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The U.S. in Syria

by Mary Beaudoin and Sarah Martin

The status of Syria is fluid and unknown at the present time. A number of foreign entities and states have had interests inside Syria. It is certain that the U.S. was among those that played a prominent role in the fall of the Syrian government which had been under President Bashar al-Assad. The U.S. has employed these means to destroy the Syrian government:

- strangling its economy by imposing draconian sanctions
- waging an enormous propaganda war to promote a narrative destabilizing to Syria
- setting up U.S. military bases, occupying Syrian land
- funding and supporting jihadist terrorists on Syrian soil – CIA program, Project Timber Sycamore and more
- stealing resources, oil and wheat, from the Syrian people

Israel, which the U.S. supplies with missiles and bombs, struck Syria 800 times by the second week of December. Syria’s defense capability was destroyed: naval ports and ships, military bases, planes and air force, equipment and ammunition depots. Israel bombed administration buildings, decimating government infrastructure and industrial sites in Aleppo, Syria’s manufacturing center which had supplied Hezbollah’s resistance against Israeli aggression. Israel announced its approval and financing of more settlements on the stolen land of the Golan Heights.



We will continue to hold hope eternal and work for peace in these challenging times.

The U.S. has for years been acting to change the Syrian government because it was a part of the Axis of Resistance: Syria, Iraq, Iran, Hezbollah in Lebanon, and Ansar Allah (the Houthis) in Yemen, which were opposed to the U.S./Israeli agenda. This has culminated in Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), the dominant Islamist jihadist group, coming down from northern Syria, and other jihadists coming up from the south to converge in Damascus on December 8, 2024. Rebranded more benignly as a “rebel,” HTS leader Abu Mohammad al-Jawlani is still on the U.S. terrorist list with a bounty of \$10 million offered for his capture.

We stand for sovereignty and self-determination for all countries in the Middle East, for an end to the U.S.-supported and funded genocide in Gaza, and for a free Palestine.

NEWSLETTER

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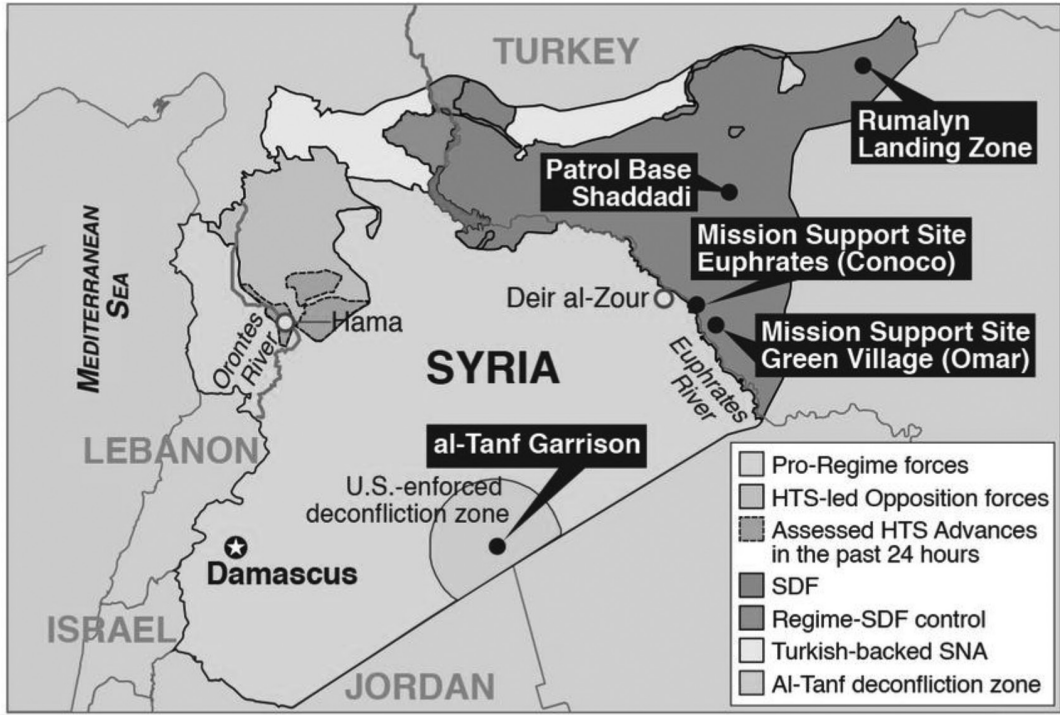
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U.S. Military Bases in Syria

