

World in Crisis, Most Perilous Time in World History: Conversation with Stephen Lendman

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"I call now the most perilous time in world history for good reason. I was never scared during the Cold War. For the first time in my life I am now." -Stephen Lendman

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Clear and Present Danger

Multiple crises are breaking out around the globe.

Former President George W Bush earned a reputation as a war-monger following his administration's ruthless prosecution of the so-called "War on Terrorism." Campaigns centred principally around Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq resulted in the [deaths of tens of thousands](#) including [thousands of US military service personnel](#).

Since Barrack Obama's ascendancy to the presidency however, we have seen the outbreak of a civil war in Syria, the violent overthrow of long-time Libyan President Muammar Gaddafi, drone attacks in Pakistan, the rise of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, and the Ukraine crisis, all of which have been fostered by the United States, as is documented throughout this website.

Political and media messaging in the West has been riddled with double-standards. For example, the US government has [condemned the Venezuelan government's crackdowns on demonstrators in Venezuela](#) while assisting the undemocratic government of Bahrain in its far more violent and widespread crackdowns against protests there. [1] [2]

Significantly, over the last year we have witnessed the demonization of Russia and its President Vladimir Putin crescendo to levels unheard of since the stand-offs of the Cold War

era.

Most disturbingly, the Obama administration's 2010 Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) gives clearance to the US government to launch a preemptive nuclear strike against Russia, Iran and other nuclear-armed powers that they deem in violation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty. [3] [4] Further, as reported by the New York Times last September, the Obama Administration announced plans to spend more than \$1 trillion over the next three decades significantly upgrading its nuclear weapons capability. [5]

This week on the Global Research News Hour, we discuss these and other alarming developments with a seasoned observer of political developments on the national and international stage.

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Notes:

1) <http://www.globalresearch.ca/bahrain-how-the-us-mainstream-media-turn-a-blind-eye-to-washington-s-despotic-arab-ally/30176>

2) [Preethi Nallu](http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/09/bahrain-rights-activist-maryam-khawaja-201491292320423259.html) (Sept. 13, 2014), Al Jazeera, “Q&A: Bahrain rights defender Maryam Khawaja”; <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/09/bahrain-rights-activist-maryam-khawaja-201491292320423259.html>

3) Michel Chussodovsky (2012), p. 30, Towards a World War III Scenario: The Dangers of Nuclear War

4) <https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2014/09/23/nucl-s23.html>

5) ibid

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