

Putin Nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

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The International Academy of Spiritual Unity and Cooperation Among Nations of the World (IASUCANW) nominated him for the 2014 award.

On October 11, this year's winner will be announced. Annual nominations must be postmarked by February 1.

Putin and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov collaborated. They've addressed regional conflicts responsibly. They've gone all out for peace in Syria.

They want things resolved diplomatically. They want all sides on board to do so.

They continue doing it against long odds. Both men deserve recognition for their efforts. They persist tirelessly.

They do it knowing Obama wants regime change. War is his bottom line option to achieve it. Preventing it will be a monumental achievement. So will resolving Syria's conflict peacefully.

On October 1, IASUCANW President Georgiy Trapeznikov said "the letter was sent to the Nobel Committee September 16 and it was received September 20."

"Vladimir Putin has proved his adherence to the cause of peace."

"We know very well what peacemaking role our president played in conflict regions, especially Beslan and South Ossetia."

He's very much involved in resolving Syria's conflict peacefully.

Putin's press secretary Dmitry Pekov said:

"The primary criterion for the president is satisfaction from a job well done." He seeks no special recognition or awards.

State Duma MP Iosif Kobzon said Putin deserves next year's prize. He's polar opposite Obama.

"Barack Obama is the man who has initiated and approved the United States' aggressive actions in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Kobzon.

"Now he is preparing for an invasion into Syria. He bears this title nevertheless."

"Our president, who tries to stop the bloodshed and who tries to help the conflict situation with political dialogue, is in my view more worthy of this high title."

Nobel Committee members deplore peace. They represent wealth, power and privilege.

They believe war is peace. It shows in their annual selections.

Past winners included Henry Kissinger, Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Rabin, Menachem Begin, FW de Klerk, Al Gore, Kofi Annan, and four US warrior presidents.

Announcing Obama award, Committee members said:

It reflects his "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples."

He's "work(ed) for a world without nuclear weapons."

He "created a new climate in international politics."

"Only very rarely has a person to the same extent as Obama captured the world's attention and given its people hope for a better future."

Since day one in office, Obama waged war on humanity. He continues doing it.

He wants Syria ravaged and destroyed. He plans war on Iran. He has other targets in mind.

He doesn't have a peace bone in his body. He thrives on violence. He presides over a homeland police state apparatus.

He spurns core rule of law principles. He considers them quaint and out-of-date. They're obstacles to achieving global dominance.

His agenda is belligerent. It's interventionist. It deplores peace. It prioritizes conflict and instability. He wants unipolar world control.

Putin is polar opposite. He supports peace and stability. He calls nation-state sovereignty inviolable.

He champions multi-polar world cooperation. He deserves recognition for his efforts to achieve it.

All-Russian Education Fund president Sergey Komkov supports Putin's nomination. He addressed Nobel Committee members by letter, saying:

Putin "appl(ies) maximum effort for maintaining peace, not only on the territory of his own country, but he also actively supports the peaceful settlement of all conflicts on the planet."

On October 1, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro expressed support for Putin's nomination, saying:

"If there is someone who deserves the Nobel Peace Prize at this historic moment, it is the Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was able to stop the war that threatened the Syrians."

Venezuelan National Assembly President Diosadado Cabello Rondon plans visiting Moscow.

He'll give Putin a congratulatory letter. He'll do so for "the role he is playing in establishing a new world of peace."

Former Reagan administration Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Kathleen Troia McFarland endorsed Putin's nomination, saying:

"The world knows that Vladimir Putin is the one who really deserves the Nobel Peace Prize." She praised his "give peace a chance" efforts.

Chicago Tribune editors said his proposal to eliminate Syria's chemical weapons "validates the great power status of Russia and might even win Vladimir Putin a Nobel Peace Prize."

A "We the People" petition wants Obama to give Putin his 2009 award, stating:

"Whereas Mr. Obama made a sincere commitment to starting a war with Syria, engaging our military in unwanted conflict, and doing so without the support of his people, we resolve that Mr. Obama should deliver the Nobel Peace prize given to him in 2009 to a man of Peace, the President of Russia, Mr. Putin."