Former Ambassador Alastair Crooke, a 30-year veteran of M16, the British Intelligence agency, commented that “many of the forces engaged in the uprising, or this coup if you like, were, in fact, American trained.” He said of the “rebels” who converged in Damascus on December 8 with the intention of taking over Syria: the CIA had trained forces in the North, and the Pentagon had trained forces in the South, particularly from the base at al-Tanf. *SOURCES: “Turkey turns on Russia,” Judging Freedom, December 9, 2024; tinyurl.com/33cxm37x.; interview with Chris Hedges: “The Fall of Assad & What It Means for the Mid East (w/Alastair Crooke),” Chris Hedges Report, Dec. 10, 2024. Map source: MapPorn*



WikiLeaks

"[al-Quada] is on our side in Syria"--email from policy advisor to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (Feb 2012)

From: Jake Sullivan
To: Hillary Clinton
Date: 2012-02-12 09:01
Subject: SPOT REPORT 02/12/II

UNCLASSIFIED U.S. Department of State Case No. F-2014-20439 Doc No. C05789138 Date: 10/30/2015

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From: Sullivan, JacobJ <SullivanJJ@state.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2012 4:01 PM
To:
Subject: Fw:SPOTREPORT02/12/11(SBU)

See last item - AQ is on our side in Syria. ←

Otherwise, things have basically turned out as expected.

Syria: the Mediterranean Piece

excerpts from article by Mary Beaudoin, Women Against Military Madness Newsletter, published 11 years ago in July 2013, may provide some background about the situation today.

What's left out when the U.S. talks about Syria is that it is in a key position for exporting natural gas. Adding weapons to the region makes it explosive.

A NATO coalition fighting in Syria (through proxy and special ops) is comprised of the U.S., EU, Turkey with their NATO partners: the Mediterranean Dialogue countries, plus Israel, and the Gulf Council Coalition of Arab monarchies. "Every member state of the coalition has its own interests and believes it can be satisfied, even though these interests are sometimes contradictory. There is a desire to 're-sculpt' the Middle East. But the most important issues are economic,"

according to Thierry Meyssan, who is a professor for international relations at the Centre for Strategic Studies in Damascus and is the founder of Voltaire Network of independent media.

Rival pipeline routes through which natural gas can be transported from the Persian Gulf are a big part of the issue, according to Dmitry Minin of the Strategic Culture Foundation: "A battle is raging over whether pipelines will go toward Europe from east to west from Iran and Iraq to the Mediterranean coast of Syria, or take a more northbound route from Qatar and Saudi Arabia via Syria and Turkey."

The objective of eliminating the competition can explain why countries allied with the U.S. have been instrumental in funneling arms to Syrian rebels and why they have met fierce resistance.

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On Our Side?

Abu Mohammad al-Jawlani was identified as a Specially Designated Terrorist, on May 16, 2013, and remains on the list today. The U.S. State Department Rewards for Justice website states that, in 2011, al-Jawlani went from Iraq to Syria to organize terrorist cells, forming Al-Nusrah Front, an al-Qa'ida affiliate.

In 2014, ANF was designated a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the U.S. State Department. ANF carried out multiple terrorist attacks throughout Syria, often targeting civilians. In January 2017, ANF, with several other hardline groups opposed to the Syrian government, formed the organization, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS).

SOURCE: rewardsforjustice.net

U.S. Embassy Syria · May 15, 2017
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 HTS is a merger and any group that merges into it becomes part of al-Qa'ida's Syrian network. #Syria

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We remain committed to bringing leading AQS figures in HTS to justice. #Syria

10:45 AM · May 15, 2017



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Learning from Cuba

by Carol Masters

Eye-Witness Report

I joined a delegation of the international group Witness for Peace, for an educational and solidarity trip to Cuba November 15 to 24, 2024. The mission of WFP, 40 years old this year, is to build “solidarity to resist U.S. government and corporate policies that contribute to violence, poverty, and oppression in the Americas.”¹

In the weeks prior to our scheduled departure, Cuba had suffered a total blackout of its electricity, owing to its aging infrastructure and the six-decade-long U.S. embargo, preventing free trade of needed parts and fuel. The Cuban people were used to interruptions in service and have a system of timed reductions; but the power grid collapsed many times in October, forcing authorities to close some schools and “nonessential” workplaces, adding to the broader crisis “marked by inflation and shortages of medicine, food, and water.”²

As the 22-person delegation (from Minnesota, Oregon, and New York) gathered medical and personal supplies and cash from WFP and prepared to leave, Hurricane Rafael struck the island and again knocked out the grid. We asked ourselves: “Should we continue with our delegation’s plans?” We didn’t want to be a burden on our hosts. Many discussions, in person and by email and zoom, ensued. By the time our group left, it had dwindled to 12. Nevertheless, our Havana hosts informed us that they were eager to welcome us and had a strong program planned.

