

US-NATO SEEK TO TRIGGER INSTABILITY IN SYRIA: Death Squads Ravage Syrian Town - West Calls For "Action"

Reports already conflicting as West attempts again to escalate instability

By Tony Cartalucci

Global Research, May 26, 2012

http://landdestroyer.blogspot.com/2012/05/death-squads-ravage-syrian-town-west.html 26 May 2012

Region: Middle East & North Africa
Theme: US NATO War Agenda

In-depth Report: **SYRIA**

Before UN monitors even arrived in Houla, Syria, northwest of Homs and close to the Lebanese border where it is now admitted that militant extremists, cash, and weapons <u>had been freely flowing for months</u>, the US, UK, and France were already calling for the "international community" to move against the Syrian government, in the latest effort to justify further meddling in the Middle Eastern nation.

France's new Foreign Minister, <u>Laurent Fabius</u>, <u>has called for the dubious "Friends of Syria"</u> <u>cadre to meet</u> again to discuss further measures to be taken against Syria while both France and the UK <u>urged for more support to be given to the Syrian opposition</u>, now long exposed as employing terrorist tactics, <u>including indiscriminate bombings</u>, and according <u>to both the UN</u> and <u>Human Rights Watch</u>, the kidnapping, torture, and murder of civilians.

Western media organizations had claimed that Syrian government shelling was responsible for the 90 deaths "confirmed" by UN monitors who later arrived at the scene. However, conflicting reports from across Gulf State media claim the deaths, particularly those of children, were caused by "knives" wielded by death squads. Images broadcast by both the opposition and the Syrian government's SANA news network shows slain families laying dead within intact structures, the result of a combination of brutality including close range small arms fire and possibly bladed weapons as claimed by Gulf State networks. SANA maintains that the atrocities were committed by opposition death squads, as it has consistently maintained throughout the duration of the unrest. The West and its allies however, have presented conflicting, and ever-shifting narratives to obfuscate increasingly depraved atrocities committed by their own proxy rebel forces.

Almost immediately after UN monitors arrived in Houla, Syria, the so-called "Free Syrian Army" declared it was abandoning the UN peace plan, as was predicted from reading reports by Western think-tanks calling for the ending of the UN "ceasefire" and the recommencing of violence to overthrow the Syrian government. It appears that indeed, death squads, not shelling has cost the lives of the vast majority of the 90 killed in Houla, regardless of which source one cites. The question that must be asked, as in all horrific crimes, is "Cui Bono?" To whose benefit does it serve to massacre very publicly entire families in close quarters and broadcast the images of their handiwork worldwide? To whose

benefit does it serve to immediately jump to conclusions before UN monitors even arrive on scene to make sense of the violence?

The Syrian opposition who has been losing tactically, morally, and rhetorically as their extremist background is systematically exposed, their ties to Al Qaeda admitted even by their allies in the Pentagon, and a growing list of atrocities undermining confidence that they will lead Syria into a future anywhere other than the same dystopian tragedy that has befallen Libya? Or the Syrian government who has been steadily keeping at bay the forces of Neo-Conservatives, corporate-funded think-tanks, NATO machinations, and a combined US-Israeli-Saudi plot to divide and destroy its nation, articulated and documented in 2007 by Seymour Hersh in his article, "The Redirection?"

Clearly, Syria's government has everything to lose by making it a policy to brutalize an already self-incriminating, admitted band of sectarian-driven extremists with overt ties to foreign interests. And obviously the Syrian opposition, teetering on either total defeat or receiving a torrent of additional arms and perhaps even NATO military support, had everything to gain by brutalizing the Syrian population at Houla and blaming it on the government, wringing out of tragedy the casus belli the West has been searching for, for months.

After the serial lies both the Syrian opposition and the Western corporate-media has been caught in, not to mention the deceitful premises used to sell both the <u>Iraq</u> and <u>Libyan wars</u> to the world, is it not unreasonable to question a narrative so quickly concluded and leveraged (in hours) by the West? This, the same West that sat idly by while the "Free Syrian Army" conducted nationwide terrorist bomb attacks, <u>they themselves admitted they were carrying out</u>. Where was the outrage and calls for action then? The UN condemnation of foreign interests funding militant groups purposefully targeting civilians?

Clearly with the massacre at Houla, we find ourselves at another critical juncture where an informed, objective world population must push back against insidious interests clamoring for war to allegedly stop violence they themselves both plotted and have perpetuated.

The original source of this article is

http://landdestroyer.blogspot.com/2012/05/death-squads-ravage-syrian-town-west.html Copyright © Tony Cartalucci,

http://landdestroyer.blogspot.com/2012/05/death-squads-ravage-syrian-town-west.html, 2012

Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page

Become a Member of Global Research

Articles by: Tony Cartalucci

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are

acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca