

“Who Is Our Friend, Syria . . . or al-Qaeda?”, Retired Virginia State Senator Richard Black Asks

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America would be wise to continue cutting its losses across the Middle East. It could start by normalizing relations with Syria, ending sanctions, and withdrawing U.S. troops from their sovereign territory.

This is what the Retired Virginia state senator Richard Black has said in an interview with the Syria Times e-newspaper.

“Syria is helping us by battling the greatest army of al Qaeda terrorists on earth in Idlib Province. And since “the enemy of my enemy is my friend,” it’s time we asked, just who is our friend, Syria . . . or al Qaeda?”, the retired senator added.

He asserted that the Obama-Biden administration bears heavy responsibility for institutionalizing never-ending wars and extending them into Libya, Syria, and Yemen.

Asked about the repercussions of the Taliban’s capture of Afghanistan, the retired senator replied:

“The fall of Afghanistan is a damaging blow to the American deep state, which thrives on a continuous state of warfare. Before he ordered the withdrawal from Afghanistan, President Biden could do no wrong; the press suppressed negative news about him. But now, the media are lashing out with a vengeance, causing his popularity to plummet.”

He went on to say:

“War hawks have warned that al Qaeda may reemerge in Afghanistan. Their claim rings hollow, since the U.S. has been an unwavering supporter of al Qaeda in Syria throughout the Syrian War. Under CIA Project Timber Sycamore, the U.S. channeled vast quantities of anti-tank and anti-air missiles to al Qaeda affiliates there. To this day, the U.S. actively supports the largest concentration of al Qaeda fighters on earth in Syria’s Idlib Province. It is outrageous to suggest that the U.S. is genuinely concerned that al Qaeda might reconstitute in Afghanistan, when we are their principal sponsors in Syria.”

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