

## Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS): the Myth and Reality

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### *Abstract*

*The sufferings of Muslim world increased since new world order and uni-polarity of US. Muslim world is rich of natural resources and super powers always tried their best to exploit it for their interest through fair or unfair means. The situation became worse when the US become the sole super power of the world after USSR disintegration in 1991. Now there is no one to stop US from its atrocities which it carried out in Middle East for the exploitation of natural resources and for the security of Israel. US first creates a terrorist group and then use it against its enemies, when the task is completed; US publicizes it as threat to world security and implement the solution in the shape of military intervention. Like US did in Afghanistan and now is doing in Middle East. As US publicized that War on terror was imposed due to Al-Qaeda and now made hue and cry about Islamic state in Iraq and Syria. Those will only believe on this propaganda of Zionist controlled media who is unaware of History and US policies, which is largely controlled by Jewish lobby. The aim of the article is to find out the fact about US policy towards Middle East and its hue and cry about Islamic State which is a propaganda tool of US to carry out its policy of further intervention and interference in oil rich Middle East.*

**Keywords:** *US, Islamic State, Middle East, Israel, Terrorism.*

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### **Introduction**

Great change occurred in the history of Middle East with the defeat of Germany in World War I, in which Ottoman Empire sided with Germany. During the War in 1916 Britain sent their intelligence officer T. E. Lawrence on a covert mission to ignite and arouse Arab tribes against their Turk rulers to weaken the Ottoman Empire. In the West conspiracy against Ottoman Empire, Lawrence aroused the Sharif of Makkah in revolt and provided weapons to them against Ottoman Empire with the promise that if the rebellion became successful they will be made rulers of Hijaz (land containing Makkah and Madina). (Lawrence, 2008) At the end of WWI with the defeat of Ottoman Empire, West applied their 'divide and rule' policy and divided the Empire into different states in such a manner that the borders divided many tribes/ethnic groups into different states (a very foresight of West to exploit the situation whenever they needs, as they do nowadays). In a covert Sykes-Picot agreement (long before the end of WWI in 19 May 1916) Britain and France divided the areas of Middle East in their sphere of influence. (Watson, 2003)

Other factor which played a big role in the fate of Middle East is the discovery of petroleum oil in 1930s. The focus of all world powers shifted to the area and competition started among them for the acquirement of Middle East oil, which was as important as blood for their development and growing economies.

Then comes cold war between USSR and US which divided the Middle East into two spheres of influence; one of USSR and second of US. Both super powers indulge in severe competition in Middle East at that time. Egypt, Syria, Libya, Iraq (after Saddam takeover) sided with USSR and Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Qatar sided with US. The US had three main goals/interests in Middle East at that time; first, oil acquirement, second containment of USSR influence in the region and third the containment of communist ideology in

the region for which US encourage Arab nationalism and radical Islam to contain the influence of USSR in the region. The US intelligence agency CIA was involved in many covert missions in Middle East states in creating, backing, helping many radical parties. Like CIA helped Akhwan-ul-Muslimeen in Egypt in 1970s to thwart Marxist ideology influence there. In other Muslim countries also US supported Islamic extremist groups to contain the expansion of communism. When in 1979 USSR attacked Afghanistan it was US intelligence agency CIA which covertly dragged Arabs against USSR in Afghanistan. It is an open secret that CIA trained, funded and provided weapons to these radical Arabs to wage jihad against USSR in Afghanistan. It was the US who aroused Islamic extremism to use it against communism. Al-Qaeda lead by Osama bin Ladan was a hand-made organization of CIA. CIA and the US used these people whenever they needed. Like US used the Al-Qaeda and Osama bin Ladan rhetoric to occupy the strategic area of Afghanistan and made it a US military base for the purpose to get access to resourceful Central Asia and containment of China. While Osama bin Ladan died long before 911 as the Dr. Steve R. Pieczenik (former deputy assistant secretary of state of US) revealed in a TV interview in April 2002. (The Guardian, 5 May 2011).

US used these extremists groups in two ways, first; it politically supported and militarily helped these groups whenever it suited US interests like it used Al-Qaeda against USSR in Afghanistan and using it in Syria against Bashr ul Asad government and secondly; start operations against these groups when it suits US interests like US started war on terrorism against Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan and again start operation against Al-Qaeda/Daesh in Iraq to further its agenda in the region. These organizations/groups are double purpose US tools.

### **Research Objectives**

1. To find out the Myth and Reality of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.
2. To find out the impact of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria on Middle East.

