

# British False-Flag Provocations Put War Danger at ‘Red Alert’ Level

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**Harley Schlanger:** Hello. I’m Harley Schlanger with the Schiller Institute. Welcome to today’s international webcast featuring our founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche.

Since Monday, our organization has been on a Red Alert status, given the escalation of the danger of all-out war breaking out, following the most recent provocations coming from the British empire. Helga, earlier this week, issued a statement saying that we are sitting on a powder keg—with threats to go to war against Syria; to attack or even punish Assad; even possibly to punish the Russians, as President Trump indicated in a tweet earlier this week. We’re still sitting on that powder keg. Despite being ill, Helga is here for a brief period, to present a strategic overview and the strategy for the mobilization to stop the escalating war danger. So, Helga, I turn it over to you now.

**Helga Zepp-LaRouche:** We are indeed in a very dangerous situation, which could get out of control very rapidly. To underline the point: President Trump’s tweet directed at Russia, which made the headlines internationally, that “missiles will be coming.” That turns out to be a reaction to fake news! The background of this story is, that about a week ago, Alexander Zasytkin, the Russian ambassador to Lebanon, gave an interview saying that any attack on Syria would be answered by a full military reaction by Russia.

It turns out that that interview, which appeared on Hezbollah TV (Al Manar) and was translated into



Arabic, was mistranslated. Zasytkin had, in fact, referred to an earlier remark by General Valery Gerasimov, the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of Russia, who in March warned that Moscow would shoot down missiles fired towards Syria and would target their launch sites, if the attacks threatened members of the Russian army. So, it was not that *any* attack on Syria would be met with a Russian retaliation, but only if the lives of Russian soldiers were threatened, which is a huge difference.

That false story was the trigger for Trump’s tweet, starkly pointing out that in this environment of complete orchestration of fake news, false flag attacks, and secret service manipulations of all kinds, how easy it is to stage an incident and how things can get out of control.

We are not out of the danger of war. It's still unclear what will happen. At yesterday's White House press briefing, Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said about Syria, "We're maintaining that we have a number of options, and all of these options are still on the table." According to media reports, which are not very reliable, but it's the only source we have—British Prime Minister Theresa met with her cabinet, supposedly to decide if the British would participate in a U.S. military attack. The U.S. warship *USS Donald Cook* is loitering somewhere around 100 km off Tartus, the Russian military port in Syria, and, the *USS Harry Truman* carrier group of seven warships left Naval Station Norfolk yesterday, presumably on its way to the Eastern Mediterranean.

Since Russia has full control of the air space over Syria, and the Syrian government has also extremely effective missile defense systems, should the United States launch a missile strike on Syria, it could very well lead to a confrontation between the two nuclear powers—the United States and Russia. So I can only urge all of you who are watching this program: Join our mobilization. Wherever you may be in the world, get your congressmen or your deputies to speak out in their legislative bodies to make sure that governments everywhere completely distance themselves from this madness. Demand a public debate and investigation. We must really have a total mobilization against this war danger.

### Continuous Toilet Tissue of Lies


**Schlanger:** It's really important that people have a sense of the continuity of this threat. It started with the fake news from Theresa May and Boris Johnson, accusing the Russians of trying to poison Sergei Skripal, the former spy, and his daughter. That fell apart when the British chemical warfare experts at Porton Down declared they could not determine the origin of the chemical weapon used against the Skripals; thus they could not affirmatively say that it was from Russia. As soon as that fake news fell apart, the escalation began, with the claims of so-called chemical weapons having been in East Ghouta, in Douma, Syria.


That occurred at precisely the point that Donald Trump said he's prepared to pull the United States troops out of Syria entirely. I think it is important, Helga, for you to go through what some Russians, including Russian President Putin, have been saying on this. There have been Russian statements saying that it's very obvious that this is a scripted assault against

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*Suspected chemical attack near Damascus dismissed as 'staged' by West during emergency session at UN Security Council.*

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Russia has described the actions of the US concerning Syria as 'reckless' [Eduardo Munoz/Florentin]

The UN Security Council has held an emergency meeting called by Russia to discuss what it describes as a threat to international peace from potential US

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Russia and against Trump.

So what are we hearing from the Russians?

