

To Defeat ISIS, You Have To Face Reality

Oct. 27—In response to a question during the Oct. 24 LaRouchePAC webcast, EIR Counterintelligence Editor Jeffrey Steinberg provided the following analysis.

You've got to tell the truth about what it is that stands behind the disaster in Syria, the events next door in Iraq, and the rise of ISIS. And, you've got to acknowledge the fact, that the Syrian crisis was actually precipitated in August 2011, when President Obama did something that no legitimate elected head of state, no statesman, would ever dream of doing: He demanded that President Assad be removed from office, despite the fact that Assad had been legitimately elected.

And it was that initiative, that signal, that came in the context of what Lyndon LaRouche warned about at the time: that the overthrow and violent murder of Qaddafi in Libya, signaled the fact that the United States and Britain and France were committed to the idea of a strategic confrontation, not with countries in the Middle East or North Africa, but with Russia and China.

Again, that was in October-November 2011, before any developments began in Ukraine, before anything emerged that would have suggested that Russia was in the crosshairs of the NATO powers.

So the first thing you've got to acknowledge, is that if you're going to save Syria, you're going to have to bring President Obama to justice for the many crimes against the U.S. Constitution and international law that he has committed. Yes, there is a very real prospect that you could have a Geneva III agreement, that you could carry out a combination of efforts to defeat ISIS in Syria, Iraq, and other places, where it's already spreading. But you've got to start, number one, with the fact that none of this is going to happen in the real world, so long as this President is allowed to stay in office, and that the continuation of the Obama Presidency, itself, is an existential threat to not just Syria, but to the world as a whole.

Release the 28 pages

Secondly, you've got to face the reality that we are in the midst of a war that has been going on for more than 35 years. Go back to the late 1970s, when part of the British strategy, known as the Bernard Lewis Plan, for destabilizing the Soviet Union, involved the promotion, by British and U.S. intelligence, of Islamic fundamentalist networks that were outgrowths of the collaboration between the Saudi monarchy, the Wahhabi clergy in Saudi Arabia, and the Muslim Brotherhood.

So, in effect, everything that we've now identified as the terrorist enemy of mankind—the images of ISIS beheading of Western hostages—all of that is an outgrowth of a Thirty Years War-plus that was sponsored by the British, by various U.S. governments, and that must be fully exposed.

The starting point for getting to the bottom of that reality is to declassify the 28 pages from the original Joint Congressional Inquiry into the 9/11 attacks: Those pages not only will reveal the direct hand of the Saudi monarchy in the creation and promotion of the 9/11 attacks here in the United States, but they will also reveal complicity by U.S. institutions.¹

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Now, the defeat of ISIS depends on broadening the alliance to wage war against this Dark Age menace to

the survival of every nation on this planet. You cannot be exclusive: You cannot leave out Iran; you cannot leave out Russia; you cannot leave out China; and you certainly cannot leave out the government of Syria, which was legitimately elected, and reelected by internationally certified elections, just last June.

With that kind of combination, you're bringing together the nations that have a strong vested interest in defeating this scourge of ISIS terrorism. Russia knows perfectly well that well over 1,000 commandoes, now fighting in Iraq and Syria for ISIS, are Chechens, who were involved in the fight against Russia in the Caucasus wars of the mid-1990s. The Chinese know perfectly well that there are hundreds of Uighur fighters who've been recruited to al-Qaeda, and now ISIS, from the Xinjiang region of northwest China.

So, the natural alliance is there to put together a coalition of forces that can crush and defeat ISIS. But it means that there's got to be a commitment from the outset, to acknowledge and defend the sovereignty of Syria; the idea that somehow or other, we're fighting ISIS, and at the same time, continuing to pursue an assault against the Assad government, is absolutely preposterous.

There is a false notion that's been repeated by NATO, and by the Obama Administration, that somehow or other, there is a "legitimate, secular opposition" to Assad, and that this is what can be supported. Well, that happens to be a complete fraud. Vice President Joe Biden briefly touched on some aspects of the truth when he acknowledged in a speech at Harvard a few weeks ago, that the big problem in defeating ISIS is that most of our so-called "allies" in the Middle East have been the biggest promoters and backers of ISIS, since the beginning; he named Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Kuwait, Qatar, as countries that are in fact siding with ISIS against Syria, and against the Kurds who are fighting desperately to survive in northern Syria right now.

So, start with the truth. Eliminate the root cause of the problem, which is the illegal, unconstitutional Presidency of Barack Obama, and put in a government in the United States, a viable and effective Presidency, that can, with open arms, help to organize a coalition to actually crush ISIS. This can be done in a matter of weeks or months, but not if the actual agenda of the U.S. Administration is to destabilize, and lead to war with Russia and China, and continue to cover up the alliance of the Anglo-Saudi apparatus that created this phenomenon in the first place.

1. For the definitive picture on the 28 pages, see "Bust the London-Riyadh Global Terror Axis," *EIR*, Aug. 16, 2013. Also see H. Res. 428, at www.thomas.gov.