

US Supported Death Squads Massacre Syrian Civilians

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On Monday, US cable TV channel lead stories featured junk food news.

BBC led with Syria's refugee crisis. It omitted what viewers most need to know.

Adra's massacre was ignored. Eye witnesses blamed terrorist insurgents.

Adra lies about 20 km northwest of Damascus. Its population numbers about 20,000.

Entire families were murdered in cold blood. Syria's military estimates over 100 died. [Alalam headlined](#) "Adra massacre: Rebels toasted people in bakery ovens."

Death squad invaders bear full responsibility. Some families were kidnapped. Terrorists used them as human shields.

[RT reported](#) government forces targeting Jabhat al-Nusra and Liwa al-Islam fighters. The Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) estimates about 1,000 insurgents attacked Adra.

RT's Arabic correspondent Abutaleb Albohaya said civilian deaths are expected to rise once government forces retake the entire town. They're liberating it house-to-house.

Syrian military sources said numerous "kidnapped families were moved to the area south of Adra in the direction of the town of Douma, which has been the opposition's strategic backland since the start of the Syrian crisis," Albohaya reported.

It's "where the most important rebel fortifications are situated," he added.

Terrorists remain entrenched in parts of Adra. Snipers positioned themselves atop high-rise buildings.

Others are "in areas outside and within the town," Albohaya explained.

On December 16, [SANA headlined](#) "Massacres in Adra ordered by terrorists' supporters."

Prime Minister Wael al-Halqi blamed Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and other countries "suppor(ing) terrorism."

Washington most of all deserves blame. Previous articles explained. Syria is Obama's war. It was planned years ago.

Obama didn't launch it to quit. Assad is more victim than villain. Syrians most of all are harmed.

Assad loyalists are most vulnerable. Their blood is on Obama's hands. Geneva I ended in failure.

Don't expect Geneva II to fare better. It's planned for late January. It's dead on arrival before beginning.

Syria's conflict persists. Washington prioritizes death squad diplomacy. "Salvador Option" rules apply.

They include massacres, torture, and other gruesome atrocities. They largely target innocent men, women, children, infants, the elderly and infirm.

Ravaging Syria continues. On Monday, hundreds of Syrian workers protested in front of UN headquarters in Damascus.

World body officials have done nothing to help them. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is a longstanding imperial tool.

So is UN Human Rights Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay. She disgracefully spurns the mandate she's sworn to uphold.

She wrongfully blames Assad for insurgents' crimes. She does so repeatedly. So does the duplicitous Paulo Pinheiro-led International Commission of Inquiry on Syria (COI).

Malicious misinformation repeats. Fingers point the wrong way. US-backed death squad crimes persist. They include chemical weapons use multiple times.

Obama nearly intervened directly based on lies wrongfully blaming Assad. Overwhelming public opinion stopped him. For how long remains to be seen.

Pretexts are easy to create. False flags reflect longstanding US policy. Public sentiment is manipulated. Waging war depends on selling it.

SANA said Syrian workers "called on the UN, the international Labor organization to immediately and actively intervene at the countries which support the mercenaries in Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Turkey to pressure those terrorists to halt the killing, slaughtering against the Syrian workers in Adra or in any other places."

'Syrians against terrorism and war' strongly condemned massacring civilians in Adra.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov denounced what happened. He called it not first or only terrorist crime committed.

Syrian officials condemned the outrageous duplicity of Western Security Council permanent members.

They did so in identical letters to Ban Ki-moon and Navi Pillay. They cited repeated examples of death squad butchery.

Jabhat al-Nusra, Liwa al-Islam, and the so-called Islamic Front (IF) were blamed. Saudi-backed Zahran Alloush heads IF.

Unconfirmed reports suggest he represents around 45,000 fighters. He may be Syria's

greatest threat. His world view reflects the worst of ideological extremism.

He's militantly anti-Shiite. He calls for removing them from Damascus and other areas. He's waging holy war to do so.

In Adra, terrorists burned homes of state workers. They massacred them in cold blood. They mutilated their bodies. They held others hostage.

Syrian officials warned about the "ruling regime in Saudi Arabia inciting terrorism in violation of relevant international resolutions, and the Saudi officials are bragging, in brazen-faced statements, about providing financial and logistical support to al-Qaeda elements and training them in countries neighboring Syria."

Since conflict erupted in March 2011, Washington, Britain and France actively armed, funded, trained and directed death squad killers.

They continue doing so actively. UN officials wrongfully blame Assad. So do Western media scoundrels.

Adra resident Muhammad Al-Said told RT:

"The situation was terrible - with killing, atrocities, and fear as the background."

"Unidentified armed men came into town, but it was obvious that they were Jabhat al-Nusra militants."

"The worst crime they committed was that they toasted people in ovens used to bake bread when those people came to buy it."

"They kidnapped and beat up many. (They) committed the atrocities so they could place blame on government forces."

Adra residents are "waiting for Syrian troops to save us from the terrorists, who came from other countries."

"Those, who could, fled to Damascus. Some hid in the basement, with infants, the elderly, women, and sick people among them. The situation was really terrible."

Syria's conflict persists without end. New massacres follow earlier ones. Innocent civilians suffer most.

Peace is a convenient illusion. Obama wants Assad ousted. He's going all out to replace him.

Perhaps he intends full-scale intervention in 2014. He continues aiding and abetting death squad invaders.

He abhors peace and stability. Ravaging one country after another reflects it. Iran remains a prime target.

The entire region is vulnerable. So is humanity. Its survival remains very much up for grabs.

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