

# **‘Sacrificial Lamb’: US Troops in Syria and Iraq. Colonial-Style Occupation Ready to Sacrifice Their Lives for Israel in a Future Middle East Conflict**

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*The [Yemen News Agency](#) (SABA) reported that "A U.S. military official has revealed that U.S. and coalition forces have been subjected to at least 97 attacks in Iraq and Syria since Oct. 17 until Wednesday."*

*A US official confirmed "that the attacks came at 45 attacks in Iraq, in addition to 52 attacks in Syria."*

*In a statement provided by the Islamic Resistance, it said that "the targeting of the US occupation base in al-Shadadi comes in response to the crimes of the enemy in the Gaza Strip."*

*The Iraqis and Syrians are legitimately angry that Israel is getting away with genocide in Gaza and that the US government still has troops occupying their lands. Since the war in Iraq began, the US and its allies including Israel has brought more death and destruction to the Middle East and Africa including Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Yemen, Somalia and Palestine.*

They see US troops as occupiers just like the Israelis who have been occupying Palestinian land since 1948, so why is the mainstream media surprised that there has been an increase of attacks since the October 7<sup>th</sup> incident between Hamas and Israel. The US government has violated international laws and even their own constitution by allowing US troops to remain in Syria. In [Article 2\(4\) of the United Nations Charter](#)

"All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force

against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.”

The US government’s own [constitution](#) states that

“The Congress shall have Power . . .] To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water.”

Since [Washington’s political establishment is beholden to Israel’s agenda](#), it decided to illegally occupy Syria when war criminal and former US President, Barack Obama declared that Syrian President, Bashar al-Assad had lost his legitimacy and that he “must go.” Since then, the US congress still has not declared war, so why are US troops still in Syria?

Syrian President, Bashar al-Assad never invited US troops to help fight the “Islamic State” known as ISIS, besides it was the US and Israel who funded and armed the Islamic State, Al-Qaeda, and other terrorist organizations in the first place. So, fighting so-called “terrorism” was not the intended goal.

The US is in Syria to play a significant part of a future war against the Syrian and Iraqi governments and the rest of the Middle East including the resistance on behalf of Israel. The other reason that US troops are still in Syria is what the former US President Donald Trump had admitted publicly, to [“Take the Oil.”](#)

There are about 900 US troops, including an unspecified number of private contractors and US Special Forces who have been deployed to Syria’s northeastern oil fields including Al-Tanf in the south blocking the Syrian government’s energy supplies.

The pretext of fighting terrorism is pure propaganda. [The US-NATO Alliance, Israel, and to an extent, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Qatar](#), all played a significant role against Syria that began in 2011 that killed hundreds of thousands of Syrians thus turning millions more into refugees in the process. It is internationally known that it was mainly the Russian military, Iranian-backed militias who played a major role in the defeat of ISIS. One of the main reasons that the US is still in Syria is ‘Regime Change’ since it was Washington’s bi-partisan bureaucrats who allocated billions of dollars’ worth of arms to ISIS since the war began. It is well known that members of ISIS are mostly veterans from Al Qaeda and other linked terrorist organizations from Iraq, Afghanistan and other war zones from around the world.

## US Troops in Syria and Iraq Are Open Targets, Seen as Illegitimate

The corporate mainstream media reports daily on US occupation troops in Syria and Iraq being open targets by various resistance groups since Israel declared war on Hamas. [Al Mayadeen](#) recently had a report based on numerous attacks on US bases in Syria, *‘Iraqi Resistance targets three US occupation bases in Syria ‘reported on several attacks on US bases in Syria and “confirmed that the US occupation military base in the Conoco gas field north of Deir Ezzor in Syria was targeted twice in less than an hour.” It was also confirmed that “US forces at the al-Shadadi base in Syria was also targeted” and that the Islamic Resistance in Iraq announced in a statement that it targeted the Tanf occupation base and another occupation base in the Rukban camp using drones and achieved direct hits.’* The resistance said that *“the drones directly hit their targets in the two American bases.”*



Image of a drone launched by the Iraqi resistance (screengrab via [Al Mayadeen English](#))

The attacks have become a regular occurrence since Israel declared war on Gaza which means war on everyone who is Palestinian.

"Hashem al-Kindi, the head of the Naba Strategic Studies Group, told Al Mayadeen that "the Islamic Resistance in Iraq has carried out more than 70 strikes on American bases, and the escalation is ongoing" adding that "the Resistance in Iraq "used new weapons with long ranges, and it will also escalate by targeting Israel," confirming that it "can push the confrontation to ranges unknown to the enemy."

