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Friends,

If you are like me I am focused on the U.S. Presidential Primary Elections. Should that be your concern please do not worry about the enclosed. On the other hand some of you are watching the international scene, and the enclosed may be of interest as it is being masked by our own politics. (Your thoughts are appreciated.) Our past indifference to problems in the middle east and especially Israel have put us in a position of weakness.

Whatever you do please vote in your respective state primaries. We need a leader that understands these international relationships, or at the very least will listen to those that do. Our country is in need of new direction and personally I do not feel it is Donald Trump. I am on a prayer team for Dr. Ben Carson.

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p.s. Some of you have not received emails from me in the past because it is blocked by corporate or government firewalls. I will try to send this to your personal email addresses as I am able to get them. Watch the above with caution, but at this point I do not trust anyone including those to whom we pay taxes.

p.p.s. I have not been a supporter of Lindsey Graham, but under the circumstances he might be considered for Secretary of State or Defense. We have far too many Czars now to keep track of, and getting back to 10-12 is more than enough to handle. Even a good listener has trouble keeping up with a dozen trusted advisors.

<http://www.strategic-culture.org/> Thank God for Russia.....these fraudulent and endless wars have all but ruined our once wonderful country! !

## **Russia Lances the Poison in Syria**

Less than five months after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered military intervention in Syria, the five-year war has been completely transformed. Peace is far from certain as a tentative truce this week will attest. The conflict

may even escalate. But what Russia's intervention has certainly achieved is to squeeze out into the open the poisonous forces of regime change that have brought Syria to its dire condition.

Not only is the Syrian state pulled back from the brink of collapse into a terrorist-run failed entity, as befell «NATO liberated» Libya, but the Russian air strikes like a surgical operation have lanced the noxious inflammation festering in Syria. All sorts of poisons are now oozing and being exposed, primarily the nefarious roles played by Western powers, their regional allies, and the toxic lies propounded by the Western news media to cover for crimes against peace.

If it were not for the gravity of human suffering, the situation could be seen as almost comical, owing to the Western contortions to hide reality. Western governments and their servile media are falling over themselves with ever-changing stories and spin, accusing Russian military operations of all sorts of crimes: killing civilians, hitting hospitals, exacerbating the refugee crisis, targeting «moderate rebels», or «propping up a dictator».

This week, the Western media rushed to implicate Russia or the allied Syrian army in striking hospitals and schools in Azaz and Maarat al-Numan near the Turkish border. Some 11 people were killed at the latter facility, which is supported by the French medical group Doctors Without Borders (DWB). No evidence was presented to support the high-flown claims in the Western media accusing Russia. Russia denied any involvement, while the Syrian government said that the US-led forces carried out the attacks. Meanwhile, all week Turkish military were launching hundreds of artillery volleys across the border into the very area around Azaz where the hospitals were hit. But Western media did not question Turkey about its violation of Syrian sovereignty or the possibility that the errant strikes could have been inflicted by Turkish forces, perhaps even as a false flag to impute Russia.

Last week, the US military spokesman Colonel Steve Warren blamed Russia for air strikes on two hospitals in Aleppo City. Russian defense ministry spokesman General Igor Konashenkov responded by [saying](https://www.rt.com/news/332109-russian-jets-isis-warlords/) [<https://www.rt.com/news/332109-russian-jets-isis-warlords/>](https://www.rt.com/news/332109-russian-jets-isis-warlords/) that Russian aircraft were not active in the city that day, Wednesday, and that Russian surveillance data in fact showed that two US warplanes had bombed Aleppo.

It is not clear who did strike the DWB-supported hospital in this week. But one established relevant fact is that it was the Americans who [bombed](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/article/afghanistan-msf-demands-explanations-after-deadly-airstrikes-hit-hospital-kunduz) [<http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/article/afghanistan-msf-demands-explanations-after-deadly-airstrikes-hit-hospital-kunduz>](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/article/afghanistan-msf-demands-explanations-after-deadly-airstrikes-hit-hospital-kunduz) a DWB hospital in Afghanistan last October, killing some 30 staff and patients. Also, in Yemen, the US-backed Saudi bombing coalition striking that country have [routinely](#)

hit <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/yemens-healthcare-system-left-in-tatters-due-to-saudi-bombing-campaign-that-the-uk-supported-a6833546.html> DWB and other hospitals on numerous dates over recent months, as even confirmed by DWB.

One other feat of narrative-contortion was [given](http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-usa-iduskcn0vj1r1) <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-usa-iduskcn0vj1r1> by US envoy to Syria Brett McGurk, who told Congressional lawmakers last week that Russia was «directly helping Islamic State terrorists» from its military intervention in Syria. Another warped spiel was that of US government-owned outlet *Voice of America* which [claimed](http://www.voanews.com/content/moderate-syrian-rebel-factions-face-wipe-out/3180474.html) <http://www.voanews.com/content/moderate-syrian-rebel-factions-face-wipe-out/3180474.html> that Russia's air strikes were pushing moderate rebels to join the ranks of extremist militia.

Any and all narratives are hastily churned out, it seems, to avoid the obvious, real story: Russia has saved Syria from a covert war of aggression waged by foreign powers who have been using terrorist proxies for the objective of regime change.

That's it in a nutshell. Russia should be commended, if objective analysis were to prevail. But objective analysis must not prevail in Western media narratives because that would expose the toxic role of their governments and their own criminal complicity in distorting the conflict in Syria.

In a recent «backgrounder» on the Syrian war, here is [how](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-26116868) <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-26116868> the British state-owned BBC «explained» what's happening: *«More than 250,000 Syrians have lost their lives in four-and-a-half years of armed conflict, which began with anti-government protests before escalating into a full-scale civil war. More than 11 million others have been forced from their homes as forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad and those opposed to his rule battle each other – as well as jihadist militants from so-called Islamic State».*

The BBC tells it like a guileless fairytale, which in its simplistic telling is itself guileful. Note how in the BBC narrative the «jihadist militants» appear from nowhere as if they are an accidental walk-on sideshow; and how, as if by magic, «anti-government protests escalated into a full-scale civil war».

This is the kind of toxic nonsense that Western governments and their evidently dutiful news media have been pumping into the consciousness of their public's minds for the past five years.

But now that Russia has entered the fray, the poison is oozing out from the Syrian wound.

The Turkish state of Recep Tayyip Erdogan this week is [shelling](#)