

Washington Accuses Putin. Russian Airstrikes are Targeting “Our Guys” in Syria: CIA Operatives, Military Advisers, Mercenaries, Special Forces, ... Instead of ISIS Terrorists

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This article was first published in October 2015. Are we gearing up for a war between US-NATO-Turkey-Saudi Arabia and Syria-Russia-Iran?

US-NATO operatives are already on the ground inside Syria. In fact they have been on ground within “opposition” militia from the very outset in March 2011.

Russian Airstrikes are Targeting “Our Guys”:

The Western media quoting US officials has reported that the Russian Air Force is not really targeting ISIS terrorists.

They are targeting CIA sponsored operatives inside Syria.

According to a US official in an interview with [Fox News](#):

‘Putin is deliberately targeting our forces. Our guys are fighting for their lives.’

Moscow is “deliberately targeting” U.S.-backed forces in Syria as part of a military campaign that has killed up to 150 CIA-trained rebels, a U.S. official told Fox News

The claims state that Russia’s apparent mission to destroy ISIS is really a facade, and that their real mission is to kill American assets. (October 14, 2015).

The “Our Guys” category (“fighting for their lives”) not only includes bona fide “moderate terrorists” trained by the Western military alliance, it also includes countless Western military advisers, intelligence agents and mercenaries (often recruited by private security companies) operating on the ground inside Syria since March 2011.

In a bitter twist, by making these accusations directed against Moscow, the Obama Administration candidly acknowledges what has been known from the outset: the presence of Western forces inside Syria in support of Al Qaeda affiliated terrorists. Lest we forget, this constitutes an **undeclared act of war** against a sovereign country in violation of international law (Nuremberg).

Amply documented, from the outset of the Syrian insurgency, Western special forces and covert intelligence agents including British SAS, French Parachutistes, CIA, MI6 and Mossad have integrated rebel ranks. Their activities are not limited to training. They are routinely involved in overseeing the conduct of terrorist operations on the ground together with Turkish and Qatari special forces, as well thousands of mercenaries recruited from Muslim countries:

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By **Deborah Sherwood** / Published 1st January 2012



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This is all going like Libya

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(The SBS operatives referred to above are the British Royal Navy's Special Boat Service (SBS), often recruited from the Royal Marine Commandos)

These foreign forces are also involved in intelligence and logistics as well as terror command operations directed against the government of Bashar Al Assad. They are in permanent communication and liaison through their satellite phones with US, NATO, Turkey and Israel military and intelligence.

Britain secretly equipping Syrian rebels with latest satellite phones to help topple Assad

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British officials are secretly equipping Syrian rebel groups with satellite phones in a bid to topple President Bashar al-Assad.

The supply of the latest generation of handsets is part of the Foreign Office's mission to mould militias into a coalition capable of governing the country. The phones, used by the Ministry of Defence, are designed for rugged environments and are shock, dust and water resistant.

Whitehall sources also confirmed the Foreign Office is teaching negotiation and 'stabilisation' skills to opposition leaders, and advising on how to address the Syrian people and international audiences.

Without Western support, the terrorists would not have been able to gain control over entire regions of the country. In this regard, Vladimir Putin intimates that this would not be possible without foreign support:

"The so-called Islamic State [ISIS] has taken control of a huge territory. How was that possible? Think about it: if Damascus or Baghdad are seized by the terrorist groups, they will be almost the official authorities, and will have a launchpad for global expansion. Is anyone thinking about this or not?" (Vladimir Putin's speech to the Valdai Conference, October 2015)

Covert support to the terrorists has been provided from the outset of the war in March 2011. The **CIA is supporting terrorists as a means to triggering "regime change" in Syria**, implying the conduct of covert intelligence operations within Syrian territory:

"The U.S. spy agency has been arming and training rebels in Syria since 2013 to fight the Assad regime ([WSJ](#), September 30, 2015 emphasis added)

According to the [Daily Mail](#):

And after the CIA spent more than two years secretly working to arm, train and fund thousands of select so-called moderate Syrian rebels to oppose Assad, **U.S. officials have watched those groups become the target of Russian missiles.** (emphasis added)

Russia's Smart Bombs do not Distinguish between the Terrorists and their Western Advisers

Russian air strikes initiated in September are directed against terrorist units integrated by Western operatives and advisers.

Russia's "smart bombs", however, are not in a position to distinguish between the rank and file "jihadist" terrorists and the Western special forces and mercenaries which have integrated ("infiltrated") rebel forces since March 2011.

CIA Operatives together with British SAS and French Special Forces on the

Ground in Syria

Reports confirm that US, British and allied Special Forces have been on the ground since the outset of the war in 2011. The underlying pattern is similar to that of Libya where Western special forces had integrated terrorist ranks prior to the launching of NATO's military intervention.

The website of Britain's SAS candidly acknowledges that "...[T]here has been growing chatter indicating that British Special Forces are in some way assisting forces aligned against the Syrian regime":

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British Special Forces Training Syrian Rebels?

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In August 2015, Britain's [Sunday Express](#) Tabloid headlined "**SAS dress as ISIS fighters in undercover war on jihadis,**" (see screen shot below)

More than 120 members belonging to the elite regiment are currently in the war-torn country on operation Shader, **tasked with destroying IS equipment and munitions which insurgents constantly move to avoid Coalition air strikes.**

It comes just days after David Cameron gave "carte blanche" for **the SAS and SBS to target IS leaders** as part of the Government's "broad spectrum" response to the murder of 30 British tourists by ISIS gunman Seifeddine Rezgui in the Tunisian beach resort of Sousse.

Though the Prime Minister is being kept informed, senior military sources last night told the Sunday Express that he would not be required to "green light" every mission.

SAS dress as ISIS fighters in undercover war on jihadis

BRITISH Special Forces are mounting hit and run raids against Islamic State deep inside eastern Syria dressed as insurgent fighters, the Sunday Express can reveal.

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The article portrays SAS forces disguised as ISIS terrorists acting as part of a covert British Counter-Terrorism operation. (For further details see Stephen Lendman, [British SAS Special Forces Dressed up as ISIS Terrorists](#), Global Research, August 4, 2015)

The truth of the matter is that these SAS commandos are there to integrate rebel ranks on the ground, overseeing carefully planned terror operations against Syria, in permanent liaison with US-NATO et al.

French Parachutistes on the Ground Advising the Terrorists

The French have been actively involved since the outset of the insurgency on the ground in liaison with their US, British and Israeli counterparts. In February 2012, 13 French military officers were arrested in Homs pointing to the presence of foreign troops on Syrian soil inside rebel ranks. The report suggested that the arrested officers could have been part of “a larger contingent” of French Parachutistes (special forces).” ([The Daily Star](#) March 5, 2012)

The French government initially denied the report, insisting that “not a single French soldier is on Syrian soil.” Yet sources confirmed that negotiations between Paris and Damascus were held, in all probability regarding the repatriation of the French military officers:

“A French Foreign Ministry spokesman said: “We deny the idea that there are French troops on the ground in Syria. A Defense Ministry spokesman added: “We have no information on this. We neither confirm nor deny it.” ([Report: 13 French officers captured in Syria - Israel News, Ynetnews](#), emphasis added)

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