

ISIS to the Rescue: America's Terrorists Threaten War with Russia Amid NATO's Failures in Ukraine

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As the crisis in Ukraine continues to fare poorly for Kiev and its NATO-backers, an "unlikely" ally has emerged – ISIS. <u>Threatening to "liberate" Chechnya and the Caucasus</u>, ISIS would essentially be handing over regions of Russia to its Western and Persian Gulf sponsors. While one would imagine the West would attempt to at least appear to stand in solidarity with Russia in the face of this recent threat, it has instead used the threat to stir fear among Russians, and as leverage against Moscow. The Fortune 500-funded Carnegie Europe think tank recently published an op-ed titled, "Forget NATO, Russia's Got Bigger Problems." In it contains astounding admissions – that NATO's agenda is expanding itself all along Russia's borders, that "the EU is now in direct competition with Russia over the future of the lands straddling the EU and Russia," and that its plans in Ukraine are in utter disarray. The op-ed would also leave readers with an unmistakable threat:

What could deter him [Russian President Vladimir Putin] is his own combustible southern flank and Islamic State, which Russia would be very unwise to ignore. It is these threats that are far, far more dangerous to Russia than NATO's limited intentions in Poland and the Baltic states.

These threats are also more dangerous than the EU, whose openness has hugely profited Russian companies and ordinary Russian citizens.

If Putin thinks NATO and the EU are his big threats, competitors and enemies, he hasn't seen anything yet.

The threat is clear. The Islamic State (ISIS), a creation of US, European, Saudi, Qatari, and Israeli designs, is a global mercenary expeditionary force, precisely as Al Qaeda was since its inception in the 1980's in Afghanistan. While it is currently being used by the West to divide and destroy the Middle East and smash the Iranian arc of influence stretching from Tehran, across Iraq and Damascus, and all the way to Lebanon, it can easily be redirected into the hotbeds of sectarian extremism in Russia's southern Caucasus region.

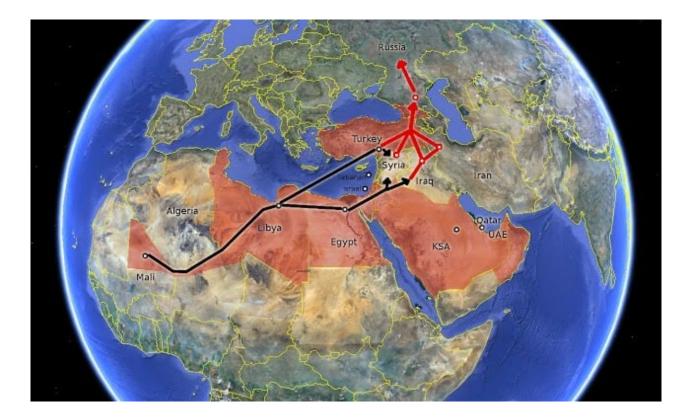


Image: A look at US, European, and Persian Gulf-backed terrorism and destabilization across the Middle East and North Africa and the proximity of Russian territory now under direct threat by the West's terrorist hordes.

In fact, all the Islamic State is, is little more than a re-branding of Al Qaeda – with many other Western-backed "legacy" Al Qaeda affiliates still fighting along side ISIS. While propaganda attempts to portray ISIS as mortal enemies of the West, every battle ISIS fights are battles the West has openly desired but has consistently failed to justify fighting. Western propaganda has also categorically failed to account for how a regional military force could appear, challenging both the national army of Iraq and the Syrian Arab Army, without significant state-sponsorship.

ISIS Inception

ISIS is in fact the intentional, engineered creation of the US. A comment made <u>in the wake of</u> <u>Steven Sotloff's alleged death</u> by US Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen <u>who claimed</u>:

This atrocious and brutal act shows that ISIL's cruelty knows no bounds and that it has no respect for human life. ISIL is a global terror group that espouses an ideology that poses a grave threat to regional security as well as U.S. national security interests both at home and abroad.