For much of the trip we were housed at the Martin Luther King Center in Havana. Founded in



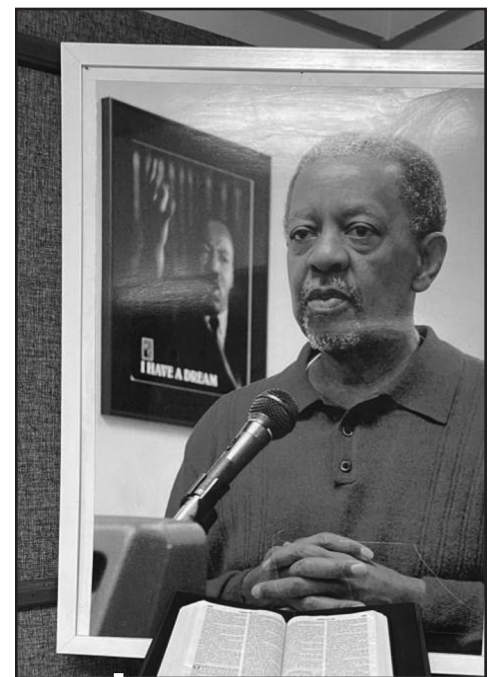
Witness for Peace delegation

1987, the Center is a compound of two- and three-story stucco buildings surrounding a central courtyard and contains dormitories, kitchen and dining halls, meeting rooms, a library, offices, and a church. Its website describes its work as “organizing social participation with the testimony of service ... with an emancipatory Christian inspiration.” The focus of our delegation was educational rather than religious, but moral thought and its societal expression in Cuban institutions was central to our learning. Presentations often were in the “Lucius Walker” Room:

Reverend Lucius Walker burst on the world’s consciousness with the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO) /Pastors for Peace when the Soviet Union was dissolved and Cuba lost that important trade relationship.³ Walker was head of a group of progressive faith leaders who, in 1967, founded the IFCO to

direct funds from U.S. churches to communities struggling for self-determination and justice. IFCO would quickly emerge as the largest

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A photo of Reverend Lucius Walker of IFCO/Pastors for Peace in the room named after him in the Martin Luther King Center. Photo: Carol Masters

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foundation in the U.S. controlled by people of color. Longtime activists may remember when IFCO/Pastors for Peace came through the Twin Cities with Friendship Caravans, intended to challenge the U.S. blockade by gathering up humanitarian supplies, bringing them across the U.S.-Mexican border and thence to Cuba. Today IFCO/Pastors for Peace continues its humanitarian work and enables medical students around the world (including those from the U.S.) to study in Cuba's renowned medical system for free, with the proviso that they return to their communities to practice.

While in Cuba, our delegation learned again and again that this sharing of practices and gifts was the core of the Cuban mindset. Presenters from the social and physical sciences, medical teams, historians, and journalists gave nuanced but clear messages of how the Revolution is expressed

in Cuban society today, in the face of continuing oppression from their near neighbor to the north. Besides the talks and discussions at the Center, we were bussed to local institutions: a music school free to Cubans, an elders social and residential center also free to Cubans, a "retired" artist's studio combined with a children's art school where the artist taught, a community project working to empower Afro-Cuban women, a "suburban" organic farm, and, in the mountains, a tobacco farm and "agro-ecologic" farm and restaurant.

The program was inspiring though sobering, as we learned firsthand what it was like to live with periodic cuts in necessary services like water and electric power. For the Cuban people, the deprivations are much more extensive and expanding. Modern diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Cuba are cold. The embargo exacts a huge toll on Cuban institution and people. Since 1958 and beyond, U.S. businesses have been prevented



*The reflection of the Memorial de la Denuncia director silhouetted against a display dedicated to Fidel Castro.
Photo: Carol Masters*



Memorial de la Denuncia, Havana Photo: Carol Masters

from conducting trade or commerce with Cuban interests.

