

War Criminals in High Office Commemorate the End of World War I

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In a bitter irony, several of the World's leaders who were "peacefully" commemorating the end of World War I in Paris including Trump, Netanyahu, Macron and May are the protagonists of war in Afghanistan, Palestine, Syria, Libya, Iraq and Yemen.

To put it bluntly they are war criminals under international law.

They have blood on their hands.

What on earth are they commemorating?

In the words of Hans Stehling: "As We Honour the 15 Million Dead of 1914-1918, a Demented US President Flies into Paris with Plans to Attack Iran" [with nuclear weapons] (Global Research, November 12, 2018)

Lest we forget: War is the ultimate crime, "The Crime against Peace" as defined under Nuremberg.

The US and its allies have embarked upon **the ultimate war crime**, a Worldwide military adventure, "a long war", which threatens the future of humanity.

The Pentagon's global military design is one of world conquest.

The War to End all Wars???

One hundred years later: What's happening NOW in November 2018?

Major military and covert intelligence operations have been launched in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia and the Far East. The U.S. military agenda combines both major theatre operations as well as covert actions geared towards destabilizing sovereign states, not to mention economic warfare.

In the course of the last seventeen years, starting in the immediate wake of 9/11, a series of US-NATO led wars have been launched: Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Syria, Yemen, resulting in millions of civilian deaths and countless atrocities. These wars have been led by the US and its NATO allies.



It is all for a good cause:

"Responsibility to Protect" (R2P),

"Going after the bad guys",

Waging a "Global War on Terrorism".

It just so happens that "Outside Enemy Number One" Osama bin Laden was recruited by the CIA. And nobody actually denies it.

Image: Osama bin Laden with Carter's National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski (circa 1979)

And the Bush and the Bin Laden families are friends.

Confirmed by the <u>Washington Post</u> Osama's brother **Shafiq bin Laden** was meeting with George W Bush's Dad, **George H. Walker Bush** at a Carlyle business meeting at the Ritz Carleton in New York on September 10, one day before 9/11:

It didn't help that as the World Trade Center burned on Sept. 11, 2001, the news interrupted a Carlyle business conference at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel here attended by a brother of Osama bin Laden. Former president Bush, a fellow investor, had been with him at the conference the previous day. (WaPo, March 16, 2003)

Now does that not sound like a "conspiracy theory"? While Osama was allegedly coordinating the attack on the WTC, his brother Shafiq was meeting up with the President's Dad, according to the Washington Post.

In turn, according to the Wall Street Journal "The bin Laden family has become acquainted with some of the biggest names in the Republican Party..." (WSJ, 27 September 2001)

Here is a rather "believe it or not" concept: if the US were to boost defence spending to go after Osama bin Laden (Enemy Number One), the bin Laden family would benefit so to speak because (in September 2001) they were partners of the Carlyle Group, one the

World's largest asset management companies:

Bin Laden Family Could Profit From a Jump In Defense Spending Due to Ties to U.S. Bank

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If the U.S. boosts defense spending in its quest to stop Osama bin Laden's alleged terrorist activities, there may be one unexpected beneficiary: Mr. bin Laden's family.

Among its far-flung business interests, the well-heeled Saudi Arabian clan -- which says it is estranged from Osama -- is an investor in a fund established by Carlyle Group, a wellconnected Washington merchant bank specializing in buyouts of defense and aerospace companies.

Waging War on The Bad Guys

Amply documented, the "Bad Guys", namely Al Qaeda and its various affiliates including ISIS-Daesh are constructs of Western intelligence (aka so-called "intelligence assets").

In recent developments, the US and Israel are threatening Iran with nuclear weapons. U.S. and NATO ground forces are being deployed in Eastern Europe on Russia's immediate doorstep. In turn, the U.S. is confronting China under the so-called "Pivot to Asia" which was launched during the Obama presidency.

The US also threatens to blow up North Korea with what is described in US military parlance as a "bloody nose operation" which consists in deploying "the more usable" low yield B61-11 mini-nukes which are tagged as "harmless to civilians because the explosion is under ground", according to scientific opinion on contract to the Pentagon.

The B61-11 tactical nuclear weapon has an explosive capacity between one third and twelve times a Hiroshima bomb.



Hiroshima, August 7, 1945

Flashback to August 6, 1945, the first Atomic Bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Up to 100, 000 people were killed in the first seven seconds following the explosion.

But it was "collateral damage": In the words of President Harry Truman:



The world will note that the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, a military base. That was because we wished in this first attack to avoid, insofar as possible, the killing of civilians.

What is at stake is a **global criminal undertaking in defiance of international law**. In the words of the late Nuremberg Prosecutor **William Rockler**:

The United States has discarded pretensions to international legality and decency, and embarked on a course of raw imperialism run amok." (William Rockler, Nuremberg Tribunal prosecutor)

We will recall that the architect of Nuremberg, Supreme Court Justice and Nuremberg Prosecutor **Robert Jackson** said with some hesitation: "We must never forget that the record on which we judge these defendants is the record on which history will judge us tomorrow. To pass these defendants a poisoned chalice is to put it to our own lips as well."

Does this historical statement apply to Donald Trump, Benjamin Netanyahu and Theresa May?

In defiance of Nuremberg, the US and its allies have invoked the conduct of "humanitarian wars" and "counter-terrorism" operations, with a view to installing "democracy" in targeted countries.

And the Western media applauds. War is now routinely heralded in news reports as a peacemaking undertaking.

War becomes peace. Realities are turned upside down.

These lies and fabrications are part of of war propaganda, which also constitutes a criminal undertaking under Nuremberg.

The US-NATO led war applied Worlwide is a criminal endeavor under the disguise of "responsibility to protect" and counter-terrorism. It violates the Nuremberg Charter, the US constitution and the UN charter. According to former chief Nuremberg prosector **Benjamin Ferencz**, in relation to the 2003 invasion of Iraq:

"a prima facie case can be made that the United States is guilty of the supreme crime against humanity — that being an illegal war of aggression against a sovereign nation."

Ferenz was referring to "Crimes against Peace and War" (**Nuremberg Principle VI**): which states the following:

"The crimes hereinafter set out are punishable as crimes under international law:

(a) Crimes against peace:

(i) **Planning, preparation, initiation or waging of a war of aggression** or a war in violation of international treaties, agreements or assurances;

(ii) Participation in a common plan or conspiracy for the accomplishment of any of the acts mentioned under (i).

(b) War crimes:

Violations of the laws or customs of war which include, but are not

limited to, murder, ill-treatment or deportation to slave labor or for any other purpose of civilian population of or in occupied territory; murder or ill-treatment of prisoners of war or persons on the Seas, killing of hostages, plunder of public or private property, wanton destruction of cities, towns, or villages, or devastation not justified by military necessity.

(c) Crimes against humanity:

Murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation and other inhumane acts done against any civilian population, or persecutions on political, racial, or religious grounds, when such acts are done or such persecutions are carried on in execution of or in connection with any crime against peace or any war crime."

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