

US-Backed Death Squads Massacre Hundreds of Syrian Kurds

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Western leaders are silent. The mainstream media ignore what demands headlines. Cold-blooded murder doesn't matter. It's too insignificant to report. Managed news misinformation substitutes.

Syria is America's war. It was planned years ago. Death squads were recruited. Al Qaeda, Al Nusra, and other terrorists are Washington's shock troops.

They're well funded, armed, trained and directed. Their mission is mass murder and destruction. They target innocent civilians. They slaughter them in cold blood. Assad's wrongfully blamed for their crimes.

US-sponsored aggression is called humanitarian intervention. America's responsibility to protect reflects genocide. Post-9/11, millions died.

Mass slaughter continues. Washington bears full responsibility. Syria's being ravaged and destroyed. Tens of thousands died. No end of conflict looms.

Death squad massacres deserves headlines. Western media point fingers the wrong way. Other times they ignore them.

On August 6, [Itar Tass](#) said "Al-Nusra Front (and/or Jabhat Al-Nusra) militants massacred 450 Kurds in northern Syria." They "butchered" mainly "women and children."

Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB) reported the same toll. So did Syria News. It blamed extremist foreign jihadists and Free Syrian Army (FSA) "criminals."

Mostly women and children were murdered. On August 6, [Itar Tass](#) headlined "Moscow urges Syrian government and opposition to exert efforts to oust terrorists from Syria."

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said militants massacred 450 Kurdish civilians. Over 100 children were included.

On August 7, [Russia Today](#) (RT) headlined "Disturbing report alleges killings of 450 Kurds in Syria," saying:

"According to Iranian TV channel Al-Alam, militants from the Jabhat al-Nusra Front attacked the town of Tal Abyad on Monday, killing 120 children and 330 women and elderly near the Turkish border."

Horrific uncensored footage's too gruesome to air. Kurds interviewed said fighting continues. According to a relative of one victim:

"The al-Nusra militants and other rebel forces surrounded the village. They started going door to door, entering every house. If there were any men, they killed them and took the women and children hostage."

Kurdish journalist Barzan Iso said:

"Al-Qaeda started attacking Kurdish villages on the 19th of July. After these attacks they kidnapped many Kurds. We don't have a specific statistic."

"Since the beginning of the events in Syria, the Kurds tried not to be a part of the civil conflict."

"(T)here are non-Muslim Kurds, as well as Alawite Kurds – that's why they tried to be away from (it)."

"But now, some of the opposition groups are using al-Qaeda and al-Nusra to attack Kurds."

"The main cause is that they have the mentality of radical nationalists. That's why they are using al-Qaeda as an umbrella to attack the Kurdish people."

[Al-Alam's report](#) headlined "120 children slaughtered in Syria's Tal Abyad," saying:

"According to our reporter, terrorists attacked villages in Tal Abyad, near al-Hasakah governorate on Monday, killing (hundreds of) civilians including women and children."

"Videos posted online by the militant groups showed hundreds of women and children in Tall 'Aran, lying dead on the ground after their homes and plant fields were bombed."

"Residents said the brutal attack on their homes reminded them of the Kurdish genocide, called al-Anfal Campaign, committed by slain Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein in the late 1980s."

"Mass killings at the hands of terrorists have been increasing in Syria during the past month."

"As the foreign-backed insurgency in Syria continues without an end in sight, the US government has boosted its political and military support to Takfiri extremists."

"Washington has remained indifferent about warnings by Russia and other world powers about the consequences of arming militant groups."

Al-Nusra extremists want control of Kurdish territory. They want it for an Islamist state. They want it in northern Syria and Iraq.

Throughout the conflict, Kurds maintained self-defense forces. They remained neutral. No longer. Murdering their people compels action.

On July 30, they mobilized against death squad militants. They did so after Iso Huso's assassination.

He was a prominent Syrian Kurdish politician. He participated in the founding of the Kurdish Democratic Union party (PYD).