Our learning became more visceral when we toured the Memorial de la Denuncia by flashlight. It was a hot and sunny day, but the power was out in that sector of the city. The museum director agreed to take us and our interpreter, Edelso, around and cautioned us to keep together and be careful around the different floor levels because of the limited visibility.

The Memorial de la Denuncia (the Denouncement Memorial) is dedicated to the victims of terrorism against Cuba, mainly by consecutive U.S. governments since the Cuban Revolution in 1959, and

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displays are devoted to Fidel Castro, the Revolution's commander in chief. The exhibits cover the grievous history of CIA and military plots in attempts to counter or discredit the Revolution, including the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion; 637 assassination plots against Fidel; 21 air raids; psychological and media/propaganda operations; virus infection of crops, livestock, and people, and "Operation Peter Pan." The entrance to the memorial is covered with more than 3,000 crosses denoting people killed, from the Bay of Pigs to the 1976 bomb aboard Cubana flight 455. While the travel guide Lonely Planet⁴ finds the exhibits "morbidly compelling" and only "one side of the story," the stark white walls and sculpted or digital expressions, along with matter-of-fact reporting, exhibit an artistry that is serene, if chilling. In a testament to the children of Operation Peter Pan, a white-on-white frieze depicts disparate objects like children's toys, balls, animals, and blocks seeming to float in space on a concrete wall. This display holds the pathos of kidnapped children while rendering it in a lovely, memorable sculpture.



Crosses memorializing Cuban people killed in attacks from the Bay of Pigs to the 1976 bombing of Cubana flight 455. Photo: Carol Masters



A work of art with toys memorializing Operación Peter Pan (light at the top is from a flashlight used to illuminate exhibits for visitors). Photo: Carol Masters

A targeted and deliberate campaign that was sanctioned and enabled by Catholic church leaders of the time, Operation Peter Pan (or Operación Pedro Pan)⁵ eerily echoes removal of indigenous children in this country. It was a "clandestine exodus of over 14,000 unaccompanied Cuban minors ages 6 to 18 to the U.S. over a two-year span from 1960 to 1962, sent by parents who feared, on the basis of unsubstantiated rumors, that Fidel Castro and the Communist party were planning to terminate parental rights. . . ."

How do we hold learning about our country's past and continuing brutalities with the hope that the embargo can be lifted? Their Revolution continues in the spirit of the Cuban people, demonstrating how their society works – in caring for the young and old and vulnerable among them, in their cooperative efforts, making it clear that sharing is an essential ethic. We can learn from them.

Carol Masters is a member of the Women Against Military Madness Newsletter Committee.

Endnotes

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NUCLEAR WINTER ALERT!!

"Nuclear winter refers to the deadly worldwide climate change...even a relatively small nuclear war between neighboring countries would change climate dramatically." - A. Robock, World Book

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN NUCLEAR WINTER?

The explosion of even one low-yield, tactical nuclear weapon could lead to retaliation and multiple explosions in a conflict, triggering nuclear winter.

Direct impacts of a nuclear explosion

- Blast, prompt radiation, possibly firestorms. People are killed in the tens of thousands (many more in larger explosions).
- Radioactive fallout will poison fields, forests, rivers, lakes, seas, and oceans.
- Winds would carry these effects everywhere. Everyone and everything is affected.

Ensuing Nuclear Winter results:

- incineration of urban and rural areas
- smoke and soot blocks sunlight
- drastic drop in temperature
- vital medical, trade systems incapacitated
- crop failure (photosynthesis interrupted), livestock failure, fish and seafood poisoned
- massive starvation

WE DEMAND U.S. OFFICIALS: protect future generations, cut the Pentagon budget, stop funding the modernization of nuclear weapons, and *INSTEAD FUND HUMAN NEEDS!*



Sources: Federation of American Scientists, Science Advances, Nature, Nature Food

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"Perhaps the leaders of the nuclear weapons states do not want the public to understand that their nuclear arsenals represent a self-destruct mechanism for the human race?"

- "Nuclear War, Nuclear Winter, and Human Extinction," Federation of American Scientists

STOP NUCLEAR WINTER BEFORE IT STARTS!

Nuclear Winter will block the sun and lead to the death of most plants, animals, and human beings on earth. 100 nuclear weapons, a small fraction of worldwide arsenals, would trigger some degree of Nuclear Winter.

