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Viewpoint

Wider War on Syria Will Fail Too

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U.S. military actions within Syria continue to be less and less ISIL-centric these days, with more operations targeting and threatening allied forces of Iran, Syria, and Russia, and even shooting down a Syrian government aircraft over the weekend.

This isn't just the U.S. idly getting into one-off fights in the course of a war they have already failed in Syria, but rather is reflective of a desperate push by White House officials to stay and entertain, with multiple National Security Council members looking at the regime change war less as a fight against ISIL and more as a chance to stay in post-ISIL Syria for a fight with Iran and Russia in particular, and Iraq and Syria in general.

Don't be fooled when you hear the Pentagon regime has made clear they object, with Defense Secretary James Mattis personally rejecting multiple proposals related to this. Attacks on allied forces whenever they got sort of close to a U.S.-backed terrorist base, and a public narrative presenting the allied forces as enemies, have found the U.S. heading down that path anyhow.

This isn't a new battle. The Pentagon seeks regime change - one way or another. This is increasingly becoming the new policy, with the White House leaning heavily toward picking new fights, and in the case of allied forces, that fight is most likely to be in Syria - and in Iraq.

No wonder the Zionist regime's army is in regular contact with terrorist groups, and has been providing them with growing amounts of aid. It's gotten so prevalent these days. The UN Observer Force in Syria is a bit less upbeat about that, saying Israel's interaction with the terrorists has been growing precipitously in recent months.

A growing number of U.S. attacks targeting the Syrian government and its allies are a sign that the United States is desperate too. Its direct military involvement in the war is widening, and nothing is so indicative of this than the recent U.S. downing of a Syrian Su-22 bomber. As a matter of policy, the U.S. has officially supported the idea of regime change throughout the war, though up until very recently, their military involvement had been all but apparently focused on attacking ISIL forces, with some strikes against civilians as well.

The U.S. support for regime change is no longer limited to CIA arms supplying schemes for terrorists. This no longer conflicts with the Pentagon regime's military operations focusing on fighting against the Syrian government and allies. They are now on the frontline of the war for regime change. The sudden military involvement in attacking Syrian government forces does make the U.S. agenda simpler: They no longer depend on their ISIL and Al-Qaeda foot soldiers. They want to occupy Iraq and Syria forever - long after ISIL has been defeated by allied forces.

The development is in part a reflection of the fact that Donald Trump, who as a presidential candidate promised to focus solely on ISIL in Syria, has as president taken a not surprisingly hard line on the allied forces. But it's also reflective of a broader dynamic: As ISIL loses strength and territory in Syria, the endgame of the regime change war is drawing nearer and the various powers engaged in that struggle are shedding a common enemy. The result is a race to carve out spheres of influence and the United States under Trump appears to be getting in on the action.

By striking pro-Syrian forces that are targeting ISIL, the Trump administration is establishing a policy that says 'we will stay and occupy.' They lost the war and they no longer depend on their terror proxy forces. They have taken matters into their own hands and they want to make sure they can get in post-ISIL Syria what they couldn't get during the regime-change campaign - which is partition of the Levant.

The problem is that allied forces are not willing to grant the Americans that plot of land. After dislodging ISIL and other foreign-backed goons, they will make sure American occupying forces will never get the chance to make Syria another Afghanistan.

Ramadhan Day-to-Day Supplications

27th day

“اللَّهُمَّ ارزُقني فيهِ وِصْلَ لَيْلَةِ الْيَدْرِ، وَصِيْرًا مَوْجِبًا لِيَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ
إِلَى الْبَيْتِ، وَأَقْبِلْ مَعَاذِيرِي وَحِطِّ عَنِّي الذَّبَابَ وَالْوَزِيرَ، يَا رَوْفًا
بِعِبَادِهِ الصَّالِحِينَ.”

“O Allah, let me make a greater effort of Nawafil (recommended prayers) in this month. Grant me through Your kindness to do good deeds which save me on the Judgement Day. Guide me to the best means which lead me towards You. O One Who doesn't get bored from the insistence of the supplicants.”

Rouhani: Zionists Supporting Terrorists



President Rouhani addresses a cabinet session in Tehran, June 21, 2017.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- President Hassan Rouhani on Wednesday hit out at Israel for supporting terrorism, saying the occupying regime is complicit either covertly or overtly in almost all crises gripping the Middle East.

“Today, it happens rarely for the Zionists not to have a hand, either behind the scenes or openly, in rifts among regional countries,” Rouhani said in a cabinet meeting.

Wounded terrorists receive treatment in Israeli hospitals, he said, adding Tel Aviv also arms terrorists and carries out

bombings to prop them up.

“It is clear that they (Israelis) support terrorism in the region,” President Rouhani said. “Undoubtedly, the split between regional countries and the Muslim world, such as the ones between Iran and Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Saudi Arabia, and Egypt and Turkey eventually benefits global Zionism and usurping Israel.”

Rouhani said Zionism could be contained in the region if the Muslim world unites and resolve their rifts. The Islamic Republic, he said, would not al-

low terrorism to spread in the region, warning the terrorists and their masters against attempts to drag the scourge into Iran.

He was apparently referring to remarks by Saudi Defense Minister Muhammad bin Salman, who said last month that Riyadh would work to move “the battle” to Iran.

