

Propaganda Alert: Flashback to 2013. Obama: “I am Ready to Bomb Syria”

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The front pages below from August 2013 constitute a vivid example of the relentless and utterly deceptive war propaganda against Syria.

Now, with utmost impunity, the perpetrators of the genocidal war on Syria are declaring their plan to bombard Syrian territory under the guise of “collaborating” with the Syrian government against the “terrorists” who, in reality, are NATO’s mercenary death squads.

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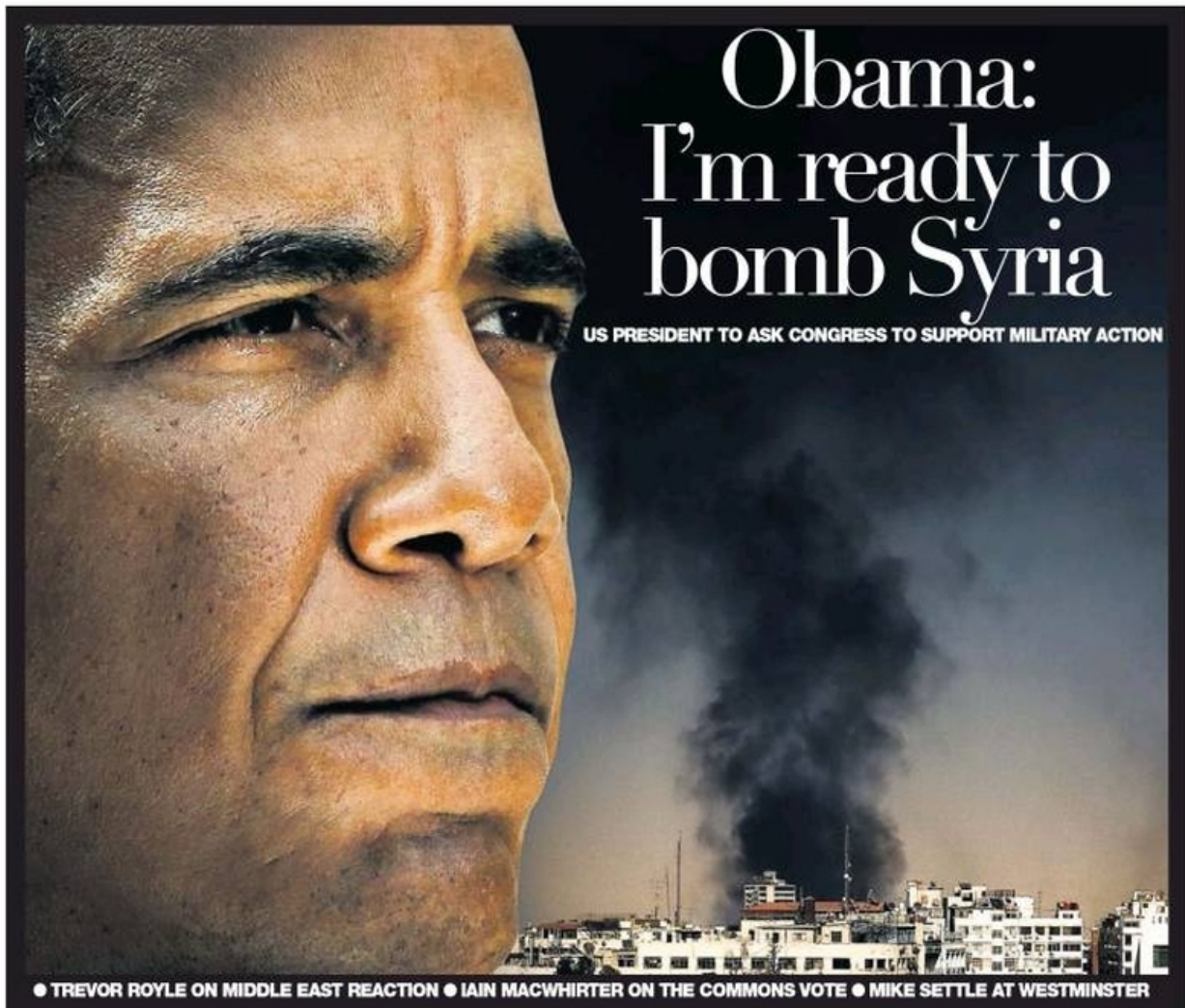
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U.S. Prepares for Solo Strike On Syria After Britain Balks

WASHINGTON—The Obama administration laid the groundwork for unilateral military action in Syria, a shift officials said reflected the U.K.'s abrupt decision not to participate and concerns that President Bashar al-Assad was using the delayed Western response to disperse his military assets.