Disturbing signs that could lead to Nuclear Winter:

- The U.S. is modernizing its nuclear arsenal, a catalyst for other countries to compete modernizing theirs.
- Tensions exist between the U.S. and China over Taiwan; the U.S./NATO and Russia over Ukraine; the U.S. and North Korea; Israel and Iran, and between India and Pakistan.
- Political figures in the U.S., Russia, and Israel have actually suggested using nuclear weapons.
- Nuclear weapons most likely to be used in a limited war are "low yield" such as the kind dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Today, there exist bombs up to 100 times more powerful. The Department of Defense says it will be "providing the President with additional options against harder and large-area military targets."
- Modernization of nuclear weapons will cost the U.S. 1 to 2 trillion dollars that could be used for human needs.

SOOT CAUSED BY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS WOULD INDUCE NUCLEAR WINTER

Soot (Tg)	Number of weapons	Yield (kt)	Number of direct fatalities	Number of people without food at the end of Year 2
5	100	15	27,000,000	255,000,000
16	250	15	52,000,000	926,000,000
47	500	100	164,000,000	2,512,000,000
150	4,400	100	360,000,000	5,341,000,000

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A Holocaust and Genocide Scholar on Gaza/Palestine

by Bill McGrath

Report of a talk by Raz Segal, Associate Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies and Endowed Professor in the Study of Modern Genocide at Stockton University, New Jersey. Sponsored by Northfielders for Justice in Israel Palestine and held in the Carleton College chapel in Northfield, Minnesota, on October 26, 2024.

He explained: Israel's problems in 2024 have their roots in the 20th century idea of establishing a [European] settler colonial state in the Middle East.

The founding of the Jewish nation state came into being in 1948 as a result of a massive refugee crisis after WWII caused by the Holocaust whose survivors were perceived as unique. Jews were perceived as unique. The state was therefore perceived as unique.

An institutional hierarchy developed placing Israel uniquely above any other state in the world. It was unimaginable that Israel could do anything wrong.

Ideas are retained by the state institutions, not by its victims.

Gaza:

"If this is not a genocide, I don't know what is," said Segal, who is Jewish, grew up in Israel, and whose parents were Holocaust survivors. "This is a U.S./Israeli genocide."

Segal mentioned that he is "sad and depressed most of the time" over the Israel-Gaza situation. Here are just a few of the examples he gave of what he considers Israeli demonization of Palestinians:

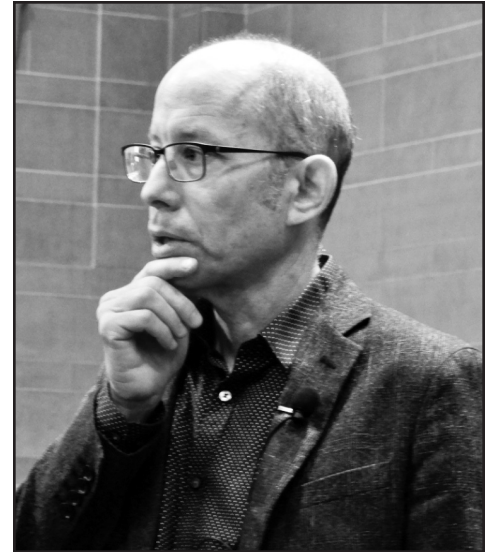
- Avi Dichter, Israel's war cabinet minister, claimed his

nation needs to bring a new Nakba to Gaza itself. (Nakba, the Arabic word for "catastrophe," has been used to refer to Israel's violent attacks on Palestinians beginning in 1948.)

- Prime minister Netanyahu said in 2015 that originally it was Arabs of Palestine who put into Hitler's mind the idea of killing Jews in Europe. (Segal commented that when Hitler was considering how to get rid of the Jews, he looked at how the people of the United States had dealt with Native Americans.)
- To justify the killing of Palestinian citizens, Israel leaders describe the people of Gaza as the ultimate evil – Nazis. Soon after the 2023 Hamas attack on Israel, Israeli politician Naftali Bennett proclaimed, "We are fighting the Nazis in Gaza."

He went on to say that New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC), soon after the October 7 attack by Hamas, stated that "Never Again" should mean "Never Again for Anyone." For this statement, she was attacked by the federally funded Holocaust Museum, who issued a press release stating that there is only one Holocaust. The Holocaust is unique. Segal said that 600 Holocaust scholars wrote a letter to the museum objecting to the definition.