**Zepp-LaRouche:** The First Deputy Chief of the General Staff of Russia has just reported that Russian Atomic-Biological-Chemical (ABC) warfare specialists have been, or are in Douma, inspecting both the material of the so-called chemical weapons and also the patients in the hospital. They confirmed what representatives of the Red Crescent Society had said earlier, that there was absolutely no trace of chemical weapons, and also no sign that any patients in the hospital had been injured by such a weapon.

That again points to the fact that all the information about this so-called incident came from a group called the White Helmets, an organization funded by the British government and also, in part, by the U.S. State Department's Agency for International Development (USAID). Several whistleblowers have documented that the White Helmets are very close to the jihadists, and that that group completely staged this chemical weapons incident.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that Russia had, for the last month, seen signs of a planned provocation and that Russian authorities had provided



no other explanation possible.

### Bring the War Criminals to Justice

**Schlanger:** It's a war against Russia that's designed to sabotage President Trump's policy of working with Russian President Putin to cooperate against terrorism and, as Trump noted in one of his tweets, for economic cooperation with Russia.

U.S. Defense Secretary, General James Mattis, is also urging caution, saying we have to wait until we can see that there's some evidence of this attack in Syria. Mattis came out after the March 2017 false flag incident, which led to a U.S. attack, saying there was no evidence of chemical weapons, or that it was the Assad government. So

we're seeing a certain amount of back-peddling. Very importantly, the former British Ambassador to Syria, Peter Ford, and also the former UK Ambassador to Uzbekistan, Craig Murray, both of whom have been very outspoken on this latest alleged incident, warned that this is a crazy escalation to war.

What should people do? Many people are now speaking out and asking what can be done. What are we doing as part of our mobilization?

**Zepp-LaRouche:** We have various appeals—one in Germany which you will find [in German](#) on our web-



DoD/U.S. Army Sgt. Amber I. Smith

From left, James Mattis, Secretary of Defense, and Gen. Joseph Dunford, Jr., Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, briefing reporters at the Pentagon on the evening of the April 13 U.S., UK, and French air strikes on Syria.

that information to both the UN Security Council and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). It was thus known *in advance* that an attack of this sort was in preparation, and also that the jihadists had dug tunnels under various cities, from which they were operating with explosive materials, mixed with chemical weapons. This is such an obvious case of a false-flag operation, that if it is used for a pretext to launch an attack, then we're really already in World War III, because this is designed to target Russia. I would even say that it did not start with the Skripal case; it started with the Russiagate coup attempt against President Trump, which has completely fallen apart.

The Skripal case also has fallen apart. The OPCW was just in Salisbury, England, investigating the material used in the attack on the Skripals. The OPCW team concluded its investigation, saying that it was not able to go beyond the UK laboratory report; they could not identify the origin of the nerve agent.

The OPCW—in its whole purpose of existence—has visited every laboratory in every country and has samples of every chemical substance, every nerve agent, so its experts can compare the agent used in the Skripal case with their own samples. The substance could not be identified as originating from Russia. So it didn't come from Russia. This case is also falling apart.

I do think it's really important that people see the continuity, as you say, Harley, of these lies, which are designed as preparation for a war against Russia. There is





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German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President François Macron.

site there, and we have one on the American site of our colleagues at [LaRouche PAC](#). These appeals should be used to mobilize every parliament around the world. In the United States, our colleagues there are in a red-alert mobilization. They have already distributed tens of thousands of leaflets; they have contacted everyone in the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C. directly. We're doing similar things in Europe. We really have to take the war danger very seriously.

Germany's former highest ranking military officer, Gen. Harald Kujat, gave interviews today to three different TV stations, making the point, which I can only fully endorse, that we are confronted with a political class incapable of calculating the consequences of their deeds, and that therefore the danger is that they will sleepwalk into a third World War, just as happened in the case of the First World War.

I may not share all the reasons why he thinks this is happening now. He attributes this situation to an unfortunate combination of an inexperienced French President, a Prime Minister in Great Britain who has tremendous domestic problems, and an erratic American President.

He, however, blasts the German government, saying that rather than trying to calm the situation down, German Chancellor Merkel is actually heating it up! This is incredible! Germany was virtually destroyed *twice* in world wars. How could our Chancellor immediately defend UK Prime Minister May in her unsubstantiated

accusations and immediately assert that Assad is guilty? General Kujat put Merkel on the spot and demanded that she intervene against the rush to war.