"Whereas Mr. Putin enabled the United States to avoid an unwanted and unwarranted military action, he has brought us to the 'brink' of peace."

Other global initiatives want Obama's award rescinded. <u>RootsAction</u> headlined "Revoke Obama's Nobel Peace Prize," saying:

"After receiving the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize, President Obama has made perpetual war look more perpetual than ever."

"Today, there are more US troops in Afghanistan than when Obama took office."

"His increasing intervention in Syria promises the loss of even more than the nearly 100,000 lives already needlessly sacrificed."

"His intervention in Libya cost thousands of lives while destabilizing the entire region."

"His presidency has widened the use of drones and other instruments of remote killing without limit to almost any place on the globe."

"Please sign this petition to the Norwegian Nobel Committee." Access it at RootsAction.org.

On October 1, The <u>New York Times</u> headlined "Citing Efforts to Prevent Attack on Syria, Group Nominates Putin for Peace Prize."

Putin bashing is longstanding Times policy. It continues irresponsibly. The Times lied saying:

"He is credited with commanding a war to crush separatism in Chechnya, approving a full-scale attack on Georgia over a minor border dispute, and complaining when NATO led an air war in Libya to stop Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi from killing thousands of Libyans."

"And he is still selling weapons to the murderous government of President Bashar al-Assad of Syria."

Fact check

Former Russian President Boris Yeltsin waged two wars on Chechnya. He waged another against ordinary Russian citizens.

Shock therapy produced economic genocide. Around 80% of farmers went bankrupt. About 70,000 state factories closed.

An unemployment epidemic followed. A permanent underclass was created. Half or more of Russians became impoverished.

Crime, suicides, mortality, alcoholism, drug abuse, and HIV/AIDS soared to intolerable levels.

Essential needs were ignored. Human and civil rights were spurned. The New York Times called Yeltsin "a towering figure of his time."

He became widely despised. His approval rating sunk to low single digits. On December 31, 1999, his tenure ended disgracefully. He announced it, saying:

"I want to beg forgiveness for your dreams that never came true. And also I would like to beg forgiveness not to have justified your hopes."

Putin was Yeltsin's prime minister. He became acting president. He remained so until Russians formally elected him to lead on March 26.

According to former Nezavisimaia Gazeta editor-in-chief Vitalii Tret'iakov:

"(F)or the greater part of his presidency, Yeltsin slept, drank, was ill, relaxed, didn't show his face before the people and simply did nothing."

"Despised by the majority of (Russians, he'll) go down in history as the first president of Russia, having corrupted (the country) to the breaking point, not by his virtues and or by his defects, but rather by his dullness, primitiveness, and unbridled power lust of a hooligan."

Western governments, The NYT, and other mainstream media hailed his democratic change.

They ignored his "free market" gangsterism. Another generation may be needed to recover from the human wreckage he caused.

Obama bears full responsibility for lawless aggression on Libya. Doing so destroyed Africa's most developed country.

Daily charnel house violence, instability, poverty, unemployment, homelessness, hunger, and human misery replaced it. Don't expect The Times to explain.

Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili is a despotic US-installed stooge.

On August 7, 2008, he lawlessly attacked South Ossetia. He did so with Bush administration backing.

President Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Putin acted responsibly. They did so to protect thousands of Russian citizens at risk.

Times editors, commentators and writers misreported on what happened. They didn't surprise. They backed lawless aggression. They opposed responsible self-defense. They did so disgracefully.

They're doing it again now. They criticize Putin's efforts to prevent full-scale war on Syria.

He vetoed three US-led Security Council resolutions to do it. The Times lied saying he "block(ed) international action that could have stemmed the violence in Syria and prevented the deaths of more than 100,000 civilians."

Syria is Obama's war. He bears full responsibility for mass killing and destruction. The Times didn't explain.

More Putin bashing followed, saying:

"Mr. Putin would not be the first formerly war-waging leader to win the Peace Prize."

True enough about many others. Obama stands out notably. Putin responsibly deplores war. He seeks peace.

The Times again failed to explain. Irresponsible reporting substituted. It's longstanding Times policy. Its "news fit to print" isn't fit to read.

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