### **Research Question**

The article tried to answer the following Questions;

1. What is historical background of the problem?
2. What is the myth and reality of the problem?
3. How the problem affect Middle East?

### **Methodology**

Descriptive and analytical method of research has been applied to know the background of the problem and analyze the myth and reality of the ISIS. For this purpose Books, research articles, reports, newspapers, interviews (TV) were studied. Secondary data has been used for analyzing this topic. A lot of literature has been reviewed for writing this article.

### **Hypothesis**

As long as the interests of US and Israel involved in the Middle East the area will remain in turmoil.

### **Discussion**

#### **The Myth and Reality**

The new episode of the story started in Middle East with US attack on Iraq in 2003. The main interests of US in Middle East are acquirement of oil, strategic foothold and security of Israel. US attack and toppling

of Saddam's government provide a breeding ground and favourable conditions for creation and development of extremist and terrorists groups even US itself helped them and provided weapons to them. In October 2004 the US media reported that a huge amount of explosive material was missing from different Iraqi ordnance factories and weapons storages. (Mazzetti & Farley, 26 October, 2004) It was believed that these materials was given by US to extremist/terrorist groups' her-self or provided an opportunity to them to loot and steal it. Which US aimed to be used by these people when ever US needs like now Islamic State is using it.

The strategy and plans to destabilize and divide Middle East was made by US long before, for the support to Israel's expansion to 'greater Israel' which will include all the area between two rivers Tigris and Euphrates, as US 'policy making' is largely controlled by Israeli lobby. What was happened in Middle East during Bush administration and what is happening in Middle East during Obama government is exactly the same what was planned and suggested by Zionist to US government.

Bush policy and RAND (government sponsored think tank of US) strategy largely got inspired by Richard Norman Perle (R. N. Perle was Secretary of Defense and Chairman of defense policy advisory board under Bush Administration. A Zionist who largely influenced Bush government policy towards Middle East and who is largely behind US attack on Iraq in 2003.) (Perle, July 1996) article published in Israeli institute of advance strategic and political studies in which he suggested that for the defense and expansion of Israel:

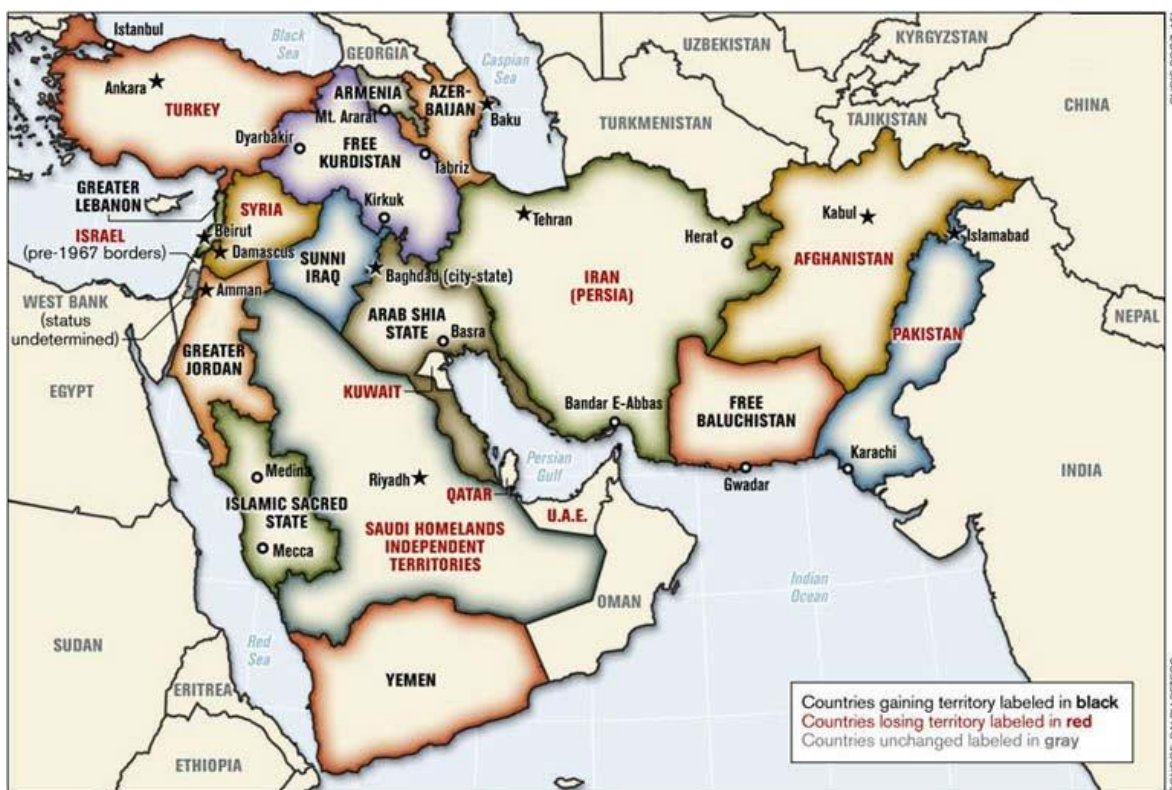
1. Zionism must be strengthened at any cost. (Kidwai, M. S. 2010).
2. Israel should aggressively and militarily seek the demise of its Arab neighbours by exploiting tensions within and among Arab states.
3. Top of the list is Iraq which should be transformed first and Saddam government should be removed.
4. Iraq is the state whose destabilization could lead to the destabilization of whole Middle East which will make an easy path for toppling governments and transformation of Syria, Iran and Lebanon and other countries.
5. Perle suggested to Israel that its domination should be expanded over Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, and even Saudi Arabia, for which Israel and the US should wage war against Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon, which would reshape the "strategic environment" in the Middle East and greatly expand Israel's influence in the region. The author argued for forcible redrawing of Middle East map.
6. Israel should forge close ties with US while pursuing these policies.(Perle, July 1996)  
Further in 2002, Dick Cheney (then vice-president of US) and Paul Wolfowitz (then Secretary of Defense) made a plan in which Iraq would be divided into three parts/states Sunni, Shia and Kurds (Exactly the same thing which is happening today) dividing Iraq along ethno-religious lines.

