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## From the Managing Editor

**Y**ou would think that when the U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (Gen. Martin Dempsey) and the Director of National Intelligence (Gen. James Clapper) say that al-Qaeda is responsible for recent suicide bombings in Syria, people would listen. You would think it would be the lead story in the press, that Congressional investigations would gear up, that the President would address the nation, saying that the U.S. is withdrawing support from the al-Qaeda-infiltrated Syrian opposition and will henceforth work with Russia for dialogue between President Assad and peaceful protesters who are demanding legitimate reforms.

But if so, you'd be wrong. This news has been almost universally blacked out. That is why we at *EIR* are devoting our *Feature* to the story of Obama, Osama, and the British Empire's drive for terrorism and war.

In *International*, we complement this report with updated news analysis: The lead article situates current developments in the context of the despicable R2P ("responsibility to protect") doctrine of Obama's National Study Directive #10, issued during the unconstitutional war against Libya. This doctrine turns the United States into a global policeman, under the condescending pretext of bringing "democracy" to nations that have not yet figured out that they should be running their countries according to the model of the Republican primaries. The Libya War was the test case, and Syria and Iran are to be next, according to Obama and his British controllers. We publish excerpts from an article by Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin which makes clear that the Russians see through this ploy, and realize that it is *they* who are targeted. In a guest commentary, Ukrainian political leader and economist Natalia Vitrenko traces the "Get Putin Out" campaign to the global financial interests that abhor his efforts to develop an independent Russian industry and infrastructure.

A special feature is our interview with the Iranian ambassador to Germany, Ali Reza Sheikh Attar, who offers unique historical and cultural insights into the current conflict.

With this issue, we begin our coverage of the Schiller Institute's Feb. 25-26 conference in Berlin on the theme of "Securing Mankind's Future," with Lyndon LaRouche's speech and the discussion that followed it. More next week!