Not since WWII has the world seen the level of destruction that is occurring in Gaza now, Segal lamented. "All of Gaza now is in ruins."



*Dr. Raz Segal, Holocaust and Genocide Studies of Stockton University
Photo: Bill McGrath*

Segal pointed out that Israel has been preventing journalists, as well as medical personnel, from entering Gaza. Lack of witnesses has meant that Israel can commit any crime with impunity.

"We were told that Israel was a people more moral than any others," he said. "This led to the description of Israel's military as also being 'the most moral army in the world.'"

However, it's clear that what they are doing in Gaza belies that. Charges against Israel for genocide were brought into a California court in 2023, Segal said. The judge threw out the case because he felt it was out of his jurisdiction. But the judge also issued a statement saying that Israel does seem to be committing genocide.

Segal believes that U.S. support for Israel has shocked the world: "Israel already has crossed all the red lines set down by Biden."

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Segal himself has paid a price for criticizing Israel.

On June 5, 2024, the University of Minnesota extended an offer to Dr. Segal to interview for the director of the University's Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. But a week later, the University rescinded that offer in response to external pressure from pro-Israel individuals and organizations.

His Oct. 13, 2023 article in the magazine *Jewish Currents* may have been a reason. It was entitled "A Textbook Case of Genocide: Israel Has Been Explicit about What It's Carrying Out in Gaza. Why Isn't the World Listening?"

It's worse in Israel. Because Israel's killing of Palestinians in the West Bank and in East Jerusalem has won the approval of Israeli citizens, those Palestinians are being portrayed as "the enemy within," and "Israelis in the street are celebrating the killing of Arabs."

What is there to do?

Segal suggested that peace activists refrain from using the term "Holocaust," because Israel has tried to say that the only Holocaust is the one that happened to the Jews and that can shut down discussion. [He refers to his field as "Holocaust and Genocide Studies."]

He advised public street demonstrations to include older people and even children, rather than just college-aged protesters. Police, expecting to break up a gathering of young adults, are taken aback when they see diversity among the participants.

"Maintain your anger," Segal further advised, "but concentrate on building coalitions."

Noting that Israel is currently attacking Iran, Segal said citizens must convey the conviction to their neighbors and their leaders that America will not benefit from a war in the Persian Gulf.

Segal said that, on matters of foreign policy, he sees little difference in the Republican and Democratic candidates. He did say, however, that the election of Donald Trump would "give a green light to Netanyahu."

Bill McGrath is a founder and member of Northfielders for Justice in Israel/Palestine.

Let's Talk About It!

Friday, January 17 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Lucy Parsons Center, 4100 28th Ave S., Minneapolis



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Other energy transit routes are part of the whole picture. the discovery of huge reserves of natural gas and oil in the southeastern Mediterranean Sea. In 2010, the World Petroleum Resources Project of the U.S. Geological Survey was tasked with conducting an “Assessment of Undiscovered Oil and Gas Resources of the Levant Basin Province, Eastern Mediterranean.” The area described is off the coast of Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria, and close to Cyprus.

And just what role has our nation been playing? Syria and its allies have met head-on with neocon plans laid in previous decades.

On March 24, 2013, *The New York Times*, while generally framing its reports in favor of deposing the Syrian government, reported that “with help from the C.I.A., Arab governments and Turkey have sharply increased their military aid

to Syria’s opposition fighters in recent months, expanding a secret airlift of arms and equipment for the uprising against President Bashar al-Assad, according to air traffic data, interviews with officials in several countries, and the accounts of rebel commanders.”

By June, the U.S. leadership was openly discussing adding more fuel to the fire. Aside from what it had been doing with its NATO partners and allies backing the various groups fighting the Syrian state and supporting a new government-in-waiting outside Syria, it sent Patriot missile batteries, F-16 fighter jets, and troops for joint military exercises along the Syrian border in neighboring Jordan. On June 21, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that since last November, the U.S. Special Op teams had already been training rebels on heavy weaponry.

But supporting the “rebels” is problematic for the U.S in a rapidly escalating low-intensity war.

Rebel forces include jihadists like Al-Qaeda-related Al Nusra groups, which are on the U.S. terrorist list. This begs the question: weren’t we supposed to be in a war *against* terrorists, and just who has been instigating and executing these plans for “regime change”?