*After eliminating Iraq as a sovereign state, there would be no fear that one day an anti-American government would come to power in Baghdad. Current and potential US geopolitical foes Iran and Syria would be isolated from each other, with big chunks of land between them under control of the pro-US forces.*

*Equally important, Washington would be able to justify its long-term and heavy military presence in the region as necessary for the defense of a young new state asking for US protection and to secure the stability of oil markets and supplies. That in turn would help the United States gain direct control of Iraqi oil. (Ahmed, 18 September, 2014) (Halper & Clarke, 2005)*

Again in 2006 the same idea was repeated in US armed forces journal by Lt. Col. Ralph (deputy chief of staff of US intelligence) in the form of a map entitled:

"Blood Borders: How a better Middle East would look" in which the boundaries of Middle East states was totally redrawn.



Source: [www.armedforcesjournal.com/peters-blood-borders-map/](http://www.armedforcesjournal.com/peters-blood-borders-map/)

In 2008 the US ‘divide and rule’ policy towards Middle East resurfaced once again by the RAND report which revealed strategies for the persecution of ‘long war’ in Middle East.

The report read as:

*... exploiting fault lines between the various Salafi-jihadist groups to turn them against each other and dissipate their energy on internal conflicts.” Simultaneously, the report suggested that the US could foster conflict between Salafi-jihadists and Shi’ite militants by: “... shoring up the traditional Sunni regimes... as a way of containing Iranian power and influence in the Middle East and Persian Gulf. (Pernin 2008.)*

The US aim in Middle East was never democratization, modernization and stabilization which it publicized, rather it remained indulge in covert conspiracy to drag Middle East into sectarian war to decrease the influence of Iran, Syria and Hezbollah which US consider a threat to Israel. US armed Sunni sect against these Shia governments. (Hersh, 5 March, 2007).

US confessed that it has funded and armed rebels with hundreds of millions of dollars in these countries. ‘the Telegraph’ wrote in its article titled ‘major airlift of arms to Syrian rebels through Zagreb’ about the US arming of these rebels that US and Europe sent in a single program 3,000 tons of weapons in 75 planeloads to Syria. (The Telegraph, 8 March, 2013) The same thing is revealed by New York Times also that CIA helped terrorists in Syria through Turkey and Jordan by supplying arms to them in its article titled ‘Arms airlift to Syria rebels expands, with CIA aid’. (New York Times, 24 March, 2013).

ISIS operated from Turkey’s border with Syria, ironically where the US and CIA monitor the area for years and supplied arms to Syrian rebels. It proves that it is the US who is raising terrorists in Syria and Libya. This vast scale US aid to terrorists in Middle East and North Africa proved the conspiracy of US revealed

by Seymour Harsh in 2007. US claimed that it give aid to ‘moderates’ in these countries but the truth is this that there are no moderates, the aid goes to Al-Qaeda groups such as ISIS and Al-Nusra in Syria, that’s why these groups are very successfully advancing in these countries.