The push for a quick international strike to punish Syria for what the U.S. said was a chemical-weapons attack appeared in disarray on Thursday, after British lawmakers defeated a government

By Carol E. Lee,
Adam Entous
and Slobhan Gorman

motion in support of military action.

But President Barack Obama is prepared to act without Britain, officials said, noting that unlike U.S. involvement in the 2011 military operation in Libya, the options under consideration in Syria are smaller-scale and wouldn't require a coalition to be effective. "Here, what's being con-

templated is of such a limited and narrow nature that it's not as if there's a similar imperative for bringing in different capabilities from different countries," a senior administration official said. "We believe it's important that there be diplomatic support from key allies, and we think we're getting that."

After a week of U.S. saber rattling that raised expectations about an imminent attack on Syria by a U.S.-led coalition, the White House had yet to release details about the intelligence, but said its findings conclusively showed the

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Assad regime used chemical weapons on a large scale against civilians last week.

U.S. intelligence agencies believe the main poison used was likely sarin, and estimate the

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NATO vows to assist Turkey on Syria border

NATO wades into the debate on invading Syria, vowing to defend Turkey's borders following the use of chemical weapons 'that cannot go unanswered'

BRUSSELS / GENEVA

The recent use of chemical weapons in Syria "cannot go unanswered," NATO head Anders Fogh Rasmussen said yesterday, adding that the 28-member military alliance would continue to assist Turkey and protect the alliance's south-eastern border.

"Information available from a wide variety of sources points to the Syrian regime as responsible for the use of chemical weapons in these attacks," Rasmussen said in a statement after a meeting of NATO ambassadors in regard to

the Aug. 21 chemical attack in the Damascus suburb of Ghouta. "We condemn in the strongest possible terms these outrageous attacks, which caused major loss of life. ... This is a clear breach of long-standing international norms and practice. Any use of such weapons is unacceptable and cannot go unanswered. Those responsible must be held accountable," he said. "We will continue to consult and keep the situation in Syria under close review, and NATO continues to assist Turkey and protect the alliance's south-eastern border."

International envoy to Syria

Lakhdar Brahimi confirmed yesterday that chemical "substances" were used in the attacks as the U.S. and Britain ruled out any military effort to oust President Bashar al-Assad from power.

"It does seem some kind of substance was used that killed a lot of people," said the U.N. and Arab League envoy, adding that he was awaiting evidence from Western powers as well as U.N. inspectors currently visiting the sites. U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon said inspectors needed four days to conclude their investigation and time to analyze the findings.

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'RAID TO PUNISH CHEMICAL USE'

ANKARA

Turkey hopes to see a clearer picture of the future of Syria after any attack on the country over the alleged use of chemical weapons outside Damascus last week, Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu said yesterday.

"We are in an effort to punish the use of chemical weapons in the most effective way, so that it won't be repeated," Davutoğlu told reporters yesterday.

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Hürriyet Daily News, 29 August 2013

Note: Hürriyet Daily News is the English-language edition of Turkish newspaper Hürriyet

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OBAMA'S PLAN FOR WAR

ON THE DAY when America and its allies said they would not let the United Nations stop them from dealing with Bashar Assad and his regime's use of chemical weapons, The News takes you inside the strategies and pitfalls facing President Obama as he leads the nation into what seems like yet another bloody conflict in the Middle East.

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Daily News, 29 August 2013



Stop dithering, Obama! If we're serious, we must ...



TARGET ASSAD



**MICHAEL
GOODWIN**

A feckless President Obama is assuring the world that the looming strike against Syria isn't about "regime

change." Then what's the point? America must eliminate mass-murdering butcher Bashar al-Assad.