Complete article can be found at: <https://readersupportednews.org/pm-section/21-21/18346-syria-the-mediterranean-piece>

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WAMM Ongoing Peace/Justice Vigils

Pipeline Blues Vigil (Stop Line 3)

Every Monday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., outside MN Governor's Mansion, 1006 Summit Ave., St. Paul. Co-sponsored by WAMM and Veterans for Peace Chapter 27. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Vigil to End War

Every Wednesday. Please note time change: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Lake Street/Marshall Avenue Bridge. Signs available and brief circle up for announcements after on St. Paul side. Sponsored by WAMM End War Committee. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Vigil to End the Occupation of Palestine

Every Friday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., corner of Summit Avenue and Snelling Avenue, St. Paul. Sponsored by WAMM Middle East Committee. FFI: 612-827-5364.

FOR NEW ACTIONS

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Immigrant Solidarity Vigils

Every Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.

Vigil at the ICE entrance on 6000 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis. (Not far from Bishop Whipple Building where Immigration Court is held.) Park at the Ft. Snelling commuter light-rail parking lot. Sponsored by WAMM. Call Pepper at 612-701-6963.

Second Tuesday of every month, 7:30 a.m.

Vigil at 1 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling, (Minneapolis/St. Paul), 55111, outside the Bishop Whipple Building, where Immigration Court is held for five-state area. Prayer, song, courtwatch. Sponsored by Minnesota Interfaith Coalition on Immigration. FFI: mnicom.org

WAMM Action Groups

Board Meeting

Third Tuesday of every month, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. 4200 Cedar Ave. S. + hybrid Zoom. FFI: 612-827-5364.

End Domestic Militarism

Times/Dates pending. Updates at facebook.com/WAMMEDM. FFI: 612-827-5364.

End Military Madness Against the Earth

Time/dates pending. FFI: 612-827-5364.

End War

First Monday of every month via Zoom, 6:30 p.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Middle East

Second and fourth Monday of every month via Zoom, 9:30 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

St. Joan of Arc WAMM Peacemakers

Fourth Tuesday of every month via Zoom, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. FFI: Call Bill 612-926-8459.

Families Against Military Madness

Every Thursday evening via Zoom. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Tackling Torture at the Top

Every other Wednesday, time/dates pending. FFI: 612-827-5364

Solidarity Committee on the Americas (SCOTA)

Every Tuesday via Zoom, 9:30 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364

Palestine Solidarity Committee

Second and fourth Friday of every month, 5:30 p.m. FFI: 612-827-5364

WAMM Ongoing Events

WAMM Monthly Movie:

Please note: second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. 4200 Cedar Ave. S. (entrance on 42nd Street). Projected on big screen. Free admission. All are welcome. Discussions follow film. Masks and social distancing by choice.

Monday, January 13

"Immigration Prisons, Demand Legalization for All!"

Three short videos, one short documentary. Disastrous deportation immigration plan of incoming administration. Hear implications from the ACLU, American Immigration Council, economist Richard Wolf.

Special Events

All We Want for

Christmas:

End the Genocide!

Saturday, December 21, 3:00 p.m., Nicollet Mall and S. 12th St., Minneapolis. Protest the ongoing genocide and attempted erasure of Palestinian peoples and culture. Israel continues to bombard Palestinian sites. On November 11th, the Israeli occupation stormed the village of Husan, in West Bethlehem, and indiscriminately fired gas bombs at the Civil

Defense headquarters. Hands off Bethlehem! End U.S. Aid to Israel! Organized by the MN Peace Action Coalition

Twin Cities Inauguration Day Protest

Monday, January 20, Time & Location TBD
Fight for MLK's Dream: Resist Trump's Nightmare! Join us on MLK Day to protest Trump's agenda. Organized by BLM Minnesota, Twin Cities Coalition for Justice, and Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee. Sponsored by WAMM (for updates see details on website and social media) FFI: 612-827-5364

Latest News from the Middle East. Middle East Peace Now.

Saturday, January 18, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 Snelling Ave. S., St. Paul 55116. This is an in-person event. Potluck. Further details and registration by e-mail. FFI: mepn@mepn.org
Sponsored by Middle East peace Now.

Let's Talk About It!

Friday, January 17, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Lucy Parsons Center, 4100 28th Ave S., Minneapolis. Join WAMM members for a facilitated discussion and dinner about the post-election landscape in the Twin Cities: how did we get here, what we're feeling and concerned about, and how to show our solidarity for the people's movement better than ever before! Pizza served. Parking available behind the building and on side streets. Sponsored by WAMM. FFI: 612-827-5364



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