

## **Trump Israel Collusion on Syria**

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Considering the sequence of recent events in the Middle East, it is obvious that the circumstances regarding the US <u>withdrawal</u> from the nuclear accord with Iran were carefully thought out in advance, as a pre-arranged strategy to pave the way for escalating Israel's conflict with Iran and the war in Syria.

In presenting their own self-serving narrative of lies and distortions that Iran is conducting a 'secret' nuclear weapons program, Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu and President Donald Trump remain oblivious to the stunning hypocrisy of their own duplicity and stupidity; as if the rest of the world does not see through their pathological deceits. In their most recent public presentations, both pathetically flawed individuals, trapped in a Matrix of their own, continue to confuse war with peace and have no clue how to distinguish the difference.

Publicly projecting <u>one's own evil agenda</u> onto an ill-fated population is an old political trick to deflect attention from one's own sins while pointing the finger elsewhere and it would come as no surprise to discover that National Security Advisor <u>John Bolton</u>, who has <u>dual</u> <u>citizenship</u> with Israel, has been the key choreographer.

Immediately after Trump's April 3<sup>rd</sup> "time to get out of Syria" and 'bring our troops home"

statement, an <u>alleged gas attack</u> occurred on April 7<sup>th</sup> that was allegedly <u>ordered</u> by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. That attack was followed by Netanyahu's April 30th <u>dog and</u> <u>pony show</u> as a warm up for Trump's much anticipated announcement <u>withdrawing from the</u>

<u>nuclear accord</u> with Iran (<u>JCPOA</u>) on May 8<sup>th</sup>. By May 9<sup>th</sup>, Netanyahu was in Moscow viewing the <u>Russian Victory Day parade</u> along side Russian President Vladimir Putin.

We can only <u>speculate</u> on the details of the Putin-Netanyahu conversation but it is an unlikely coincidence that Russia's previous plan to provide its sophisticated S300 surface to air missile system to Syria has been put on the <u>backburner</u> and it appears the Russians took no active role to counter the Israeli offensive.

As reported in Haaretz, Netanyahu used the old cliché with Putin that "<u>Israeli has the right to</u> <u>defend itself in the face of Iranian aggression</u>" and as Putin should be aware, that is smokescreen lingo for Israel will pursue its policy of death and destruction throughout the Middle East with no apologies to anyone and <u>international law</u> be damned.

All this of course comes after the US, Israel, Saudis and their proxies suffered a humiliating

defeat in Syria thanks to the Russians in the air and Iranians on the ground, both of which provided military assistance at the request of Assad.

Netanyahu's promise to provide a 'new and conclusive proof of a secret nuclear weapons program that Iran has been hiding for years from the international community in its secret atomic archive" proved to be nothing more than a rehash of outdated, useless talking points.

It was not an oversight that Netanyahu failed to provide <u>his own data</u> about Israel's <u>super</u> <u>secret nuclear weapon arsenal</u> which has been kept top-secret since the 1960's. Estimated at 200 nuclear warheads in a 2016 email by <u>former Secretary of State Colin Powell</u>, <u>former</u> <u>President Jimmy Carter</u> revised his estimate upwards in 2014 to 300 Israeli nuclear warheads while in 1996 the authoritative Jane's magazine put the number at 400 Israel nuclear warheads. If American intelligence was correct in 1986 that Israel had 200 nuclear warheads, with a <u>production schedule of ten each year since the mid 1970's</u>, a more accurate current estimate could be as high as 600 Israeli nuclear warheads.

It might have been worth the price of admission to hear Netanyahu's response to Iran's Hassan Rouhani's first UN visit as President in 2013 when he called for a 'nuclear free zone' in the Middle East? Or let's hear Netanyahu or Trump explain how <u>Iran signed</u> the <u>Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty</u> in 1968 with its Parliament ratifying the Treaty in 1970 while Israel has <u>consistently refused</u> to sign and refused to allow IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) inspections of its nuclear facilities? The NNPT has now been signed by <u>191 nations</u>, not including Israel.

It is astonishing that after his 'fake news' testimony before a subservient Congress in 2002, Netanyahu continues to perpetuate the Iran lie practically word for word as he <u>perpetuated</u> <u>the Iraq wmdlie</u> in 2002:

"there is no question whatsoever, that Saddam is seeking and is working and is advancing towards the development nuclear weapons, no question whatsoever – and there is no question that once he acquires it, history shifts immediately..."

While Trump's long anticipated declaration relied heavily on scare tactics, bombast and a barrage of belligerent, unverified accusations citing 'new evidence' presented at Netanyahu's flim-flam event, Trump failed to provide one iota of evidence that Iran had not been in compliance with the Agreement. Trump failed to explain how attempts to improve the Agreement had failed and totally missed the irony when he dutifully parroted that Iran's 'regime has funded a long reign of chaos and terror by plundering the wealth of its own people" as if America's history of spreading global chaos and terror remains a Deep State secret.

Within hours of Trump's green light, Israel <u>initiated</u> a massive bombing attack on <u>Iranian</u> <u>positions in</u> Syria, according to Haaretz, firing from Israeli positions in the disputed <u>Golan</u> <u>Heights</u> in southwest Syria. The GH, which is within missile range of Damascus, has been occupied by Israel since the Six Day War in 1967 and remains internationally recognized as Syrian territory.

The IDF (Israeli Defense Forces) reported that its <u>Iron Dome missile defense system</u> was deployed and intercepted some <u>twenty incoming</u> projectiles in what may have been an

unprecedented return volley from Syria which Israel labelled as an 'act of aggression". The Iron Dome system was built for Israel by the American weapons manufacturer <u>Raytheon</u> and with Congress funding the system, courtesy of \$705 Million from the American taxpayer.

As Israel Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman said referring to an increased US budget allotment for Israel,

"I thank <u>our great friend the United States</u>, which has invested \$6.5 billion to defend the skies of the State of Israel."

The speed and ease with which Israel stepped in and took control has been stunning, requiring the capitulation of Trump and Putin as Israel assumed all the authority to initiate attacks with no fear of reprimand or being held accountable to anyone. With the same confident assurance since the <u>confiscation of Arab lands</u> for Israeli settlements began in 1947, Israel has never been a nation that respected diplomatic protocol or honored international law.

Meanwhile, Members of the US Congress continue to "sit in their places with bright, shiny faces."

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