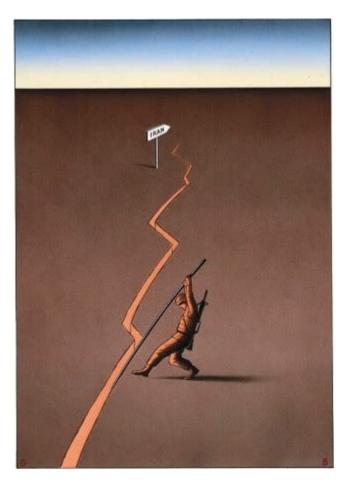


Image: From Seymour Hersh's New Yorker article, "<u>The Redirection</u>," explaining in 2007 how the US planned to use a terrorist army to divide, destroy, and reorder the Middle East.

Before the inception of ISIS by the Western media, and as far back as 2007, Pulitzer Prizewinning veteran journalist Seymour Hersh would portend the creation of just such a terror group in his 9-page report in the New Yorker titled, "<u>The Redirection Is the Administration's</u> <u>new policy benefitting our enemies in the war on terrorism?</u>" He stated that (emphasis added):

To undermine Iran, which is predominantly Shiite, the Bush Administration has decided, in effect, to reconfigure its priorities in the Middle East. In Lebanon, the Administration has coöperated with Saudi Arabia's government, which is Sunni, in clandestine operations that are intended to weaken Hezbollah, the Shiite organization that is backed by Iran. The U.S. has also taken part in clandestine operations aimed at Iran and its ally Syria. A by-product of these activities has been the bolstering of Sunni extremist groups that espouse a militant vision of Islam and are hostile to America and sympathetic to Al Qaeda.

That "by-product" is ISIS. Through America's own premeditated conspiracy to plunge not only Syria, but the entire region and now potentially Russia, into genocidal sectarian bloodshed – resulted directly in the alleged murders of both James Foley and Steven Sotloff, not to mention tens of thousands of Iraqis, Syrians, Lebanese, and many others. The creation of ISIS and its use as a proxy mercenary force for Western designs is once again revealed in ISIS' otherwise irrational declaration of war on Russia.

Impetus to Intervene

America's doctrine of global intervention amid chaos of its own creation is a two-way road.

While it is attempting to justify military intervention in Syria to fight its own ISIS mercenaries, with ISIS' recent threat against Russia, it has given Syria's allies a golden opportunity to openly declare their backing of Damascus including arms, equipment, intelligence, and other forms of direct assistance in crushing ISIS and its Al Qaeda affiliates still fighting within Syria' borders.



Such a counterstroke would boost the legitimacy of the Syrian government using the West's own propaganda regarding ISIS against it. It would also allow Syrian, Iranian, and Lebanese forces to fill the geostrategic space the West intends to seize as part of its "war on ISIS," thus permanently taking Western intervention off the table. By crushing ISIS where it is, may mean fighting an enemy with shorter logistical lines and more concentrated forces – a scenario that would be vastly different if ISIS attempted to fight Syria, Iraq, Iran, and Russia. A balance between boosting Syria and its allies' ability to cope with ISIS, and allowing ISIS to overextend itself would be optimal – and interventionism used in a manner to stop a true threat to global stability. Identifying, exposing, and punishing ISIS' sponsors is also a necessary component of confounding and eliminating ISIS – a component curiously absent from Western plans to "intervene."

Global Domination by Any Means

While it seems unfathomable that such a gambit - spanning the entire Middle East and edging into Russia – can be conceived let alone executed, it should be remembered that the Arab Spring and the subsequent violent subversion of Syria was planned as far back as <u>2007-2008</u>, with the indirect consequence of undermining Iran as the ultimate objective. That this itself is part of a grander strategy originating from machinations hatched as far back as 1991, orchestrated by US policy makers who compare geopolitics and the world map to a "Grand Chessboard," is fairly easy to comprehend. There is no better way to control the vast resources, geography, and populations of Eurasia and beyond than granting everything from North Africa, the Middle East, and Eurasia to ignorant, indoctrinated, medieval zealots led by duplicitous co-conspirators who will wheel-and-deal with the corporate-financiers of the West while keeping their own populations in fear and darkness simultaneously, perpetuating Al Qaeda throughout the developing world allows the West to impose draconian repressive measures at home, stifling true political and economic independence and self-determination across their own populations. The result is global hegemony uncontested both at home and abroad, with a world population subjected to the machinations and whims of a scientific dictatorship rooted in Hilterian eugenics and Malthusian ideology.

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