

Video: Crimes Against Syria

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Introductory Note by Michel Chossudovsky

Today, July 4th, 2023, our thoughts are with the people of Syria.

More than twelve years: At the outset of the US-NATO war on Syria in March 2011, so-called "progressives" supported the so-called "opposition", which was largely made up of Al Qaeda affiliated mercenaries.

A US-NATO led war of aggression was portrayed as a "civil war".

President Bashar Al Assad was casually described as a dictator who is killing his own people. The millions of deaths resulting from US-NATO led wars are not an object of concern.

The anti-war movement died in the wake of the Iraq war (April 2003). Responsibility to Protect (R2P) and counterterrorism prevail.

The war on Syria started more than twelve years ago in Daraa on the 17th of March 2011.

I was in Syria in early 2011. I left the country in early March barely two weeks before the outbreak in Daraa.

Media reports have finally acknowledged that the so-called "protest movement" in Syria was instigated by Washington. This was known and documented from the very inception of the Syrian crisis in March 2011.

It was not a protest movement, it was an armed insurgency integrated by US-Israeli and allied supported "jihadist" death squads?

From Day One, the Islamist "freedom fighters" were supported, trained and equipped by NATO and Turkey's High Command. According to Israeli intelligence sources (Debka, August

14, 2011):

NATO headquarters in Brussels and the Turkish high command are meanwhile drawing up plans for their first military step in Syria, which is to arm the rebels with weapons for combating the tanks and helicopters spearheading the Assad regime's crackdown on dissent. ... NATO strategists are thinking more in terms of pouring large quantities of anti-tank and anti-air rockets, mortars and heavy machine guns into the protest centers for beating back the government armored forces. ([DEBKAfile](#), NATO to give rebels anti-tank weapons, August 14, 2011)

This initiative, which was also supported by Saudi Arabia the UAE and Qatar, involved a process of organized recruitment of thousands of jihadist "freedom fighters", reminiscent of the enlistment of Mujahideen to wage the CIA's jihad (holy war) in the heyday of the Soviet-Afghan war:

Also discussed in Brussels and Ankara, our sources report, is a campaign to enlist thousands of Muslim volunteers in Middle East countries and the Muslim world to fight alongside the Syrian rebels. The Turkish army would house these volunteers, train them and secure their passage into Syria. (Ibid, emphasis added)

These mercenaries were subsequently integrated into US and allied sponsored terrorist organizations including Al Nusra and ISIS.

The Daraa "protest movement" on March 17-18, 2011 had all the appearances of a staged event involving covert support to Islamic terrorists by Mossad and/or Western intelligence.

Government sources pointed to the role of radical Salafist groups (supported by Israel).

In chorus, the Western media described the events in Daraa as a protest movement against Bashar Al Assad.

The US-NATO-Israel agenda consisted in supporting an Al Qaeda affiliated insurgency integrated by death squads and professional snipers. President Bashar al Assad was then blamed for killing his own people.

It is worth noting, that three years later, a similar "false flag" strategy of killing innocent civilians was used during the Ukraine Maidan "protest movement". On February 20th, 2014, professional snipers were shooting at both demonstrators and policemen with a view to accusing president Viktor Yanukovich of "mass murder." This was a coup d'Etat sponsored by the U.S.

The "humanitarian mandate" of the US and its allies is sustained by diabolical "false flag" attacks which consist in killing civilians with a view to breaking the legitimacy of governments which refuse to abide by the diktats of Washington and its allies.

In the Video production below, Independent journalists, witnesses, and Syrians tell the story mainstream media didn't tell about the war on Syria.

Michel Chossudovsky, July 4, 2023

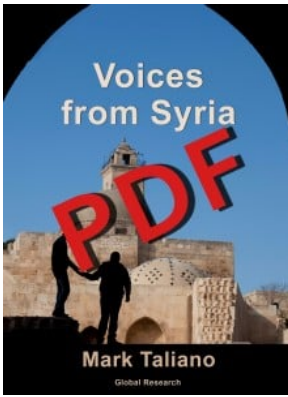


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