

# Cooking the Intelligence for War on Syria

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All wars are based on lies. Truth is the ally of peace. It's the enemy of war. History repeats with disturbing regularity. It's doing so writ large now.

It bears eerie resemblance to events preceding Bush's Iraq war. Pretexts are needed to sell wars. When none exist they're invented.

Lies substitute for truth. So-called intelligence is cooked to fit policy. Ahead of Bush's Iraq war, Colin Powell knew Saddam had no WMDs.

He lied claiming otherwise. He faked evidence to justify the unjustifiable. He claimed "facts and Iraq's behavior show that Saddam Hussein and his regime are concealing their efforts to produce more weapons of mass destruction."

"(E)very statement I make today is backed up by sources, solid sources. These are not assertions. What we're giving you are the facts and conclusions based on solid intelligence."

"The gravity of this moment is matched by the gravity of the threat that Iraq's weapons of mass destruction pose to the world."

No threat whatever existed. Powell lied claiming otherwise. John Kerry replicated his infamous moment. He did so four times. He's making the rounds abroad selling war. He's doing it based on lies.

Lying is official US policy. Kerry lied blaming Assad for the August 21 suburban Damascus chemical weapons attack.

"We can tell you beyond any reasonable doubt that our evidence proves the Assad regime prepared for this attack, issued instructions to prepare for this attack, warned its own forces to use gas masks," he said.

"We have physical evidence of where the rockets came from and when. Not one rocket landed in regime-controlled territory. Not one. All of them landed in opposition-controlled or contested territory."

No evidence whatever exists. Kerry lied. Ghouta civilians were killed while they slept. Insurgents were responsible. Rockets were launched from territory they held. Credible evidence proves it. A previous article said the following:

On August 29, <u>Mint Press News</u> headlined "Exclusive: Syrians in Ghouta Claim Saudi-Supplied Rebels Behind Chemical Attack," saying:

"Rebels and local residents in Ghouta accuse Saudi Prince Bandar bin Sultan of providing chemical weapons to an al-Qaida linked rebel group."

Abu Abdel-Moneim lives in Ghouta. He's the father of an insurgent fighter. "My son came to me two weeks ago asking what I thought the weapons were that he had been asked to carry," he said.

Some were "tube-like" in structure. Others were like a "huge gas bottle." They were stored in tunnels. Mint Press reported:

"Doctors who treated the chemical weapons attack victims cautioned interviewers to be careful about asking questions regarding who, exactly, was responsible for the deadly assault."

"More than a dozen rebels interviewed reported that their salaries came from the Saudi government."

Prince Bandar bin Sultan's directly involved. He's Washington's point man against Syria. He's advancing the kingdom's top goal – destroying Assad, Iran's government and Hezbollah.

Doing it involves arming and funding some of the most extremist elements. They're cutthroat killers. They're committing outrageous atrocities. They brag about them.

The mainstream media give them short shrift. Most often their crimes go unreported. Assad's wrongfully blamed repeatedly. He had nothing to do with attacking Ghouta.

So-called intelligence claiming otherwise is fake. It's cooked. It's manufactured out of whole cloth. It's pretext for lawless aggression.

US and UK intelligence officials admitted they're unsure who's responsible for attacking Ghouta.

What motive could Assad have to kill Syrian civilians? Why would he do it while UN inspectors were investigating evidence of chemical weapons use?

Why would he launch an attack close to where they were working? Why would he shoot himself in the foot?

Kerry's "undeniable" proof doesn't exist. It's fake to fit policy. On September 8, London's <u>Guardian</u> headlined "Assad did not order Syria chemical weapons attack, says German press."

Germany's Bild am Sonntag newspaper cited "high-level national security sources" saying Assad didn't order Ghouta's chemical weapons attack.

Bild said German naval reconnaissance close to Syria's coast intercepted radio communications. It absolved Assad of responsibility. No evidence links him to it.

Germany's foreign intelligence agency (BND) couldn't be reached for comment.

Assad told CBS News: "There has been no evidence that I used chemical weapons against

my own people."

Correspondent Charlie Rose interviewed him. On CBS News Face the Nation, he said:

"(H)e denied that he had anything to do with the attack. He denied that he knew, in fact, that there was a chemical attack."

"He suggested, as he has before, that perhaps the rebels had something to do with it."

