

US-Led NATO, Israel Plotting Escalated Aggression in Syria?

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April 14 US, UK, French aggression in Syria failed to achieve its objective, despite Pentagon claims otherwise.

It did nothing to weaken Syrian military capabilities as intended. It likely backfired.

Enraged by the incident, Russia appears set to supply Syria's military with sophisticated S-300 air defense systems, what it should have done years ago.

They're able to down hostile warplanes and missiles far more effectively than its current defensive capability.

French President Macron is in Washington meeting with Trump, Germany's Merkel to follow later in the week.

Israeli media said US CENTCOM head **General Joseph Votel** visited Israel on Monday - meeting with IDF Chief of Staff **General Gady Eisenkot**, national security adviser **Meir Shabbat**, and other senior defense officials.

Their talks reportedly focused on Syria and Iranian military advisors in Syria, along with Israeli involvement with US-dominated NATO's regional agenda.

Was further aggression in Syria agreed on, given failed April 14 aerial attacks, along with Russia likely intending to supply Syrian forces with S-300 air defense systems?

Reports indicate US-led NATO members may try circumventing Security Council authority by invoking the rarely used 1950 Uniting for Peace Resolution 377, empowering the General Assembly to override SC resolutions on Syria vetoed by Russia.

Res. 377 says the following:

“Resolves that if the Security Council, because of lack of unanimity of the permanent members, fails to exercise its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security in any case where there appears to be a threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression, the General Assembly shall consider the matter immediately with a view to making appropriate recommendations to Members for collective measures, including in the case of a breach of the peace or act of aggression the use of armed force when necessary, to maintain or restore international peace and security.”

Going this route to override SC veto power by one or more of the five permanent members requires a two-thirds General Assembly majority.

Washington and its rogue allies could use Res. 377 to try legitimizing further aggression on Syrian military targets based on alleged CW attacks.

Real and fake CW incidents are falsely blamed on Assad. Washington and its rogue allies used them to launch attacks on Syrian targets.

General Assembly authorization through Res. 377 would make restoring peace and stability further out of reach than already.

Adopted on November 3, 1950, it was used to escalate US-led aggression in North Korea, massacring millions of its people, turning much of the country to smoldering rubble.

US terror-bombing was so intense, pilots exhausted targets to strike. Nearly 30% of the country's population was killed.

Invoking Res. 377 authority on Syria could rape and destroy the country more than already. It would risk direct confrontation with Russia.

Amnesty International reports on Syria disgraced the organization.

Weeks earlier, it shamefully said

“(t)he international community's catastrophic failure to take concrete action to protect the people of Syria has allowed parties to the conflict, most notably the Syrian government, to commit war crimes and crimes against humanity with complete impunity, often with assistance of outside powers, particularly Russia.”

AI disgracefully blames Syria for US-led high crimes committed against the nation and its people.

On Monday, its secretary-general **Ian Martin** shamefully said

“(t)he Russian veto need not be the end of efforts for collective action by the UN,” adding:

“The responsibility of asserting accountability for the use of chemical weapons, and for bringing an end to the horrors of the Syrian conflict, rests with the world community as a whole.”

Was Martin indirectly endorsing further US-led aggression in Syria – based on spurious accusations, falsely claiming government use of CWs?

US-led April 14 attacks on Syrian targets almost surely is prelude for more to come, likely more intense than earlier.

The fate of the nation, its sovereign independence, and security of its people depend heavily on whether Russia no longer intends tolerating US-led aggression in Syria for regime change.

A Final Comment

Overnight, Israel conducted another aerial attack on a Syrian military position near occupied Golan where its forces are combatting ISIS.

On Monday, did CENTCOM head General Votel and Israeli officials agree on further aggression together with US-led NATO allies?

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