

Ukraine, Syria, Venezuela and beyond: Beware the Wars of March

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In the 1930s it was a notorious fact the German government of Adolf Hitler chose the month Of March (Ides of Mars), to perpetrate its most daring moves in reasserting the nation as a continental power, culminating in the most deadly war in history.

For example:

March 1933: German federal election brings Hitler to power as chancellor

March 1936: Germany remilitarizes the Rhineland in contravention of the Treaty of Versailles

March 1937: The Third Reich's Condor Legion bombs and attacks Durango, Spain and the next month bombs Guernica

March 1938: Germany absorbs Austria

Over the past fifteen years a not dissimilar pattern has emerged.

In March of 1999 the U.S. and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization began Operation Allied Force, the 78-day air war against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

In March of 2003 the U.S. and several of its NATO allies began Operation Iraqi Freedom, the invasion and occupation of Iraq, ultimately with troops from 23 of NATO's current 28 member states stationed in the country.

In March of 2011 the U.S. launched Operation Odyssey Dawn, nineteen days later taken over by NATO under the code name of Operation Unified Protector, a more than six-and-a-half-month-long air war and naval blockade against Libya.

The above were the first wars ever conducted by NATO and were, respectively, its first wars in three continents: Europe, Asia and Africa.

In the unbroken series of direct, covert and proxy wars waged by the U.S. and NATO since the attack on Yugoslavia on March 24, 1999, the following nations and former nations have been seriously, more than likely fatally, wounded. Destroyed.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (subsequently the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro, now splintered into three entities)

Macedonia

Afghanistan (what was left of it after the U.S. and several of its NATO allies supported a fundamentalist-extremist insurgency operating out of Pakistan from 1978-1992 and then backhandedly supported the Taliban takeover in 1995-1996)

Iraq

Somalia

Ivory Coast

Libya

Yemen

Syria

Sudan

Mali

Ukraine

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