

Israeli Lobby Urges War on Syria

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It did so formally. It didn't surprise. It has more than Syria in mind. A <u>previous</u> <u>article</u> explained.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations wants war. AIPAC is its best known member.

It's a blight on humanity. It's an unregistered foreign agent. It operates illegally. It does so destructively.

It promotes war. It deplores peace. It supports the worst of Israeli crimes. It supports its most unprincipled interests.

It controls US administrations and Congress. Edward Said called it "the most powerful and feared lobby in Washington."

In a matter of hours, he said, it can mobilize unanimous Senate support for Israel. Political Washington bows to its will. It does so disgracefully. It does it destructively.

It's doing it now. In days, Congress will rubber-stamp Obama's intended lawless aggression on Syria. He plans mass killing and destruction.

AIPAC endorses it. On September 3, it <u>headlined</u> "Press Statement on Syrian Resolution," saying:

"AIPAC urges Congress to grant the President the authority he has requested to protect America's national security interests and dissuade the Syrian regime's further use of unconventional weapons."

"The civilized world cannot tolerate the use of these barbaric weapons, particularly against an innocent civilian population including hundreds of children."

"Simply put, barbarism on a mass scale must not be given a free pass."

"This is a critical moment when America must also send a forceful message of resolve to Iran and Hezbollah – both of whom have provided direct and extensive military support to Assad."

"The Syrian regime and its Iranian ally have repeatedly demonstrated that they will not respect civilized norms."

"That is why America must act, and why we must prevent further proliferation of

unconventional weapons in this region."

"America's allies and adversaries are closely watching the outcome of this momentous vote. This critical decision comes at a time when Iran is racing toward obtaining nuclear capability."

"Failure to approve this resolution would weaken our country's credibility to prevent the use and proliferation of unconventional weapons and thereby greatly endanger our country's security and interests and those of our regional allies."

"AIPAC maintains that it is imperative to adopt the resolution to authorize the use of force, and take a firm stand that the world's most dangerous regimes cannot obtain and use the most dangerous weapons."

AIPAC's one of 51 US Zionist organizations. The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations (CPMAJO) represents them.

AIPAC's best known. Both organizations work cooperatively. CPMAJO largely focuses on US administrations. AIPAC mostly lobbies Congress.

They seek unequivocal support for Israel. They're in lockstep for war on Syria. On September 3, the CPMAJO said:

"The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations said today that the use of chemical weapons violates fundamental international norms and principles."

"The use of such indiscriminate weapons of mass destruction represents moral challenges that require a strong response. It also poses vital national security concerns to the US and to our interests and to those of our allies in the region."

"Those who perpetuate such acts of wanton murder must know that they cannot do so with impunity. Those who possess or seek weapons of mass destruction, particularly Iran and Hezbollah, must see that there is accountability."

"Failing to take action would damage the credibility of the US and negatively impact the effort to prevent Iran from achieving a nuclear weapons capacity."

"We hope there will be a national consensus that will send a strong bipartisan message to our friends and foes alike of America's determination to prevent the proliferation and use of weapons of mass destruction."

AIPAC and other Conference members want war. They want Syria ravaged and destroyed. They want regime change. They want pro-Western puppet governance replacing sovereign Syrian independence.

They want Iran isolated. It bears repeating. The road to Tehran runs through Damascus. They want Iranian sovereignty destroyed. They back Israeli war plans. Washington has it own.

They were readied years ago. They could be implemented any time. Obama may do so on his watch. Full-scale war on Syria risks embroiling the entire region.

Attacking Iran is imperial madness. WW III might follow. Obama's fool enough to risk it. He's in lockstep with Israel's imperial ambitions.

Both countries are out-of-control rogue states. They menace humanity. They do it mindless of what's risked.

On September 3, <u>Stars and Stripes</u> headlined "John Kerry leads charge for military action against Syria," saying:

He, "Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey pressed for US military action against Syria."

They sold war for "three and a half hours." They did so based on lies. They pressured Senate Foreign Committee members to go along.

"Kerry dominated the hearing." It was his fourth Colin Powell moment. He repeated previously stated Big Lies.

"(T)he world is watching," he said. It awaits America's decision. Will it "speak with one voice?" Will it "rise to this moment and make a difference?"

We're "here because (Assad) unleashed an outrageous chemical attack against (his) own citizens."

"We're here because a dictator and his family's personal enterprise, in their lust to hold onto power, were willing to infect the air of Damascus with a poison that killed innocent mothers and fathers and hundreds of their children, their lives all snuffed out by gas in the early morning August 21."

Kerry's a serial liar. So-called evidence he cited is fabricated. It doesn't matter. Obama's "policy is that Assad must go."

"(W)e have other (regional) strategic national security interests," he said. He means Iran's next after destroying Syria.

He lied saying "Obama is not asking America to go to war." He's used proxy death squads for two and half years.

He intends greater escalation. He intends shock and awe attacks. He intends lawless aggression. He intends full-scale war.

He didn't initiate war to end it short of mission accomplished. Kerry didn't explain. Nor did Hagel or Joint Chiefs chairman Dempsey.

Russian President <u>Vladimir Putin</u> strongly opposes war. He called evidence that Syria used chemical weapons "absolute nonsense."

"I've already said I find it absolutely ridiculous that (Syrian]) government's armed forces, which today are actually on an offense mission and in some regions have already encircled the so-called rebels and are finishing them off, that the Syrian army has used prohibited chemical weapons," he said.

"They know all too well that this could become a cause for sanctions and even for a military

operation against them. That's stupid and illogical."

"We proceed from the assumption that if anyone has information that chemical weapons were used by the Syrian regular army, then such proof must be presented to the UN Security Council and the UN inspectors."

Proof must be independently verifiable. It must be "convincing." It must exclude "rumor" and unsubstantiated intercepted communications and other fake intelligence.

"Even in the US there are experts who question the reliability of the facts presented by the administration." They do so for good reason. Obama officials lied many times before. His war on Libya was based on lies.

Bush officials did so against Afghanistan and Iraq. All wars are based on lies.

"All other reasons and means that excuse using military force against an independent sovereign state are unacceptable and cannot be classified otherwise but as an aggression, Putin stressed.

"We would be convinced by a detailed investigation and direct evidence of who exactly used chemical weapons and what substances were used."

"Then we'll be ready to take decisive and serious action," he said.

Congress intends authorizing lawless aggression. <u>Wall Street Journal</u> editors wholeheartedly approve. On September 3, they headlined "Water's Edge Republicans," saying:

"On Syria, (Speaker) Boehner and (House Majority Leader) Cantor r(ose) above partisanship." They "announced their backing" for Obama's war.

Doing so provided cover for backbenchers. Both parties are in lockstep on war. Journal editors give Republican House and Senate leaders most credit.

They questioned Obama's "overall credibility as Commander in Chief." Perhaps they want him to incinerate Syria to prove it. For sure they want full-scale war.

They're mindless of the potentially devastating consequences. Imperial priorities alone matter.

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