

Selected Articles: Syrian Conflict: Reconciliation or Military Escalation?

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According to Bill Van Auken, "The downing of the Syrian fighter marked the first time in this century that a US warplane has shot down the plane of another country. The last instance of such aerial combat took place in 1999 during the US-NATO war against Serbia, when an American fighter plane shot down a Serbian MiG."

Is this aggression from Washington a pretext to wage a more concerted war between Russia and America, both of which are nuclear powers? We have compiled related articles which provide and understanding of this issue.

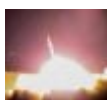
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[Phony US Congress Authorization for Use of Military Force \(AUMF\): Justification for US Military Operations](#)

By [Stephen Lendman](#), June 21, 2017

US justification for downing a Syrian warplane in its own airspace, combating terrorism, is willfully and deceitfully false, deceitfully claiming "(w)e will not hesitate to defend ourselves or our partners if threatened" – when no threat exists.



[Dangerous Development: Iranian Missile Launch into Syria Against ISIS Puts US in Precarious Position](#)

By [Patrick Henningsen](#), June 21, 2017

Iran's Revolutionary Guard announced that it had fired several missiles at ISIS positions in the Deir Az Zor province in Syria. The reason given for this unprecedented military strike was retaliation for double terrorist attacks which struck Tehran two weeks ago. Readers should not underestimate the significance of this event.



[US Aggression in Syria: Testing Russia's Resolve](#)

By [Stephen Lendman](#), June 21, 2017

They're part of Washington's diabolical regime change plan - at the same time, testing Russia's resolve in the wake of its announced halt in cooperating with America in Syrian airspace, following the downing of one of its Su-22 planes.



[The US Escalation in Syria and the Threat of World War](#)

By [Bill Van Auken](#), June 21, 2017

The escalation of the conflict continued Tuesday with a US warplane shooting down an Iranian drone in southeastern Syria.



[Another Step Toward A Devastating War. Washington's Pretense that It is Fighting ISIS](#)

By [Dr. Paul Craig Roberts](#), June 21, 2017

An idiot American pilot shot down a Syrian fighter that was attacking ISIS, thus confirming that Washington is not fighting ISIS, as Washington claims, but is protecting ISIS, its agent sent to Syria by Obama and Hillary to overthrow the Syrian government.



[Video: Military Escalation in Syria, Towards US-Russia Confrontation?](#) By [South Front](#), June 21, 2017

The Russian Defense Ministry said that the US move may be considered an "act of aggression," and announced that it is halting all interactions with the US within the framework on the memorandum of incident prevention in Syrian skies.



[US Downs Syrian Warplane over Syria Amid War on ISIS](#) By [Tony Cartalucci](#), June 20, 2017

With the United States now responsible for multiple strikes against the Syrian military as Syrian forces battle ISIS militants and attempt to retake eastern territory, it is clear that the US is willing to risk wider war in pursuit of the 2012 agenda of using ISIS to "isolate the Syrian regime."

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