

## The "Counter-terrorism" Campaign in Syria is Fake. "Dark State" Manipulations Serve as Barriers to Peace

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The "West" and its allies are not leading a "counter-terrorism" campaign in Syria. The publicly –disclosed, previously-planned Government-change war against non-belligerent, democratic, pluralist, secular Syria, is a terrorist campaign.

Known, documented, and amply proven, the West is using organizations, <u>including ISIS and al Qaeda</u>, in its attempts to destroy Syria[1].

We also know that the West used – and likely continues to use — <u>depleted uranium</u> ordnances throughout its illegal invasion and occupation of Iraq. Depleted uranium ordnances are weapons of mass destruction that continue to kill innocent Iraqis, and will do so for many years to come.

But the recently-disclosed story about the U.S using <u>depleted uranium ordnances in Syria</u> is suspect – not because there is reasonable doubt that the U.S used them – but because the story is being conflated in Western media with the notion that the weapons were used against ISIS.

While the West sometimes attacks "both sides" to prolong the destruction and warfare, and/or to create intra-Syrian conflict, the notion that the weapons were used against ISIS infrastructure is (intentionally) misleading in the sense that it creates the false perception that the West is trying to destroy ISIS (despite on-the ground evidence to the contrary). Prior to Russia's legal intervention in Syria, ISIS territory expanded beneath the illegal western

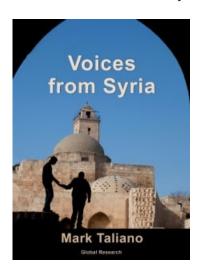
bombardments. [2]

The news story also ties in with the resignation of General Flynn, which appears to be the result of deep /dark state interventions that aim to upend President Trump and advance the causes of global war and poverty. Consider, for example, that it was General Flynn who publicly confirmed that the West's <u>support for ISIS</u> and other terrorist groups was a "willful decision". Consider also Robert Perry's assessment at <u>Consortium News</u>:

Flynn's real "offense" appears to be that he favors détente with Russia rather than escalation of a new and dangerous Cold War. Trump's idea of a rapprochement with Moscow – and a search for areas of cooperation and compromise – has been driving Official Washington's foreign policy establishment crazy for months and the neocons, in particular, have been determined to block it.[3]

Time will tell, but domestic populations would do well to consider "Cui bono?" The Military Industrial Complex "benefits" from global war and poverty, but the rest of us have literally everything to lose.

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