

# **‘Seed for Endless Wars’: Clinton May Trigger Chaos in Egypt, Collapse of Syria**

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*US Democratic presidential nominee Clinton on different occasions during her election campaign pledged to increase the US influence in the Middle Eastern region, to create safe zones inside Syria, increase pressure on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and boost support to the armed opposition.*

“Clinton is disquieting because [US President Barack] Obama had taken lessons from Iraq and Afghanistan failures. Clinton knows it too... but she seems to be thinking in simplistic terms of religious identities and ethnicities to define her foreign policy. So I fear she could destabilize Egypt and try to favor a federal solution for Syria... which is a seed for endless wars between groups,” Dhuicq said.

During her tenure as secretary of state, Clinton voted for the US invasion of Iraq in 2003 and supported the idea of arming and training Syrian rebels in 2012. She was also a vocal supporter of operation in Afghanistan in 2009.

Clinton, who seems to favor use of force based on the list of her foreign policy priorities that imply possible use of US military, is much more dangerous to the world’s peace and security than her Republican rival Donald Trump, Alexander Neu, a member of the German parliamentary committee on defense told Sputnik.

“In my opinion, Clinton might be much more dangerous for the world peace and security than Trump. But both candidates are a mirror of the American society,” Neu said.

According to Clinton’s campaign website, in order to maintain the US military posture, provide national security and country’s influence abroad, the US army could be potentially involved in deterring Iran’s nuclear aspirations, defeating Daesh, countering China’s cybersecurity threat and containing Russian “aggression.”

The US presidential election is set for November 8 with Clinton and Trump being two major contenders for the presidency.

# Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton's Positions on the Middle East

Check out what Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton said about the Middle East during their respective pre-election campaigns



DONALD TRUMP

*'I thought the approach of fighting Assad and ISIS simultaneously was madness, and idiocy. They're fighting each other and yet we're fighting both of them. You know, we were fighting both of them. I think that our far bigger problem than Assad is ISIS, I've always felt that... Our far greater problem is not Assad, it's ISIS.'*

*During an interview with The New York Times newspaper on March 27, 2016*

TRUMP

*'I also believe that we could find common ground with Russia in the fight against ISIS. They too have much at stake in the outcome in Syria, and have had their own battles with Islamic terrorism.'*

*During a foreign policy speech in Youngstown, Ohio on August 15, 2016*

TRUMP

*Called the Iran nuclear deal "one of the worst deals ever made by any country in history."*

*During the first presidential debates on September 26, 2016 with Hillary Clinton*

TRUMP

*'I was against the war. [...] And I would not have had our people in Iraq today.'*

*During the presidential debate with Hillary Clinton on October 9, 2016*

TRUMP

*"We could have a potentially very successful relationship with Turkey. And it would be really wonderful if we could put them somehow both together. If I ever have the opportunity to do it, meaning if I win, we will have meetings, we will have meetings very early on."*

*During an interview with The New York Times newspaper on July 20, 2016*

TRUMP

*'You can go to Afghanistan. You can go to war-torn countries and you will find that it's safer than being in the middle of some of our inner cities. [...] We're going to give security and safety.'*

*At a rally in Asheville, North Carolina on September 12, 2016*

TRUMP

*'I'm a big fan of the Kurdish forces.'*

*During an interview with The New York Times newspaper on July 21, 2016*

TRUMP

*'They should pay us,' Trump said of the oil rich nation. 'Like it or don't like it, people have backed Saudi Arabia. What I really mind, though, is we back it at tremendous expense. We get nothing for it.'*

*'The primary reason we're with Saudi Arabia is because we need the oil. Now we don't need the oil so much.'*

*On NBC's Meet The Press, August 14, 2016*

TRUMP

*'I've been loyal to Israel from the day I was born. My father, Fred Trump, was loyal to Israel before me. The only one that's going to give Israel the kind of support it needs is Donald Trump.'*

*In a phone interview with JNS.org on June 26, 2015*



HILLARY CLINTON

*'We will not get the support on the ground in Syria to dislodge ISIS if the fighters there - who are not associated with ISIS but whose principal goal is getting rid of Assad - don't believe there is a political, diplomatic channel that is ongoing.'*

*At the Democratic Debate on December 19, 2015*

CLINTON

*'It's time for an urgent dialogue between the government - and not just our government - and the high-tech community to confront this problem together.'*

*At the Brookings Institution on December 6, 2015 called on Silicon Valleys to fight ISIS*

CLINTON

*'The bottom line is that it accomplishes the major goals we set out to achieve. It blocks every pathway for Iran to get a bomb. And it gives us better tools for verification and inspection, and to compel rigorous compliance.'*

*On the Iranian nuclear deal at the Brookings Institute on September 9, 2015*

CLINTON

*'Donald supported the invasion of Iraq.'*

*During the first debate with Trump on September 26, 2016*

CLINTON

*'So far, however, Turkey has been more focused on the Kurds than on countering ISIS. And to be fair, Turkey has a long and painful history with Kurdish terrorist groups. But the threat from ISIS cannot wait. As difficult as it may be, we need to get Turkey to stop bombing Kurdish fighters in Syria who are battling ISIS, and become a full partner in our coalition efforts against ISIS.'*

*In a speech at the Council on Foreign Relations on November 19, 2015*

CLINTON

*'We have invested a lot of blood and a lot of treasure in trying to help that country and we can't afford for it to become an outpost of the Taliban and ISIS one more time, threatening us, threatening the larger world.'*

*During a campaign appearance in Nashua on October 16, 2015*

CLINTON

*'I would also consider arming the Kurds. The Kurds have been our best partners in Syria, as well as Iraq.'*

*During the presidential debate with Trump on October 9, 2016*

CLINTON

*'We need to use our diplomatic and more traditional intelligence assets to bring pressure on the governments of Qatar and Saudi Arabia, which are providing clandestine financial and logistic support to Isis and other radical groups in the region.'*

*To John Podesta, her current campaign chairman, in an email (August 19, 2014) published recently by WikiLeaks*

CLINTON

*'I happen to think that moving toward a two-state solution, trying to provide for support for the aspirations of the Palestinian people is in the long-term best interest of Israel, as well as the region and, of course, the people themselves. [...] I also believe the Palestinians deserve to have a state of their own. That's why I support a two-state solution.'*

*On CNN's State of the Union on February 21, 2016*

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## IRAQ



## TURKEY



## AFGHANISTAN



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