

# Obama Has Crossed The “Red Line” on Syria: Interview with Michel Chossudovsky

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*Press TV has conducted an interview with Michel Chossudovsky, Center for Research on Globalization, Montreal, on Barack Obama’s hypocritical statement claim that Syria uses chemical weapons on its people when US Special Forces train Syrian militants in CW use.*

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The following is an approximate transcript of the interview.

Press TV: How do you react to this announcement by Obama’s administration that they are now ready to arm these militants?

Chossudovsky: The US president is accusing Syria, namely the government of Bashar al-Assad, of having crossed the red line. But we have to ask ourselves, who has crossed the red line?

Barak Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry are supporting a terrorist organization, which is on the US State Department list of terrorist organizations.

Following this announcement, the White House spokesman stated that it was the intelligence community, which assessed that the Assad regime was using chemical weapons.

This is a nonsensical statement because all the evidence that we have to date points to the fact that the rebels, namely al-Nusra, which is a terrorist organization, has chemical weapons in its possession.

And I’m referring to several reports: First of all, several months back there was a report, it was on CNN, to the effect that Western military or Special Forces were actually training opposition rebels in the use of chemical weapons in Jordan and Turkey. This was a report on CNN.

Subsequently, and that's very recent, we had a United Nations Independent Commission, which actually accused the rebels of using chemical weapons.

They said that there was no evidence to the effect that the Syrian government was using chemical weapons against the civilian population, but there was evidence to be confirmed that the rebels had chemical weapons and that they were using them against civilians.

Then you had another statement by the Turkish general directorate of security, namely the Turkish police, and this is nearly a month ago, to the effect that police seized Sarin gas in the possession of al-Qaeda-affiliated terrorists who were believed to be heading for Syria.

So we have a lot of evidence which incriminates the US-NATO-Israeli backed al-Qaeda affiliated rebel forces, namely al-Nusra, which is also on the US State Department list of terrorist organizations.

Press TV: Do you find it interesting that all of this is happening when the Syrian army is actually making significant gains in the country?

Chossudovsky: Precisely. In fact, the rebels, which are largely integrated by al-Qaeda affiliated forces, literally have been decimated and the last stronghold of the rebels in the border city with Lebanon, al-Qusayr, have been defeated and these so-called rebel strongholds have been taken back by Syrian forces.

I think that it would be highly unproductive at this stage to channel weapons to a defeated rebel army.

I should mention that much of this channeling of weapons and money to al-Qaeda in Syria goes through a rather notorious individual, the FSA (Free Syrian Army) Supreme Military Commander General Salim Idris.

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