The Iraqi resistance considers *"US occupation bases in Syria and Iraq as legitimate targets"* since the US supports Israel unconditionally including its genocide of the Palestinian people. *"On a similar note, the Pentagon said in a statement that the rate of attacks carried out against US personnel in Iraq and Syria has increased by 45% in the past three weeks."*

## FOX News, CNN Ignores Illegal US Occupation and Promotes a War Against Iran

The US mainstream media reports daily on how US troops are being targeted by "Iranian proxies." A report by the Zionist-run FOX News, ['US military bases in Iraq, Syria attacked again, bringing total to at least 90 since Oct. 17'](#) blames Iran who is Washington's and Israel's main adversary in the Middle East,

"Iran holds considerable sway in Iraq, and a coalition of Iran-backed groups brought Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani to power in October 2022. At the same time, there are some 2,000 U.S. troops in Iraq under an agreement with Baghdad, mainly to counter the militant Islamic State group."

In another article by FOX News from May 26, 2023, ['Iran regime close to getting nuclear bomb, but what's the holdup?'](#), that

“Iran has moved dangerously close to enriching weapons-grade uranium for a nuclear bomb, but the regime has not yet crossed the critical threshold of declaring it has built an atomic weapon.”

Fox News reached out to Lisa Daftari, an Iran expert and editor-in-chief of the Foreign Desk and said that

“If there is reason to believe that there are a number of retardants that have put a pause in their weapons development, they’d relate back to targeted attacks by the U.S. and Israel, who clearly are very much concerned about stopping the mullahs” she continued “Israel has reportedly conducted at least two dozen targeted operations on Iran’s regime in the last 15 or so years, including drone attacks, cyberattacks, if you recall Stuxnet and assassinations of key players in Iran’s nuclear program.”

Jason Brodsky, policy director of the U.S.-based *United Against a Nuclear Iran* (UANI), was also interviewed by FOX News and said that

“I think Iran’s leadership to date has calculated the costs of doing so would outweigh the benefits at this juncture — mainly a destructive attack which targets its entire nuclear infrastructure,” he said that Iran’s leadership is emboldened and will cross international red lines, “But my concern is that calculus risks changing as the U.S. and Europe’s non-response to Iran’s nuclear escalation over the last two years — for example 60% enrichment and production of uranium metal — has emboldened Tehran’s leadership to continue testing international red lines.”

The article mentions that

“The United States military and Israel Defense Forces launched a joint drill, Juniper Falcon, in February. The IDF’s website stated, “The exercise tested collective U.S.-Israel readiness and strengthened the interoperability between the two militaries,” the IDF stated on its website after the drill.”

An article from CNN published on December 8<sup>th</sup> follows the same line, [\*‘Iran-backed militia vows more attacks after US Embassy in Iraq comes under fire’\*](#) said that

“On Friday morning local time, a multi-mortar attack was launched against the US Embassy compound in Iraq, a US official told CNN. There were no injuries or infrastructure damage reported. Hours later, US and coalition forces came under attack three more times – once in Syria, and twice in Iraq – in a mix of rocket and drone attacks.”

The article mentions a man by the name of Abu Alaa al-Walae who is the commander of the Iraqi Kataib Sayyid al-Shuhada and said that he *“did not claim responsibility for the attacks but said later Friday that they “reject talk about stopping or easing operations as long as Zionist crimes continue in Gaza and the American occupation continues in Iraq.”*

Syrian and Iraqi resistance groups do not need permission from Iran to attack US bases who are illegally occupying their territories to supposedly fight terrorists, it’s all a lie. They know that the US troops who are in Syria and Iraq are there to counter Israel’s enemies once a major war breaks out. Stealing the oil and controlling the political landscape is a bonus for Washington and its Big Oil conglomerates.

## Washington is Sacrificing their Own Troops at the Behest of Israel

The bottom line is that Washington is preparing for a major war in the Middle East to save Israel by sacrificing its own US troops. [The Jerusalem Post](#) published what *US Air Force Third Air Force Commander Lt. Gen. Richard Clark* had said in 2018:

Washington and Israel have signed an agreement which would see the US come to assist Israel with missile defense in times of war and, according to Haimovitch, “I am sure once the order comes we will find here US troops on the ground to be part of our deployment and team to defend the State of Israel.”

And those US troops who would be deployed to Israel, are prepared to die for the Jewish state, Clark said, “We are ready to commit to the defense of Israel and anytime we get involved in a kinetic fight there is always the risk that there will be casualties. But we accept that – as every conflict we train for and enter, there is always that possibility,” he said.

The US occupation in Syria and Iraq is about assisting Israel’s geopolitical agenda and we must include the US strategic goal to control the abundant natural resources and the political landscape of the Middle East.

If the US and Israel were to be victorious in a world war which is highly unlikely, governments in the Middle East and Africa will be forced to accept Western and Israeli dominance indefinitely, if not, those who want their country to be free and sovereign will be subject to regime change or will face threats of being bombed back to the stone age just like what they are doing to Gaza. The obvious is right in front of our eyes.

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