

Selected Articles: US Withdrawal from Syria: Unlikely

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[Sanctioning Away Free Speech: Americans Meet with Iranians at Their Peril](#)

By [Philip Giraldi](#), October 10, 2019

The issue of the United States waging what seems to be a global war by way of sanctions rarely surfaces in the western media. The argument being made by the White House is that sanctions are capable of putting maximum pressure on a rogue regime without the necessity of having to go to war and actually kill people, but the reality is that while economic warfare may seem to be more benign than bombing and shooting the reality is that thousands of people die anyway, whether through starvation or inability to obtain medicines. It is often noted that 500,000 Iraqi children died in the 1990s due to sanctions imposed by the Bill Clinton White House and current estimates of deaths in Syria, Iran and Venezuela number in the tens of thousands.



[Iran and the UN General Assembly: Mediation Efforts, Militant Threats, and Multilateral Cooperation](#)

By [Andrew Korybko](#), October 10, 2019

There was no doubt that Iran would be a hot topic at this year's UN General Assembly meeting following its rivals' accusations that it had a hand in the [Ansarullah's drone strike](#) against the world's largest oil production facility in Saudi Arabia earlier in the month, and this expectation proved to be correct. The Islamic Republic was discussed in three primary capacities at the event: first and foremost as represented by President Rouhani, secondly by the militant threats that the US and its allies continued to spew against it, and lastly through the mediation efforts of Pakistani Prime Minister Khan.



[US Forces Will Not Likely Withdraw from Syria this Year. The Kurds Remain the Biggest Losers](#)

By [Elijah J. Magnier](#), October 10, 2019

Notwithstanding President Donald Trump's announcement of the deal with his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan to tactically withdraw US forces from specific locations in occupied north-east Syria- and in consequence to leave the Syrian Kurds to their fate- the departure of US forces from Syria is highly implausible. These US forces have established several military bases and airports, offering logistic and operational support to US forces in Iraq and to the Israeli Air Force. Abandoning the occupation of north-east Syria would result in giving up a strategic location in the Middle East, a move that the US administration is not expected to take this year.



[A Major Conventional War Against Iran Is an Impossibility. Crisis within the US Command Structure](#)

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), October 10, 2019

Iran is ranked as "a major military power" in the Middle East, with an estimated 534,000 active personnel in the army, navy, air force and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). It has advanced ballistic missile capabilities as well as a national defense industry. In the case of a US air attack, Iran would target US military facilities in the Persian Gulf.



[US Plans Permanent Occupation of Syrian Territory?](#)

By [Stephen Lendman](#), October 08, 2019

Along with Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Yemen, Iran, Venezuela, Russia, China, Somalia, Cuba, Nicaragua, Donbass (Ukraine), and Occupied Palestine, Syria is in the eye of the US storm. Its troops and proxy jihadists illegally occupy around 30% of its territory. Under both wings of its war party, the US came to Syria to stay, seeking another imperial trophy, wanting Iran isolated regionally, aiming to replace its legitimate government with US-

controlled puppet rule.



[Turkey's Safe-zone and Refugee Peace-corridor in Syria Is a Cover for Encroachment and Territorial Expansion](#)

By [Sarah Abed](#), October 07, 2019

On Saturday, Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced that preparations have been made for a unilateral cross border [air and land military operation](#) in the next day or two, in northern Syria, east of the Euphrates River. Erdogan expressed his frustration with Washington's lack of adherence to a September 30th deadline to establish a thirty-kilometer-deep safe zone on Syria's northern border.

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