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New York Post, 29 August 2013

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U.S. military 'in place' for attack on Syria

READY TO KICK ASSAD

THE UNITED STATES stood on the doorstep of war as Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel Tuesday said forces were "ready" to launch an attack against President Bashar Assad (inset) and the Syrian government for its use of chemical weapons against its citizens.

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Daily News, 28 August 2013



CRISIS IN SYRIA

SAS HUNT FOR ASSAD'S DEADLY MISSILES

LETHAL
Syrian missile
launchers

EXCLUSIVE by CHRIS HUGHES, Security Correspondent
BRITISH special forces were last night hunting Syrian missiles in readiness for Allied strikes which could start as early as tomorrow night.

Cruise missile attacks and RAF raids are expected in response to the Assad regime's use of chemical weapons. A military source said: "It is vital they find every missile site that could threaten British ships or RAF jets and

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Nicholas Cecil Deputy Political Editor

BRITISH defence chiefs are planning military strikes against Syrian president Bashar Assad's regime over its alleged use of chemical weapons, Downing Street said today.

As a senior US diplomat declared the "verdict is clear" against Assad's forces, David Cameron

cut short his holiday in Cornwall to return to No 10 for emergency meetings over the crisis.

Parliament was set to be recalled as high-level talks continued between Britain, America, France, Australia and other key allies over military action.

The Prime Minister's official spokesman said: "We are currently looking at what the correct

response should be and, as part of that, our armed forces are making contingency plans.

"In terms of endgame, this is about looking at how we deter the use of chemical weapons because this is something that is completely abhorrent and against

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War footing:
David Cameron
arrives at No 10
today. Options
include
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Tomahawk
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Navy ready to launch first strike on Syria

By Tim Ross and Ben Farmer

BRITAIN is planning to join forces with America and launch military action against Syria within days in response to the gas attack believed to have been carried out by President Bashar al-Assad's forces against his own people.

Royal Navy vessels are being readied to take part in a possible series of cruise missile strikes, alongside the United States, as military commanders finalise a list of potential targets.

Government sources said talks between the Prime Minister and international leaders, including Barack Obama, would continue, but that any military action that was agreed could begin within the next week.

As the preparations gathered pace, William Hague, the Foreign Secretary, warned that the world could not stand by and allow the Assad regime to use chemical weapons against the Syrian people "with impunity".

Britain, the US and their allies must show Mr Assad that to perpetrate such an atrocity "is to cross a line and that the world will respond when that line is crossed", he said.

British forces now look likely to be drawn into an intervention in the Syrian crisis after months of deliberation and international disagreement over how to respond to the bloody two-year civil war.

The possibility of such intervention will provoke demands for Parliament to be recalled this week.

The escalation comes as a direct response to what the Government is convinced was a gas attack perpetrated by Syrian forces on a civilian district of Damascus last Wednesday.

The Assad regime has been under mounting pressure to allow United Nations inspectors on to the site to establish who was to blame for the atrocity.

One international agency said it had counted at least 355 people dead and 3,600 injured following the attack, while reports suggested the true death toll could be as high as 15,000.

Syrian state media accused rebel forces of using chemical agents, saying some government soldiers had suffocated as a result during fighting.

After days of delay, the Syrian government finally offered yesterday to allow a team of UN inspectors access to the area. However, Mr Hague suggested that this offer of access four days after the attack had come too late.

"We cannot in the 21st century allow the idea that chemical weapons can be used with impunity, that people can be killed in this way and that there are no consequences for it," he said.

The Foreign Secretary said all the evidence "points in one direction", to the use of illegal chemical agents by Assad regime forces.

A Government source added that even if UN inspectors visited the site of the attack, "we would need convincing by the UN team that this was not the regime's attack because we believe everything points to the fact that it was".

Officials said the Assad regime has continued bombarding the area in the days since the attack, making it likely that any evidence which could establish who was responsible will have been destroyed.

Mr Cameron interrupted his holiday in Cornwall for talks with Mr Obama, François Hollande, the French president, and Angela Merkel, the German chancellor. After discussions via a secure telephone line over the weekend, all the

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