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## ISIS & UNCLE SAM

• U.S. subterfuge in Syria exposes hidden agenda

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Is the United States teetering on the brink of World War III? If the continued provocations, the demagoguery, and the constant vilification of certain foreign leaders are any indication, then U.S. war readiness should already be ratcheted up just as it was during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Sept. 11 attacks. And what is driving all of this? Washington's irrational, senseless policy in Syria.

On Oct. 4 in Brussels, Secretary of State John Kerry announced the end of U.S. involvement in brokered peace talks sponsored by Russia over Syria's bloody civil war.

Syria, a sovereign country, has asked Russia to help its military quash an uprising that is being aided by radical Islamic groups—the very same people who would like nothing more than to carry out terrorist attacks in the United States.

Bizarrely, Washington has been arming and funding so-called rebel groups in Syria, many of whom are Iraqi Sunnis and other militants that have fought U.S. soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other countries.

The Syrian military, under the leadership of Bashar al-Assad, has all but secured its country except for the small northern city of Aleppo, which sits only a few miles from the Turkish border.

As Syria's military closed in on the city, U.S. officials managed to negotiate a ceasefire with Russia and Syria, preventing the Syrian military from completely routing the rebels.

Many objective observers, including Paul Craig

Roberts, criticized the Russians for trusting the West. In a recent column, Roberts even argued that the U.S. was using this moment of peace to re-group and re-arm rebel forces in violation of the ceasefire.

Worse still, on Sept. 17, U.S. jets were ordered to bomb Syrian forces stationed in a town some 200 miles east of Aleppo, in a coordinated attack, allowing rebels to storm the government troops and seize new ground.

Sixty-two Syrian soldiers were killed and over 100 injured in the airstrike by the U.S.-led coalition, according to Russia's Defense Ministry spokesman, who cited information supplied by Syria's military command.

U.S. Central Command later issued an official statement—not an apology—claiming that it had no intention of specifically targeting Syrian government troops near the town of Deir ez-Zor.

Days after that attack, a UN aid convoy bound for Aleppo was blown up, killing 18 aid workers. The U.S. blamed Russia for what it said was an aerial attack, but Russia countered that it had a drone monitoring the convoy and providing security. The Russians released photographs showing militants stalking the convoy prior to the bombing.

The pictures show the rebels in a pickup with what appears to be a large mortar in tow.

It's worth repeating that the sovereign country of Syria has invited the Russians into their country to help them stabilize it. But no one has asked the U.S. to bomb anyone inside sovereign Syrian borders.

None of this has stopped Kerry and other U.S. officials from accusing the Russians and the Syrians of being the aggressors in Syria which—from what we can tell—is a very dangerous bald-faced lie. ★

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