

# 9/11 Paved the Way for America's Permanent Wars of Aggression

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Whether 9/11 was an inside job or an amazing terrorist success, the fact is that either way the atrocity is intimately linked with US state terrorism.

The attacks on the Twin Towers in 2001 were a seminal event that paved the way for permanent wars of aggression by the US and its puppet allies - wars that have made a travesty of international law, taking state criminality to new heights and resulting in mass murder of innocents. That is state terrorism, by any definition, that is out of control, which no alleged original crime can justify.

In the unlikely second scenario where a bunch of incompetent Al Qaeda pilots managed to pull off an amazing feat of flying maneuvers than even seasoned professionals could not (see for example [www.pilotsfor911truth.org](http://www.pilotsfor911truth.org)), the fact is that the alleged jihadi plotters were the product of US state terrorism.

It is well documented that Al Qaeda/Mujahideen/Jihadis - whatever they are labeled - are the Frankenstein creation of US and British military intelligence to fight the proxy war against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan during the 1980s.

The 9/11 tragedy - if we see it as such - is thus a form of blowback where the terrorist dogs of dirty war come back to bite the hand that feeds them.

Amplly documented. however, there is no blowback, whereby the Al Qaeda "Intelligence Asset" goes against its sponsors. This patron/client relationship between the US, Britain and so-called Islamic extremists still endures as can be seen in the unholy alliance of NATO with the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG) to overthrow the Gaddafi government.

The US, Britain and their dictator clients in Saudi Arabia and the Arabian Gulf are up to their necks in shadowy Jihadi terror groups, whether it is in Afghanistan, Iraq or Libya, or more covertly in trying to destabilise Syria and Iran.

So even if we believe that the US/British/NATO "war on terror" is genuine - albeit crassly misguided - the fact is that it would not be occurring if it were not for the state terrorism that emanates from Washington and London in pursuit of imperialist intrigues.

Sadly, many Americans on this 10th anniversary of 9/11 will see the event as an unwarranted atrocity against their people and way of life. Unbearable to watch is the mainstream media's mawkish mourning and solemnity for victims.

Inexplicable and perplexing to many Americans, from such vacuous media misinformation, is the diabolical hatred that others appear to harbour. Where can such deranged hatred come from? Why attack us when our country is so committed to democratic freedom and human rights?

Leaving aside that 9/11 may have been an inside job to facilitate strategic permanent war, even if the official narrative were true, it still gets down to the US and British playing with fire. These governments create terrorists, fund terrorists, train terrorists, use terrorists. Either way, the facts emerge: the US and its ally puppets have absolutely no regard for democratic freedom, international law or human rights.

Today, on the 10th anniversary of 9/11, a mass hunger strike has begun in Bahrain. The date is just a coincidence and superficially has nothing to do with what happened in New York and Washington 10 years ago. But at a more profound level, the hunger strike by Bahraini pro-democracy supporters resonates significantly.

For the past six months, the US/British backed Bahraini dictatorship has been murdering, maiming, imprisoning and torturing civilians who have dared to rise up and demand their democratic rights. In its barbarism, the Bahraini regime has been supported by Saudi Arabia and the other Western-backed Gulf dictatorships - the same regimes that are facilitating the NATO carve up of Libya. Washington and London are actively supporting this state terrorism in Bahrain, politically and militarily to the tune of \$20 million a year.

The US/British-backed state terrorism in Bahrain has seen, among other violations, the incarceration and torture of medics who had treated the injured and the illegal detention of students who simply expressed their political opinions. Among the imprisoned and tortured are human rights activists Abdulhadi Al Khawaja and Abdul Jalil Al Singace who were sentenced to life imprisonment by a military show trial court. The two men are in their second week of hunger strike. On Sunday, the 11th of September, they have now been joined in their starvation protest by students and civilians across Bahrain.

This is the state of affairs in a US-backed regime that serves as a base for the American Navy's Fifth Fleet. Citizens who have peacefully demanded democratic rights, such as an elected government and respect for human rights, have been slaughtered and are now, in extreme, forced to go on a hungerstrike to protest against heinous violations by the US-backed regimes of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia - the same regimes that co-sponsor Islamic extremists along with their Western patrons.

Bahrain shows the reality underneath the rhetoric; that the US and its Western/Arab clients stand for lawlessness and state terrorism. The footprint of that reality is not just Ground Zero in New York. It can be clearly seen in Bahrain and many other countries where people are struggling simply for democracy. On the 9/11 anniversary, Americans would do well to turn their attention away from the mawkish nonsense spouted by their politicians and mainstream media and take a look at what is really going on in the world under the boot of the Washington regime in places like Bahrain. Understanding that would be a far more fitting tribute to the victims of 9/11 and to the many more innocent victims that have followed since that date.

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