

## Obama Talks Peace, Wages Endless Wars of Aggression

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Obama, John Kerry and other US officials rhetorically urge settling conflicts diplomatically in Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Donbass, Palestine and elsewhere – while waging endless direct or proxy wars in multiple theaters with new ones in mind.

Syria is in the eye of the storm. In an interview with six Russian media outlets, Bashar al-Assad said defeating ISIS and other takfiri terrorism is the only way to end ongoing conflict and the human flood it creates.

As long as Washington, other Western countries and regional ones support terrorists, endless wars will continue. Syrians want resolution "through dialogue and political action," he explained. They want peace, stability and national sovereignty respected. They deplore intervention by foreign powers.

Washington bears full responsibility for creating ISIS. Russian UN envoy Vitaly Churkin traced its origin from Bush's Iraq war, saying it "became active when (it) began storming Baghdad...So, the Islamic State ripened in Iraq during the US occupation. (America) should be blamed for" its rise and proliferation.

It's time to "creat(e) an international coalition to fight ISIS, which is what President Putin is proposing."

"Russia...has proposed (forming) a wide coalition to fight extremists without any delay. It should unite everyone" against a common enemy, Putin stressed.

Churkin called Washington's so-called coalition "flawed" – lacking Security Council authorization, a strategy for endless war, not peace and stability.

"All Russia's actions in Syria are coordinated with the Syrian government and stay within the norms of international law," Churkin stressed.

John Kerry claiming Russian involvement in Syria "exacerbate(s) and extend(s) the conflict, and undermine(s)...fighting extremism" is polar opposite truth. It's vital to help contain and defeat US-sponsored terrorism in Syria and elsewhere – regionally and beyond.

State Department spokesman Admiral John Kirby ludicrously blaming Assad for ISIS in Syria ignores Washington's full responsibility. Blaming victims is longstanding US policy.

Russia's upper house Federation Council Speaker Valentina Matviyenko forthrightly explained "the real culprits behind the drama that people of the Middle East and North Africa are living through today."

"All of this stems from the devastating policies the US and a handful of other nations are conducting in the region." she said. Putin has a "detailed, clear and realistic (conflict resolution) plan."

Federation Council members "will do their best to inform the world community on the essence of the plan through the channels for inter-parliamentary communications."

"Responsibility for regional and global security, for the implementation of people's right to peaceful life" requires resolving ongoing conflicts diplomatically. "Russia has made an important step in that direction, and now it's time for other countries to act."

Not as long as Washington and rogue allies wage endless wars on humanity. Peace and stability defeat their agenda.

Mass slaughter and destruction serve it, targeting one country after another, heading inevitably toward direct US confrontation with Russia and China, risking nuclear war to make both countries US-controlled vassal states.

No nation in world history ever threatened humanity's survival more than America. In his new book titled "Secretary of Peace," former Nobel Peace Prize Committee secretary Geir Lundestad called honoring Obama with the coveted award a mistake.

The committee "thought it would strengthen (him) and it didn't have this effect," he said. "Even many of (his) supporters believed that the prize was a mistake."

Nobel Committee members notoriously honor war criminals, shunning peace activists. The award should be called the Nobel War Prize, Obama perhaps its most notorious recipient, given his record of endless aggression in multiple theaters, risking global conflict for the first time since WW II.

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