

# Turkey is a Pawn on the Chessboard for US-NATO War against Russia

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*"In politics, nothing happens by accident. If it happens, you can bet it was planned that way", U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt*

*Turkey's provocation towards Russia is not surprising at all. Washington's Fingerprints are at the Scene of the Crime. Let's consider the facts. Syrian government forces along with Russia have turned the tide against ISIS. It is a known fact that the U.S., France, the U.K., Turkey, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Qatar had been arming, funding, training or provided safe havens for ISIS at some point in time. Turkey was implicated in a 2012 Reuters report stating that "Turkey has set up a secret base with allies Saudi Arabia and Qatar to direct vital military and communications aid to Syria's rebels from a city near the border." The report also said:*

*News of the clandestine Middle East-run "nerve centre" working to topple Syrian President Bashar al-Assad underlines the extent to which Western powers - who played a key role in unseating Muammar Gaddafi in Libya - have avoided military involvement so far in Syria. "It's the Turks who are militarily controlling it. Turkey is the main coordinator/facilitator. Think of a triangle, with Turkey at the top and Saudi Arabia and Qatar at the bottom," said a Doha-based source*

*"It's the Turk's" who are controlling the situation in Syria under Washington's direction in an attempt to remove Assad. Now Turkey shot down a Russian SU-24 fighter jet because it claims that it violated its airspace. One important fact to consider is that Turkey created a "buffer zone" five miles inside Syria since 2012, a McClatchydc.com report said:*

*Turkey has maintained a buffer zone five miles inside Syria since June 2012, when a Syrian air defense missile shot down a Turkish fighter plane that had strayed into Syrian airspace. Under revised rules of engagement put in effect then, the Turkish air force would evaluate any target coming within five miles of the Turkish border as an enemy and act accordingly*

Creating a buffer zone five miles inside Syria will of course will lead to confrontations between Russian and Turkish fighter jets along the border. Ankara can know claim its airspace (five miles from the actual Turkish border) has been violated. An article titled '*Russia "Violated" Turkish Airspace Because Turkey "Moved" Its Border*' details Turkey's border policies produced by the Free Syrian Press and published by Global Research.

**Turkey Warned Russia about Violating it's newly "Created Airspace"**

Threats made by Turkey against Russia became the norm on the main-stream media circuits preparing for the eventuality. On October 6th, a report by Reuters confirmed Turkish President Erdogan's warning to Russia if it violated its airspace:

"Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan warned Russia on Tuesday that it would lose a lot if it destroyed its friendship with Ankara and said Turkey would not remain patient in the face of violations of its air space by Russian warplanes. "An attack on Turkey means an attack on NATO," Erdogan told a joint news conference in Brussels with the Belgian prime minister. "Our positive relationship with Russia is known. But if Russia loses a friend like Turkey, with whom it has been cooperating on many issues, it will lose a lot, and it should know that," he said

A report by Foreign Policy titled '*Turkey Slams Russia for Syria Attacks, Warns Could Sever Energy Ties*' on October 8th regarding Erdogan's warnings that concern energy cooperation since Russia intervened on the side of the Syrian government against anti-Assad forces:

"We can't accept the current situation," Erdogan told Turkish reporters on his way to Japan. Russia is using military force to back the regime of Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad and is targeting anti-Assad rebels whom Turkey has backed. And Russian jets have violated the airspace of Turkey, a NATO member. Such antics, Erdogan said, could drive Turkey to find other energy suppliers. "If necessary, Turkey can get its natural gas from many different places," he said

Russia has been targeting ISIS militants with Syrian government forces on the ground. Washington's failure to remove Assad by backing ISIS (moderate rebels) would be quick and decisive but it was not. ISIS has grown. Washington is now pushing Ankara into a conflict with Russia to disrupt Russia's success. Since the SU-24 was shot down, Ankara can now say conveniently "*I told you so.*"

### **Turkey and its Past Genocidal History**

Turkey is a U.S. vassal state and a former empire (Ottoman and the Byzantine Empires) and the 3rd largest buyer of U.S. weapons behind Saudi Arabia and India (a U.S. made F-16 was used to shoot down a Russian 'Sukhoi SU-24) in 2014 according Bloomberg news. The shooting down of Russian aircraft because it allegedly crossed into Turkish borders for 17 seconds while Turkey has entered Greek airspace more than 8,693 times since 2008 although Turkey is a member state of NATO. A 2014 chart produced by the *University of Thessaly* from data obtained from the Greek military proves the number of violations below:

✘ Turkey is no stranger to aggression. Under the Ottoman Empire the 'Armenian genocide of 1915' took place killing more than 1.5 million Armenians and other minority groups including Assyrians and the Ottoman-Greeks. Turkey has committed numerous human rights abuses of various minorities. There has been conflicts for more than two centuries between the Turkish government and various Kurdish groups (a minority group) who want an independent Kurdistan or an autonomous state within Turkey that will allow political and civil rights for the Kurdish people. One of the main groups is the Kurdistan Workers' Party known as the PKK has been at odds with Turkey due to cultural discrimination and large scale massacres since the establishment of Turkey in 1923.

Greece and Turkey have fought multiple wars and had disputes over Cyprus territory since

the 1950's which escalated in 1974 when Turkey invaded Cyprus after the Cypriot coup d'état led by the US-backed Greek Junta and the Cypriot National Guard that resulted in acquiring 40% of the land and expelled more than 180,000 Greek Cypriots despite objections from the UN security council. A ceasefire line was established in August 1974 which became the United Nations Buffer Zone referred to today as the Green Line. What was the reason behind Turkey's invasion? To restore the constitution of the Republic of Cyprus that was dismantled by the coup plotters and for the protection of Turkish-Cypriot minority on the island, which was less than 18% of the population. But in reality, as illegal the coup was, it was used as a pretext to justify their invasion. In other words, the Turkish government has its own dirty hands in international affairs for a very long time.

### **What Happens Next?**

Turkey has supported ISIS on behalf of Washington's strategic goal to oust Assad and has been profiting from Syria's stolen oil. Turkey follows the dictates of Washington. Turkey shot down a Russian SU-24 to provoke Russia into a war with NATO who is under Washington's control. It is certain that Turkey got its green light from the Obama administration. Putin said "Turkey stabbed Russia in the back." Of course, what did Putin expect from a US vassal state? Good relations in terms of trade and tourism do not matter. Besides the European Union followed Washington's lead to sanction Russian businesses which has angered Europeans who actually do business with Russia. The consequences of Washington's policies have backfired for the European Union, now businesses have been in decline since then.

It seems like the Turkish political elites can trace their DNA to the old days of the Ottoman Empire. Maybe they want to reestablish a mini-empire right next to Israel's mini-empire supported by Washington. It will become a grave mistake for Turkey if a conflict against Russia with NATO's backing were to take place, which I doubt at this point in time. Russia is a world power that has one very important factor on its side and that is fighting numerous terrorist organizations that was created by the West and its criminal allies. Ankara is clearly on the wrong side of history and should reconsider its foreign policy that could drag its nation into World War III orchestrated by Washington.

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