In Libya and Syria, what is happening throughout the past 3 years from 2011 to 2014, is the goal of US to raise an army in the name of Al Qaeda, which is pursued by US obviously. The plan, from the beginning, was to raise an extremist expeditionary force to trigger a regional sectarian bloodbath, a bloodbath now raging across multiple borders and set to expand further.

### **Arab Spring**

The destabilization strategy of US under the camouflage of democratization of Middle East started in 2010, portrayed by US as Arab Spring. Protests started in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Oman, Yemen, Morocco and Syria against their governments. In Egypt the president Husni Mubarak resigned and in Libya, the government of Moammar Qaddafi was toppled and he was killed by rebels. The whole region was in turmoil and it is no secret that the US and CIA supported these rebels. The support of US and NATO to Libyan rebels is no secret; US provided full intelligence and armed help to rebels and air-strikes against Qaddafi government by the US. Militants were brought from Iraq to Libya to fight against Qaddafi. After Qaddafi overthrow these militants looted Armories of Libya with the help of the US. Then these weapons and militants were transported to Syria through Turkey to destabilize Syria and overthrow Bashar ul Assad government.(Chivers, 21 June, 2013) According to Seymour Hersh (a renowned US journalist) there is a covert classified agreement among CIA, Turkey and Syrian rebels to create a covert network to channel arms and ammunition to Syria through Turkey.(Hersh, 17 April, 2014) Further evidence is provided by an article in Voltaire network in which Thierry Meyssan wrote that an agreement was concluded between US and Terrorists network of Syria in April 2013 when John McCain, (top official of the National Endowment for Democracy of US and former Republican presidential candidate of US) discussed strategic issues with leader of ‘Free Syrian Army’ general Salim Idres and the leader of Islamic state Abu-Bakar Al-Baghdadi. (voltairenet, 18 August, 2014)

An Irani journalist (Yuram Abdullah) went a step further and claimed (in Tehran Times 22 August, 2014) that Irani intelligence uncovered Baghdadi as Jewish agent of Mossad (Israeli Intelligence agency) named Simon Elliot with a plan to destroy countries which are threat to Israel and smoothen the path for the creation of Greater Israel.

At the same time militant were also flooded into Syria to toppled Syrian government. These terrorists were secretly trained with anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons by CIA and US troops in covert training camps in Jordan and Turkey since 2012. (Cloud, 21 June, 2013)

Same things were also revealed in former US secretary of state Hillary Clinton’s book in which she discussed that how US decide to help these rebels against their government. (Clinton, 2014)

### **Islamic State**

Abu Muasab Al-Zarqawi was an Al-Qaeda operative in Afghanistan in 1980s trained and funded by CIA against USSR. When US attacked Iraq in 2003, Zarqawi moved to Iraq and organized ‘Al-Qaeda in Iraq’ and became its leader. Here too he was helped by US despite the latter ostensible support to Shia dominated government in Iraq. In 2006 when Zarqawi was killed Abu Ayyub Al-Masri took the charge of the group and renamed it as ‘Islamic state of Iraq’. (Laub, 12 June, 2014) Abu-Bakr Al-Baghdadi became the leader of the organization in 2010 when Masri was killed. Baghdadi expended its operations to Syria in 2011 with the eruption of Syrian turmoil and branded the organization as ‘Islamic state of Iraq and Syria’ (ISIS). (CockBurn 2020).

These trained and equipped terrorists were used by US in different states of Middle East in bringing anarchy, chaos and sectarian violence to destabilize the whole region. (Ahmad 2014). These terrorists were used in Libya in toppling Qaddafi government then transported with Libyan heavy artillery to Syria by CIA through Turkey to topple Assad's regime.

*The ISIS has trained members who can maneuver in battle, spot artillery and fly helicopters. The group is part terrorist network, part guerrilla army, part proto-state. (Coll, 8 Sep., 2014)*

These evidences show that ISIS are same terrorists trained by US in Jordan with sophisticated technology and weaponry.

Chuck Hagel (US Defense Secretary) stated ISIS "as sophisticated and well funded as any group that we have seen . . . beyond anything we have seen."

ISIS controlled some areas in northwestern Iraq and northeastern Syria since 2013 and Baghdadi announced his Caliphate on these areas in July 2014. (Katzman, 11 September 2014). West also portrayed ISIS as well funded and self-sufficient group due to its control of oil fields in Syria and traded that oil in black. But the question is that who buy that oil?