Rouhani referred to Iran's recent retaliatory missile strike on Daesh terrorists in Syria, saying fighting terrorism is a decision made by the whole Iranian nation.

The president reaffirmed that Iran's missiles are for defensive purposes, saying the country seeks no permission from anyone to boost its defense might.

Iran to Saudis: Release Fishermen 'Immediately'

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran on Wednesday called on Saudi Arabia to immediately release three fishermen kidnapped in the Persian Gulf last week.

Iran's Interior Ministry said the Saudi government should “compensate” the detainees and “punish the agents of this irresponsible action.”

Iran has denied the allegations by Saudi Arabia that the three were Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) members, saying they were fishermen whose boat was carried off course.

The kidnapping came after the Saudi coast guard killed another fisherman after opening fire on Iranian fishing boats.

The three Iranian fishing boats had departed from the southern port of Bushehr when choppy sea waters carried them away.

One of the vessels managed to return to Bushehr but the other two came under fire from the Saudi coast guard.

The Interior Ministry said the fish-

ermen on board the two boats had no idea they had been pushed across the maritime border and even if they did, they could not do anything about it because they had lost control of the vessels.

The statement identified the fishermen killed as Mahmoud Siamar, and those kidnapped as Hussein Aslani, Sohrab Aslani, and Hussein Zarei.

The ministry said such innocent trespassing by civilian boats is common and had occurred 17 times over the past months in Iran's territorial waters.

“The trespassing boat were returned to their respective countries with goodwill. Opening fire on fishing boats is against humanitarian and Islamic principles,” it said.

Relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran have strained since Riyadh severed diplomatic ties with Tehran early last year after its diplomatic missions in Tehran and Mashhad came under mob attacks following the execution of a Saudi Shia cleric.

IRGC Spokesman: Next Response to Terrorists Already Planned

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said on Wednesday its next “crushing response” to potential enemy missteps has already been planned, days after it struck Daesh positions in Syria with missiles in revenge for the Takfiri group's terror attacks on the Iranian soil.

On Sunday, the IRGC fired six medium-range ballistic missiles at Daesh targets in Syria's Dayr al-Zawr in response to a June 7 attack by the outfit against two locations in Tehran, which martyred 18 people.

The strike killed at least 65 Daesh terrorists, including six of the Takfiri group's commanders, after one of the missiles hit the group's command center in city of al-Mayadin.

“Whether the missile attacks will recur or not depends on enemies”
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The Holy Qur'an

They will excuse themselves to you when you go back to them. Say: Urge no excuse, by no means will we believe you; indeed Allah has informed us of matters relating to you; and now Allah and His Apostle will see your doings, then you shall be brought back to the Knower of the unseen and the seen, then He will inform you of what you did.

The Holy Qur'an (9:94)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:06
Evening (Maghreb)	20:24
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:02
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:49

Rouhani also touched on an anti-Iran sanctions bill passed by the U.S. Senate last week, saying the new officials in Washington have made wrong calculations if they think they could pressure Iran with congressional measures.

The bill calls for sanctions on Iran over its missile program among other things.

Rouhani said the U.S. has hatched different plots against Iran over the past 40 years. The new U.S. administration, he said, should know that the Iranian people would not remain silent and would give an appropriate response to any threats.

On Tuesday, Rouhani said the Islamic Republic will respond “more decisively” to any future terrorist attack on Iran's soil.

The president said the recent attacks in Tehran were not the first attempts by terrorists against Iran, adding the intelligence ministry and armed forces have reacted accordingly and have been able to foil tens of such attacks in the past.

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Military Deterrence

KAYHAN: Iran seeks no regional war and wherever it's been involved it's been to end the war. Iran has always played a constructive role in the region, that's why it has the upper hand in all regional equations. Its missile strikes against terrorists in Syria proved beyond any doubt that it is a military force to be reckoned with. This was not for show. The strikes were timely and to the point. It will work as deterrence against those who dream of attacking Iran.

Marriage of Convenience

RESALAT: Iran's missile strike against terrorists in Syria has shocked Washington, Tel Aviv and Riyadh. They are obviously terrified of the idea of seeing Iran targeting terrorists with missiles and with pin-point accuracy. They are all silent. They claim to be fighting terror but they never bother to laud Iran's effort to this end. It shows how closely they are linked to terrorists in Iraq and Syria.

Problematic Optimism

VATAN EMROOZ: Those who have no idea about the realities on the ground will foolishly trust the United States. This optimism will cost the country dearly. Those who work with the American and British intelligence services will only bring destruction to their own administration. They will also disappoint the nation. A historical example could be the government of former prime minister Mohammad Mosaddeq. The U.S. still seeks regime change in Iran. The problem is President Rouhani is much worse than Mosaddeq when it comes to trusting the Great Satan.

Missile Audience

JAVAN: The American and European governments refuse to make any official statements as regards Iran's decision to target terrorists in Syria with missiles. Pundits after pundits continue to talk about it though. Israeli media and pundits believe that the IRGC's missile strikes were designed to send an indirect message to Tel Aviv. Netanyahu says ‘don't threaten Israel.’ It shows Tel Aviv sees itself as the main audience of the missile strikes.