

## US versus Russia in Syria. "A Fake 'Revolution' Using Islamic Gangs"

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At the request of Syria's government in September 2015, Russia intervened in the country to combat ISIS and other US/NATO/Israeli-backed jihadists.

Moscow's freedom-fighting operations turned the tide of battle, enabling Syrian forces to liberate most parts of the country.

Most of Idlib province remains occupied by many thousands of jihadists — heavily armed and trained by the Pentagon and CIA.

Along with illegally occupied northern and southern parts of the country by US forces, Idlib remains to be liberated so Syrians again may be free from the scourge of US aggression — launched by Obama/Biden, continued by Trump.

There's nothing "civil" about a near-decade of US-launched war in Syria — part of its longstanding aim to redraw the Middle East map to control the region unchallenged.

In his important truth-telling book titled "The Dirty War on Syria," Tim Anderson explained what US involvement since March 2011 is all about.

Separately he said the following:

"Washington and its allies tr(ied) another 'regime change' in Syria."

"A fake 'revolution' uses Islamic gangs, during an 'Arab Spring.' The Western media constantly lie about this covert, dirty war."

US, NATO, Israeli, Turkish, Saudi-backed jihadists "carry out a series of massacres, falsely blaming them on the Syrian Army and President Assad."

"Most of Syria's opposition backs the state and army against terrorism. Washington calls a puppet exile group 'the Syrian opposition.'

So-called "moderate rebels" are US-recruited jihadists.

What's been ongoing in Syria for a near-decade is a failed US imperial effort to transform the country into a vassal state — replacing legitimate President Assad with puppet leadership subservient to US and Israeli interests.

It's also about wanting Iran isolated regionally. Longstanding US policy calls for gaining control over all independent states not bending to its will — by whatever it takes to achieve its aims, endless wars by hot and other means its favorite strategies.

On Tuesday, Sergey Lavrov explained what Moscow faces on the world stage, saying the following:

"Washington and a number of EU capitals have redoubled their efforts to contain Russia's development."

"They are trying to punish us for an independent foreign policy, for consistently upholding our national interests."

"To justify their actions, the introduction of ever new anti-Russia sanctions, they throw in various accusations and insinuations."

"At the same time, no one has shown any facts or evidence."

Anti-Russia Western "rhetoric is always being kept at the 'highly likely' innuendo level."

"Those claims are based on fabricated accusations and run contrary to even elementary logic."

"All the proposals we make to set up a professional dialogue on any concerns remain without any reaction."

"So we have no other choice but to conclude we cannot count on" respect from Washington and EU governments."

"(T)he West has made it a rule to talk with Russia based on the presumption of its quilt."

Western nations forgot "what diplomacy is and have sunk to the level of vulgar rudeness. Our retaliatory steps in the US and EU are well known."

Among other issues, hardliners in the US, UK, and other Western nations are smarting over defeat of their imperial project in Syria by Russia's involvement.

Yet they continue endless war and efforts to starve and otherwise immiserate 17 million Syrians into submission — part of endless US war on the country.

On Monday, Vladimir Putin's special envoy for the Middle East and African countries/Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov met with Syrian ambassador to Russia Riyad Haddad, saying the following:

Views (were exchanged) on the current situation in and around Syria," adding:

"The Russian side reiterated its unfailing solidarity with the Syrian people, support to its sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity, as well as its readiness to continue efficient cooperation in restoring the socio-economic infrastructure."

In mid-October, Russian airstrikes in southwestern Idlib reportedly killed or wounded "over

200...Turkish-backed" jihadists in response to their "shelling and rocket fire," according to AMN News.

Southfront reported that these elements are "being trained on anti-tank weapons and mountain warfare by Turkish officers and private contractors..."

"(P)hotos released by RusVesan.RU confirm that the strikes targeted military installations located far from any urban area."

Claims of numerous civilian casualties were fabricated like most always in response to Syrian and Russian military strikes on US/Western/Israeli or Turkish-backed jihadists — serving as their proxies against Syrian sovereign independence.

On Tuesday, RT reported that leaked documents revealed a "UK-(run) secret training and PR (operation) for" jihadists in Syria, "costing millions" of dollars, adding:

"(T)he hacktivist collective Anonymous...expose(d) a variety of covert actions undertaken by the UK government against the Syrian state over many years."

Britain partners with all US wars of aggression against invented enemies.

Efforts to replace Syria's Bashar al-Assad with pro-Western puppet rule failed.

Yet endless war continues despite Trump's earlier vow to exit US troops from the country.

More recently he said that US troops are in Syria "only for oil...to "secure the oil" — code language for stealing it.

A near-decade of US proxy war with Pentagon air support is all about gaining control over the country and replacing the government of an Israeli rival state.

On Tuesday, AMN News reported that "Turkish-backed" jihadists "resumed...large attack(s)" in northern Idlib province — in "retaliation" for Russian airstrikes against their fighters that took a heavy toll.

They "launched dozens of rockets and artillery shells towards the government areas...mostly hit(ting) open fields..."

"At the same time, Russian and Syrian military reconnaissance planes are conducting flights over the militant positions to identify where the shelling and rocket fire is coming from" to strike back.

The struggle for Syria's soul continues to keep the country and its people free from US imperial control.

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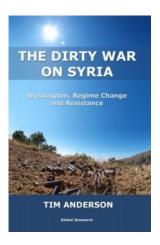
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