

U.S. Forces Failed Attempts to Seize Territory in Southern Syria. U.S. Backed Al Qaeda Fighter Fleeing from SAA Forces

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*On June 25th, **U.S.-aided fighters in southern Syria were fleeing from the Syrian Government's Army**, southward toward U.S.-allied Israeli-controlled areas in the Golan Heights and toward America's ally Jordan; and, according to [the AP's news-report](#), "The majority of these rebels in southern Syria were U.S- and Jordan backed, although some local al-Qaida-linked militants still operate there." [The U.S. has relied heavily upon Al Qaeda in southern Syria, to lead the jihadist groups against Syria's Government, ever since 2012.](#)*

The expectation when **Donald Trump** came into the U.S. White House had been that his predecessor's war to conquer Syria or at least to seize territory there, would end. But Trump instead continues that invasion and occupation of Syria, and he even does so under the very same excuse that Obama had used, which is the 'humanitarian' one, of protecting people against Syria's Government and against ISIS, which is one of the dozens of fundamentalist-Sunni 'rebel' groups of jihadists (ISIS and Al Qaeda being only the most famous ones) who have been brought in from all over the world and financed mainly by the Saudis, and armed and advised mainly by the Americans. They've been fighting to overthrow Syria's Government. The rulers of the U.S., who bombed Iraq and Libya to hell and have done the same to Syria and now also to Yemen, say that their motivation is 'humanitarian'. Even **George W. Bush** did, when he invaded and occupied Iraq in 2003 (but he mainly gave the reason, "Saddam's WMD," which didn't any longer even exist). Somehow, most Americans think that this Government in Washington represents them; but I am an American and I [don't think that the U.S. Government represents the American people](#). It certainly doesn't represent us in Syria.

However, perhaps now, the actual end of the invasion of Syria is, at last, in sight. The commentator "bernhard," who blogs on geostrategy at his "Moon of Alabama" site, headlined on June 22nd, ["Syria - Damascus And Its Allies Prepare To Remove U.S. Forces From Al-Tanf"](#), and he (or she) explained the reasons why the U.S. invaders are now clearly in an untenable military-strategic position in the Syrian war. Basically, it's because, as he(he) states at the end, "The al-Tanf position [U.S. military base in Syria] is indefensible against any larger force. The U.S. forces there can still move out without a fight. If they do not leave voluntarily, force will be used to remove them." On the other hand, a year ago, on 29 June 2017, he/she had headlined ["U.S. Retreats From Al-Tanf - Gives Up on Occupying South East Syria"](#), and that turned out to have been at least a year premature.

The knowledgeable Middle-Eastern commentator, **Abdel Bari Atwan**, headlined, also on June 22nd, ["Syria's Southern Front: The army is determined to retake the area. Israel is](#)

determined to prevent it.” Atwan stated:

“More than 40,000 soldiers have been deployed [by Syria’s Government] in preparation for the southern offensive [by the U.S. and its allies], according to reliable sources, suggesting that a decisive showdown is imminent. It is doubtful that the Syrian army, feeling confident after the battle for Ghouta, would launch such an operation without a green light from its Russian ally, as has been the case in similar instances. This follows the dead-end reached in negotiations between Russia and the US aimed at achieving an acceptable settlement, due to the intransigence of the armed groups, their insistence on all their conditions being met and the support some receive from Israel. It is not in Israel’s interest for these groups to evacuate as their counterparts did in Eastern Ghouta and Aleppo and for the Syrian army to retake control.”

He seems to view Israel as leading the U.S. operation there. This is conceivably true, because everything that Trump has thus far done in the Middle East has served both Israel’s Government and Saudi Arabia’s Government, and both of those Governments have almost identical objectives there. Conceivably, those two Governments together determine what the U.S. Government’s policies in the Middle East will be. And Israel has taken the initiative in Syria, just as the Saudis have taken the initiative in Yemen. But both Israel and the Saudis as well as the U.S. regime want the Saud family to control Syria; in fact, [at the U.N.’s peace-talks, in which the “High Negotiations Committee” negotiates against the Syrian Government, to replace Syria’s Government, the Saud family itself selects who will and who won’t be members of the High Negotiations Committee: the ‘Syrian opposition’ there represents actually the Saud family.](#) (See more on that [here.](#)) So, actually, both Israel’s rulers and America’s rulers are the Saud family’s agents in Syria; they front for the Saudis, regarding Syria-policy.

Atwan concludes:

“Syria continues to defy those who have spent the past seven years conspiring against it. This time, eyes should be turned to its south, where new and shocking surprises may be in store for the Israelis and their allies.”

The U.S. military base at al-Tanf, in Syria on Jordan’s border, is [America’s main training-base for the Saudi-allied ‘rebels’, and has been key to the fundamentalist-Sunni Arabic, outright jihadist, south-Syrian half, of America’s boots-on-the-ground effort](#), to seize Syria, or at least to seize territory (especially oil-producing territory, around Deir Ezzor) in Syria. For decades, the jihadists (supporters of the Saudis’ fundamentalist Sunni form of Islam) have been hoping to oust Syria’s ideologically non-sectarian, decidedly secular, Government, and replace it with a Sunni Sharia-law regime. [Trump’s troops even have been secretly arming ISIS to overthrow the Government.](#) That plan will be crashing down if these ‘rebels’ in Syria’s south fail.

Without this jihadist operation in Syria’s south, all that will remain of the U.S.-led invasion-occupation operation will be the northern part, which relies instead upon anti-(Syrian)-Government Kurds as the U.S. regime’s boots-on-the-ground proxy forces to seize the northern portion of Syrian territory. So, it’s the Saudis’ jihadists in the south, and the Americans’ Kurdish-independence fighters in the north — a pincer between the two, for the U.S. alliance to take all of Syria. But there is increasing doubt that the U.S. coalition will be able to seize and hold either portion, or, ultimately, any part, of Syria.

In other words: if the southern invaders fail, then Syria's oil-producing region, around the city of Deir Ezzor, now contested between these jihadists and Syria's Government, will no longer be in play, and the only function which land-seizure by the U.S. would even possibly serve for the U.S. and its allies, would be for pipeline-construction, in order for oil and gas from Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and possibly other fundamentalist-Sunni-owned countries, to become pipelined through Syria into Europe, so as to replace Russia as the EU's main energy-source. But Turkey's Government won't permit a Syrian Kurdistan, any more than Iraq had permitted success of the U.S. regime's plan for an Iraqi Kurdistan (around Mosul). The big policy-difference between the Turkish Government and the American Government has long been over the U.S. aristocracy's (along with Israel's aristocracy's) desire to use a Kurdistan so as to break up the non-Saudi Arabic countries (such as Syria) in order for Saudi oil and maybe Qatar's (the Thani family's) gas to increase market-share in Europe, so as to decrease Russia's market-share there.

Consequently, (unless 'bernhard' turns out to be wrong about al-Tanf, that "Damascus And Its Allies Prepare To Remove U.S. Forces From Al-Tanf"), Donald Trump finally will have to do what he had always been promising to do: exit from Syria — let the Syrians control Syria. The long effort by the aristocracies of U.S., Saudi Arabia, and Israel — to supplant Russia and its allies, as suppliers of energy and of energy-related services (such as pipeline-construction) to and in the world's largest energy-market, the EU — will have to be abandoned, at least until the CIA and other agencies of the U.S. aristocracy can come up with a different way to squeeze Russia out of the European market. (The U.S. already has been successful at reducing the effectiveness of Russia's gas-pipelines into the EU through Ukraine.) It's not necessarily the end for the American plan, however: a new opportunity (perhaps yet another 'Arab Spring') could emerge — they've been at this ever since [the CIA's second coup, which occurred in Syria in 1949](#), when they took over Syria but their barbarism caused Syria's generals to restore in 1955 the democratically elected Syrian President, whom President Truman's people had assisted some of Syria's generals to overthrow in 1949.

As soon as FDR died in 1945, the imperialist faction in the United States — which has controlled the Republican Party ever since 1865 — quickly came to control also the Democratic Party; so, now, both of America's political Parties are determined that the U.S. aristocracy will control the entire world. World peace is the last thing they want, and if they win it, that would be only 'peace' by force — not democracy.

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