I think that the problem is that these politicians are really incapable of seeing the implications of what they are doing. We need a full-fledged, in-depth mobilization of all parliamentarians in every country. Our listeners should use our materials and demand that their governments, and all governments, denounce these false-flag operations and oppose this rush to war.

Let me highlight the fact that the German judge, Peter Vonnahme, a Bavarian court judge until 2007, pointed to the continuity in all of these provocations, the obvious aim being regime change in Russia. He then asked these pointed questions: Have people forgotten the Gulf of Tonkin incident, which led to the Vietnam War, or the false allegations of babies being ripped out of incubators in Kuwait, which led to the pretext to attack Iraq in 1990, or the fake Niger "yellowcake" story claiming that Saddam Hussein bought yellowcake uranium to produce weapons of mass destruction, which was then used as a pretext for war against Iraq in 2003? Or, the so-called "Operation Horseshoe" incident, which led to the Kosovo intervention in 1999?

All these stories were fabricated and widely dissemi-



cc/Jay Allen

UK Prime Minister Theresa May.



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Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

nated in a deliberately orchestrated fashion. We must have a public discussion: Who did that? Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair's "apology" for the Iraq war is not sufficient. These wars have cost *millions* of lives! It is high time that those responsible be called to justice. This injustice is too much and has been going on for too long!

**Schlanger:** I'm glad you mentioned Tony Blair, because he's one of the people saying that UK Prime Minister Theresa May doesn't have to go to the Parliament: She should immediately join the coalition with Macron and Trump, and start bombing Syria. Blair is a war criminal whose time has come to be brought before a tribunal.

The picture wouldn't be complete without going back to what you said was the initial phase, which is Russiagate. There was a development, right in the middle of the Syria mobilization, with the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York launching an FBI raid on the offices and home of Donald Trump's personal attorney, Michael Cohen, for allegations referred to that U.S. Attorney by Special Counsel Robert Mueller, which have *nothing whatsoever* to do with Russiagate.

We've basically said that this is part of a blackmail operation against Trump. How do you see this functioning?

### **With Determination and Humor**

**Zepp-LaRouche:** I think it discredits Mueller even more. It's very obvious that Russiagate is falling apart. Mueller has therefore shifted to new areas, way beyond his mandate as Special Counsel. His new move is a fishing expedition focused on a sex story, that Trump was supposedly involved with a porn movie star. This is so out of order, that I think it will fall back on Mueller.

The reaction of the famous Harvard lawyer, Alan Dershowitz, are also very important. He said that this is a violation of the U.S. Constitution, the Fourth and the Sixth Amendments. Dershowitz, a Democrat, is blasting the silence of the Democrats and especially the silence of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). He said, "This is a black day for attorney-client relations," and that it is one of the many things that must be rectified.

Congressman Devin Nunes had to go as far as threatening to start impeachment proceedings against

FBI Director Christopher Wray and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, for blocking the release of documents subpoenaed by the House Judiciary and Oversight committees. Two critical pages, which had been demanded, were finally released in mostly unredacted form, with reference to the origins of the Trump investigation. We expect to hear more on that front.

Let me reiterate my appeal to all of our listeners: Mobilize with the Schiller Institute. Join the Schiller Institute, become an active member. It is very important that we build a movement to stop this war danger and create a New Paradigm of decent relations among all nations on this planet, particularly with Russia and China. That is absolutely possible, as we have discussed many times on this show.

More people need to become active to make this work. Therefore, I again invite you: Join the Schiller Institute and help us in this mobilization.

**Schlanger:** Make calls to the White House and to the U.S. Congress at 202-224-2131. There are congressmen, including Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) and others, who are demanding that nothing be done [regarding military action against Syria] without the Congress being consulted.

Let me also mention that in spite of the danger of the situation, it's good to see there are some people who have maintained their sense of humor: Maria Zakharova, the spokesperson for the Russian Foreign Ministry, in response to President Trump's tweet about "smart" missiles, said that if those missiles are really "smart" they'll go after the terrorists who are responsible for the false flag chemical weapons scare.

Helga, thanks for taking the time to join us today and making the effort, despite your illness, to present this strategic picture and mobilization. We are still on Red Alert. It is significant that you took the time to join us here. Is there anything more you want to add?

**Zepp-LaRouche:** No, I think that's what we have to do.

**Schlanger:** OK, very good. So we'll see you next week.

**Zepp-LaRouche:** OK, till next week.