In April 2013, when terrorists' control of Syrian oil fields confirmed, the European Union eased the oil embargo on Syria (BBC News 22 April, 2013) allowing the oil of these very fields controlled by ISIS to be sold in international market which unveil the West hypocrisy. European companies were permitted to buy crude oil from these oil fields then they transported that oil to Turkey's refineries from where it is supplied to Europe. It means West is funding ISIS as 'The Guardian' published that the 'EU decision to lift Syrian oil sanctions boosts Jihadist groups.' (Borger, 19 May, 2013) Oil from Kurdish region is also smuggled by ISIS and supplied to US and Europe. The Kurdish regional authority is also involved in trade of oil with ISIS. The oil from ISIS controlled areas and from Kurd area of Syria and Iraq are bought by US and Europe at very low prices. From all this process the main profit beneficiary is the US and Europe for which they actually set the chessboard of this game in the area. In August 2014 Iraq's foreign ministry warns that any oil trade from Iraqi areas without the authorization of Baghdad is illegal (Awsat 21 August, 2014).

In September 2014, Jana Hybášková (the European Union's ambassador to Iraq) told the 'EU Foreign Affairs Committee' that "several EU member states have bought oil from the Islamic State terrorist organization." (Middle East monitor, 2014). It is revealed that Israeli and US oil refineries had been regularly purchasing and importing Kurdish region and ISIS disputed oil. Baghdad efforts to stop such illegal trade of oil by terrorists were rebuffed by US courts ([www.foreignpolicy.com](http://www.foreignpolicy.com), 2014).

ISIS entry is very dramatic in June 2014, it suddenly mushroomed and very quickly marched in areas of Syria and Iraq, capturing Mosul, Baiji and almost reaching Baghdad. The internet suddenly flooded with videos of every ISIS action, shootings, large scale death marches, and mass graves. ISIS every execution video is uploaded on social media. (Melki 2016) ISIS portrayed by media like a monster appears suddenly making Herculean tasks like seizing large quantities of US military equipments, capture and fly helicopters, operate and use tanks and artillery. ISIS is very active on social media they upload videos of their actions and tweeted about their plans and strategies of attacks and war. (Hussain, 9 July, 2014). Social media is full about ISIS. Anyone who even knows a little bit about defense and war planning and strategies knows that the secrecy is the first and foremost thing in winning a battle against enemy. If the enemy becomes aware of your war plans then there is no chance of your winning. Then these ISIS terrorists are idiots? Who upload their each and every thing on social media even their future plans? Are these US tactics?

But the fact is that it all done by US, upload all these to terrorize the world about ISIS and deceive people and prove it a threat and made it an excuse to prolong its war and stay in Middle East.

## Conclusion

US attacked Afghanistan and started war on terror 2001 in the name of liberating the Afghans from terrorists and stability and democracy of the country, attacked Iraq in 2003 on the bases of Iraq have weapons of mass destruction (WMD) which is a security threat to world and to topple Saddam brutal rule to liberate Iraqi from his brutality and to bring prosperity and stability to the country. The question is, does WMDs found in Iraq? Does Iraq and Afghanistan is more stable and prosperous from their previous rules? Then why these wars imposed by US? The answer is simple these operation are not carried out for the betterment of these countries but only to serve the US interests.

The indivisible truth is this that the US and its allies invaded Iraq and Afghanistan to occupy and exploit the oil and gas resources. None of these countries has the ability to threaten the US. Poverty-stricken and the US AID recipient countries cannot threaten the super power.

US is using ISIS in three ways, First using it against its enemies in the Middle East, Second using it as an excuse of military intervention in the Middle East, Third using it at home in justifying the unprecedented expansion of persistent domestic surveillance.

The rise of the 'Islamic State' is tied to a dangerous covert operations strategy of US to use terrorists as a tool to influence local populations and in turn to use it a pretext for the launch of a new era of endless war and a prolonged US military presence in the energy-rich Middle East and it is a return to the dangerous imperial enticement to re-arrange the regional order. (Brandon 2015).

The fundamental objective of US is, to depose the Shia governments in Iraq and Syria first and then deal with ISIS by destroying them with military might as they did with the al-Qaeda. By ending Shia government in Iraq and Syria will lead to end of Iran's influence in Syria and Iraq.

The ISIS agenda of sectarian breakup in Iraq triggered the process of fragmentation in the area already, so the US propaganda of ISIS caliphate of uniting the Muslims is a mere deception of world nothing else. The most disastrous in this process of usage of terrorists by US for its interests will trigger a new wave of terrorism and will only increase the devastation of region and will bring more miseries to the people of the area (Hussain, 9 July, 2014).

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