replace Assad with pro-Western puppet rule.

Trump upped the stakes. He escalated war, increased US terror-bombing, and doubled the number of US forces on the ground ahead of likely larger numbers coming.

His hugely dangerous war plan risks direct confrontation with Russia. Instead of governing responsibly, he's recklessly risking possible nuclear war in the Middle East and on the Korean peninsula.

In northern Syria, hundreds of thousands of civilians are threatened by US terror-bombing – targeting infrastructure and government sites on the phony pretext of combating ISIS America created and supports.

On Monday, UN Secretary-General **Antonio Guterres**' spokesman **Staphane Dujarric** issued a <u>briefing</u> on catastrophic humanitarian conditions in Yemen, Mosul, Afghanistan, South Sudan, and the safety of over 400,000 Syrians in Raqqa.

Around 10 million Yemenis

"require immediate assistance to save or sustain their lives," he stressed. The country is "the largest food security emergency in the world...on the brink of (catastrophic) famine."

Fighting and terror-bombing of Mosul continues, up to 400,000 displaced so far – in desperate need of aid. The lives and welfare of around two million Iraqis are endangered by ongoing conflict. The civilian death toll keeps mounting.

"(D)etainees in Afghanistan continue to face torture and ill-treatment in government detention facilities."

America's longest war continues endlessly with no prospect for resolution.

In South Sudan,

"lack of accountability for crimes perpetrated during the conflict remains one of the country's biggest challenges."

Syrians in and around Raqqa are exposed to daily ground fighting and US-led terrorbombing – including against infrastructure, hospitals, schools, mosques, markets and residential areas.

Unknown numbers of civilians are being killed daily, perhaps thousands before the campaign ends.

According to Dujarric,

"(i)n past weeks, civilians have been exposed to daily fighting and airstrikes which resulted in an escalating number of civilian deaths and injuries..."

"Some 39,000 (were) newly displaced," most in open areas without shelter or protection from fighting and bombing. Desperate people are without humanitarian aid.

Russia's intervention in Syria improved conditions greatly for its people – liberated from hundreds of areas previously controlled by US-supported terrorists, provided with humanitarian aid by Moscow and Syria to sustain them.

Separately on Monday, the US Treasury Department announced sanctions on 271 Syrian Scientific Studies and Research Center personnel – on the phony pretext of involvement in chemical weapons development.

Washington holds them responsible for developing the toxic agent used in Kahn Sheikhoun on April 4 – an incident Syria had nothing to do with, a false flag irresponsibly blamed on its military and **Bashar al-Assad**.

Last Friday, **Sergey Lavrov** said Russia's call for an independent, unbiased on-site investigation was "blocked by Western delegations without any explanations."

"(O)bvious false information" is being used by America and its rogue allies to topple Assad – likely by escalated war, involving larger numbers of US forces.

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