
SYRIA BRIEFING



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7 COUNTRIES, 5 YEARS



- “This is a memo that describes how we’re going to take out seven countries in five years, starting with Iraq, and then Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and, finishing off, Iran.” — reported by Gen. Wesley Clark, Supreme Allied Commander, NATO
- Chaos as Strategy

COMPETITION FOR OIL



- Syria intervention plan fueled by oil interests — not concerns about chemical weapons
- Massacres of civilians are being exploited for narrow geopolitical competition to control Mideast oil, gas pipelines
- Assad refused pipeline agreement with Qatar
- Military support of Israeli energy grab

SYRIA SUSPECTED IN 2013



- Syria was suspected of using chemical weapons
- UN reports suggested the rebels might have access to chemical weapons
- A number of CIA analysts threatened to resign if strong dissent not noted in public report
- CIA Director Brennan and Director National Intel Clapper backed down
- Are chemical weapons worse than other weapons? British propaganda?

WHITE HELMETS IN THE NEWS



- Often source for news of Syria
- Founded in collaboration with USAID's Office of Transitional Initiatives — wing that promotes regime change
- \$23 million from USAID provided through Chemonics — contractor in Washington, DC
- ISIS created by Qatar, Saudis, U.S.

'ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE'



- Theodore A Postel: Professor Emeritus of Science, Technology, and National Security Policy, M.I.T.
 - “absolutely no evidence that this attack was the result of a munition being dropped from an aircraft”
 - “absolutely no evidence that would indicate who was the perpetrator”
 - “how was the president initially misled about such a profoundly important intelligence finding?”



INVESTIGATION NEEDED

Peter Ford, former British ambassador to Syria



‘UNSEEMLY RUSH TO JUDGEMENT’

Ray McGovern, former CIA, Chair National Intelligence Committee, Presidential Daily Briefs



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“War must never be considered a public relations operation.” ... [MORE](#)

HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION?

- Permissible if authorized by the United Nations Security Council
- Catholic church's criteria for a Just War:
 - the damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, and certain;
 - all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective;
 - there must be serious prospects of success;
 - the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated.
- The Quran's definition of a Holy War is virtually identical with that of a Just War

U.S. MORAL AUTHORITY?

- U.S. used AGENT ORANGE in Vietnam (1961 – 1972)
 - Powerful mixture of chemical defoliants used by U.S. military forces during the Vietnam War
 - 400,000 people reported killed or maimed
 - Vietnam claims 500,000 children born with serious birth defects
 - 2 million people are suffering from cancer or other illness
- Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, South Sudan ...



FEAR NOT THE PATH OF TRUTH

This documentary follows Ross Caputi, veteran of the 2nd siege of Fallujah, as he investigates the atrocities that he participated in and the legacy of US foreign policy in Fallujah, Iraq.

JUNE 2017 UPDATE

- Syria surrendered chemical weapons to OPCW in June 2014
- 12 million refugees (65% of all refugees) are from Syria
- U.S. policy responsible for extending Al Qaeda in Syria
- Former Israeli Defense Minister confirms Israeli collaboration with ISIS
- U.S. missile strike on April 6 — U.S. intelligence found no evidence Syrians used CW
- Trump threatens Syrian President Bashar al-Assad over ‘planned new chemical attack’ — no evidence, only assertions



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JUDGMENT AT NUREMBERG

- We are at war in Syria
- War is a racket — preemptive war make us less safe, diverts money spent bettering Americans' life
- The Judgment of the international Military Tribunal: “To initiate a war of aggression, therefore, is not only an international crime; it is the supreme international crime”
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