

Propaganda Alert: “Biggest Threat to UK comes from Syria”

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A renewed dribble of media lies is sweeping through the British mainstream press.

Syria, a country which has been the victim of US-NATO aggression is now singled out as a threat to the U.K.

The returning Al Qaeda jihadist rebels, who were recruited and sent to Syria by NATO are now coming home. They are a “threat to Britain” and Her Majesty’s illustrious government.

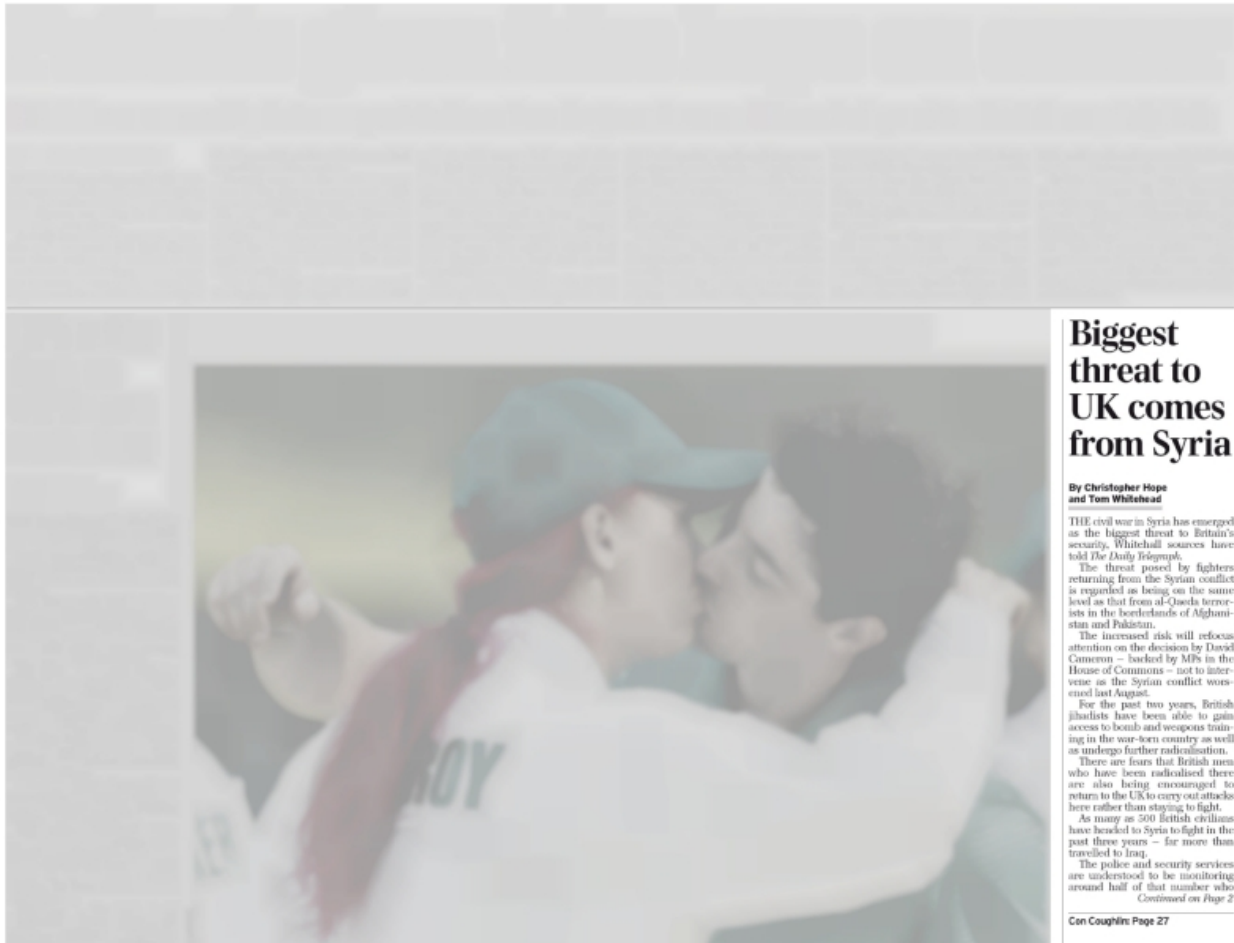
The hidden agenda is to uphold the “war on terrorism” on the domestic front, create an atmosphere of fear and intimidation as well as encourage racism and xenophobia throughout Britain and the European Union.