It's the main Syrian Kurdish party. Turkey considers it a branch of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK).

He was a member of the Supreme Kurdish Council diplomacy committee. It's an initiative for uniting Syrian Kurds.

Reports said a car bomb killed him. He was murdered in cold blood. Kurds mobilized in response, saying:

"We call on the Kurdish people to step forward."

"Anyone fit to bear arms should join the ranks of the Committees for the Protection of the Kurdish People (YPG) and to face the assaults of these armed groups."

According to RT:

"The Suriya al-Ain news portal claims that the terrorists are executing Kurdish prisoners as 'revenge on the Kurds, for defeats inflicted on them.' "

"One week ago, al-Nusra militants attacked two Syrian towns, taking around 200 civilians hostage."

"It was reported that all of those abducted came from the families of soldiers of the Kurdish Brigades who were previously part of the opposition Free Syrian Army, but later defected to the Kurdish Self-Defense forces."

Washington backs the worst of cold-blooded killers. Obama officials claim otherwise. Their rhetoric rings hollow.

According to IHS Jane's Defence Weekly analyst Charles Lister:

"Every major offensive in northern Syria this year has been announced, led and coordinated by Islamists."

Colin Cavell told RT:

"Right now most of the American people are very unclear about exactly what is going on."

"Our media kind of keeps it down low on one end, and on the other end it says we are supporting moderate democratic opposition, which is hilarious to anybody who is following this."

"We are supporting Al-Qaeda-linked Jihadists, who are massacring people."

[Kurt Nimmo](#) said former Al Qaeda member Nabil Naiim called Al Nusra leader Abu Mohammed al-Jawlani a "CIA operative."

According to Nimmo, he's "connected to Turkish intelligence."

The [Syrian National News Agency](#) (SANA) headlined "Lavrov: Combatting terrorism in Syria

becoming more pressing issue,” saying:

He cited massacres like the one discussed above. He blamed Al Nusra and other terrorist groups. He urged Assad to rout and expel them.

He stressed the need to implement agreed on Geneva One provisions. Washington, key NATO allies, Israel, and rogue Arab state partners ignore them.

He warned against delaying Geneva Two. Doing so lets slaughter continue. He blamed extremist anti-government fighters. Their unwillingness to negotiate peace lets conflict continue.

He stressed the need for a diplomatic solution. Resolving things militarily won’t work. Guerrilla fighting can continue longterm. Doing so assures many thousands more will die.

Lavrov wants what he won’t get. US obstructionism prevents it. He wants Security Council condemnation of Al Nusra fighters slaughtering hundreds of Kurds.

It’s not “the first report of such a massacre,” he said, “but the continued violence is going off the scale.”

He wants decisive action to stop it. He wants the international community to send a clear and unequivocal message.

“We saw before some Security Council members reluctant to condemn terror attacks in Syria on the grounds that – as cynical as it sounds – those attacks are being carried out by the people fighting against an obsolete regime,” he said.

“This position is absolutely unacceptable. No double standards can be applied to terrorism.” Terrorists are unequivocal about their intentions. They want Syria transformed into an Islamofascist state.

On August 7, Syria’s permanent UN envoy [Bashar al-Jaafari](#) called on Arab League leaders to respect their charter. He urged them to free themselves from petrodollar control.

He wants them to respect international law. Peace and security matter most. Syria’s willing to cooperate. It supports national dialogue, he said. He wants violence ended.

Saudi Arabia, Qatar and other Arab state hijacked the League’s agenda. They support imperial interests. They betray their own people. They’re subservient to petrodollar hegemony.

They violate international law. They spurn peace. They support anti-Syrian foreign aggression. They arm and fund terrorist fighters. They’re responsible for thousands of lost lives.

Al-Jaafari urged Arab League leaders to support peaceful conflict resolution. Doing so requires rejecting foreign intervention.

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