"The most important thing as he basically says is that there has no evidence that I used chemical weapons against my own people. There is no evidence of that."

"(I)f the evidence (exists), then they should show (it) and make their case," he said.

"(H)e was calm. He knew the situation he was in. In fact, Damascus seemed relatively calm, the places that I was today. But there's a clear sense they are closely watching what is happening in Washington."

"I think the reason they did this interview today – we've been trying for a long time, but did it today because they're watching what happens in Washington."

White House chief of staff Dennis McDonough appeared on five Sunday talk shows. He was selling war. He repeated the official lie. He equivocated, saying:

Proof links Assad to attacking Ghouta. It's based on a "common sense test" rather than "irrefutable, beyond a reasonable doubt evidence."

"We've seen the video proof of the outcome of those attacks."

All of that leads to a quite strong common-sense test irrespective of the intelligence that suggests that the regime carried this out."

"Now do we have a picture or do we have irrefutable beyond-a-reasonable-doubt evidence? This is not a court of law and intelligence does not work that way."

"Nobody is rebutting the intelligence. Nobody doubts" it, he claimed.

Attacking Assad creates "an opportunity to be bold with the Iranians," he added.

### Fact check

Syria is prelude to attacking Iran. It bears repeating. The road to Tehran runs through Damascus. Iran is Washington's prime target. It's Israel's main regional rival.

At issue is toppling Assad, isolating Iran, then pursuing regime change belligerently. It's longstanding US policy. McDonough practically admitted it. He cited fake evidence against Assad.

He lied claiming "nobody doubts it." Overwhelming domestic and world opinion rejects it. Hundreds, perhaps a majority, on Capitol Hill do.

On August 30, <u>Infowars</u> headlined "Bombshell: Kerry Caught Using Fake Photos to Fuel Syrian War," saying:

He "referenced a photograph used by the BBC illustrating a child jumping over hundreds of dead bodies covered in white shrouds."

"We saw rows of dead lined up in burial shrouds, the white linen unstained by a single drop of blood," he said.

The photo was fake. It's unrelated to Syria. It was taken in Iraq. It was in 2003. It was recycled. It's used against Assad. Kerry did so to justify war.

It bears repeating. All wars are based on lies. Truth defeats the purpose of waging them. McDonough followed John Kerry's lead. He repeated Big Lies on five Sunday talk shows.

Expect lots more ahead of Obama's 9/11 anniversary nationally televised address. He's selling war. He's going all out to do it. So are other administration officials.

They're conducting a PR blitz. National Security Advisor Susan Rice will address a hawkish Washington think tank. Obama's "hitting the airwaves," said AP.

"Top administration officials are heading to Capitol Hill for more classified briefings." Scores of AIPAC lobbyists are doing the same thing.

Kerry's in Europe selling war. He appeared with UK Foreign Minister William Hague in London, saying:

"We know (Assad's) regime gave orders to prepare for a chemical attack. We know they deployed forces."

"(We know) where the rockets came from and where they landed and it was no accident that they all came from regime-controlled territory and all landed" in opposition-held territory.

"So the evidence is powerful and the question for all of us is what are we going to do about it. Turn our backs? Have a moment of silence?"

#### Fact check

Credible evidence proved rockets were fired from insurgent held territory. Defenseless civilians were attacked. Doing so was a classic false flag.

Assad's wrongfully blamed for Western-enlisted death squad crimes. They admitted responsibility for Ghouta's incident. Claiming it was accidental doesn't wash. It was well-planned and executed.

If Kerry had verifiable proof otherwise, he'd reveal it. He can't. None exists. Lies substitute. So-called classified Capitol Hill briefings repeat them.

Many, perhaps most, senators and congressmen aren't buying them. Some outspokenly said so. Heavy pressure's being applied to sway them. Obama wants congressional authorization for war.

He'll wage it whether or not he gets it. Without it his plans may be delayed. They won't be deterred. Perhaps another major false flag is planned.

Toppling Assad is policy. Obama wants him dead. He wants Syrian sovereignty destroyed. He wants pro-Western vassal governance replacing it.

He wants Iran isolated. He wants Shah era harshness restored. Longstanding war plans are readied to be implemented. Obama intends destroying the Islamic Republic.

Doing so may ignite conflict globally. It doesn't matter. US imperial priorities come first. Sacrificing humanity is a small price to pay. Washington policymakers think this way.

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