“The danger faced by Britain and other countries from jihadist fighters returning from Syria is “unprecedented” and a terror attack on British soil “inevitable”, experts warned last night. [...]”

The Daily Telegraph

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Biggest threat to UK comes from Syria

By Christopher Hope and Tom Whitehead

THE civil war in Syria has emerged as the biggest threat to Britain's security, Whitehall sources have told *The Daily Telegraph*.

The threat posed by fighters returning from the Syrian conflict is regarded as being on the same level as that from al-Qaeda terrorists in the borderlands of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The increased risk will refocus attention on the decision by David Cameron – backed by MPs in the House of Commons – not to intervene as the Syrian conflict worsened last August.

For the past two years, British jihadists have been able to gain access to bomb and weapons training in the war-torn country as well as undergo further radicalisation.

There are fears that British men who have been radicalised there are also being encouraged to return to the UK to carry out attacks here rather than staying to fight.

As many as 500 British civilians have headed to Syria to fight in the past three years – far more than travelled to Iraq.

The police and security services are understood to be monitoring around half of that number who

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excerpt from: [Biggest threat to UK comes from Syria](#) (*)

Returning fighters from the Syrian civil war now pose greater threat than al-Qaeda terrorists in Pakistan and Afghanistan

by Christopher Hope and Tom Whitehead, Daily Telegraph, 11 April 2014

(*) title of the print edition

The crisis in Syria has emerged as the biggest threat to Britain's security, The [Daily] Telegraph can disclose. The threat to the UK from returning fighters from the Syrian civil war is now the same as that from al-Qaeda terrorists in the borderlands of Afghanistan and Pakistan. The increased risk will refocus attention on the decision by David Cameron – backed by MPs in the House of Commons – not to intervene as the Syrian conflict worsened last August.

excerpts from: [Terror training in Syria makes attack on UK 'inevitable'](#)

by Jonathan Owen, The Independent on Sunday, 6 April 2014

The danger faced by Britain and other countries from jihadist fighters returning from Syria is “unprecedented” and a terror attack on British soil “inevitable”, experts warned last night. [...]

The threat posed by veterans from Syria is “unprecedented”, according to Gilles de Kerchove, the EU’s counter-terrorism co-ordinator. [...] The EU counter-terror chief praises Britain for having developed “one of the best communication campaigns, which not only raises awareness of the phenomenon and the possible risks related to it, but also offers an alternative to those who want to go to Syria for humanitarian reasons”. [...]

Raffaello Pantucci, senior research fellow at the Royal United Services Institute, said: “It seems almost inevitable that some sort of a threat back to the UK will come off the battlefield in Syria, something supported by the fact that security services in the UK believe they have already disrupted at least one plot with links to Syria.”

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EXCLUSIVE

Martin Bentham
Home Affairs Editor

THE terrorist threat caused by the war in Syria is unlike any Britain has faced since the 9/11 attacks, Whitehall's top security official warned today.

Charles Farr, head of the Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism, said the size of extremist groups in Syria and the number of Britons joining them had become "the biggest challenge" facing the police and intelligence agencies. Ministers are

now considering whether new laws might be needed to combat the problem.

Mr Farr said the number of foreign fighters in Syria was higher than anywhere since Afghanistan in 1989 – outstripping both the total with Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda during the Taliban's rule and those who flocked to Iraq in the wake of Saddam Hussein's fall.

His comments follow warnings by Scotland Yard's counter-terrorism chief and Home Office ministers about the impact of the Syrian conflict

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London Evening Standard, 25 February 2014

excerpts from: [Security chief warns of 9/11 Syria threat](#) (*)

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The terrorist threat caused by the war in Syria is unlike any Britain has faced since the 9/11 attacks, [...] top security official [of the British government Charles Farr] warned today. [...] "Syria is different from any other counter-terrorism challenge that we have faced since

9/11 — because of the number of terrorist groups now engaged in the fighting, their size and scale, the number of people from this country who are joining them, ease of travel, availability of weapons and the intensity of the conflict.”

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