

i think it's important for us to understand where this entire war came from It did not come from Bashar al-Assad It came from Washington There was a decision in 2011 to overthrow Assad Actually that came from Jerusalem

This has been a desire of the Israeli government that stretches back more than 25 years Netanyahu's idea is make the Middle East in Israel's image Overthrow every government that opposes Israel He's had a friend in that and that is the CIA and the United States government. So this war in Syria did not come from Assad's repression Uh it did not come from

Assad's dictatorship This war came from a presidential order by Obama to overthrow Assad starting in the spring of 2011 We have a name for this program It was Operation Timber Sycamore The United States together with other countries in this region trained uh rebel trained fighters especially jihadists including the ones that just took power to uh overthrow the regime

This created chaos 600,000 dead in Syria in a war that has gone on for 14 years The outcome of this war is what the CIA wanted back in 2011 which is that a jihad group would take power in Syria after being armed by the United States

The reason I want to be clear about this is that we will not have peace in this region until we have public diplomacy that is based on real diplomacy not on CIA operations And we will not have peace until Israel stops its militarization of the entire Middle East.

Because the Syrian war is just one of six wars that Israel has promoted including in Lebanon, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Somalia and Sudan We had the list actually from Wesley Clark back in 2001 when he was handed a paper in the Pentagon that the goal was seven wars in five years.

The only war that hasn't taken place yet to Netanyahu's great consternation is the US war with Iran which Israel is still trying to instigate to this very day So the Syrian war is part of a regional tragedy

We have tragedy in Gaza the West Bank Lebanon Syria Iraq Sudan South Sudan and Libya that I put at the hands of the United States government and its ally Israel because none of these wars had to happen These were all wars of choice

They were all wars that came from the idea of regime change operations that the United States would determine which regimes operate in which countries We'll never have peace in

this region if outside imperial powers like the United States are dictating the terms to this region.

The only way to have peace in this region is if this region is determining its own future not outside powers And Israel could never do these wars on its own. These are American wars

America provides the financing It provides the uh military backup It provides uh the naval support It provides the intelligence operations It provides the munitions Israel couldn't fight for one day without the United States backing

Israel could not be committing a genocide in Gaza without the United States full operational complicity I don't mean political complicity I mean direct daily operational complicity This has to end.

This region has been divided for 100 years First by the British Empire and then by the American Empire. And this is going on until today We have a genocide going on right next door till today till this morning People being wantonly killed brazenly killed because the United States is providing the means for this So this is what's happening in Syria Is the US on the fence hardly It's the major actor I know By the way I know firsthand that in 2012 UN Secretary General Ban Kimmoon appointed former Secretary General Kofianan as special envoy to reach a peace in Syria I loved Kofian I love Ban Kimmoon I worked for both of them

Kofian arranged a peace in 2012 He arranged a peace in Syria You know why it didn't happen because all the parties agreed to peace except one Literally one That was the United States of America The United States of America said there will be no peace unless Bashar al-Assad goes the first day.

The other parties said "No no you can't just determine that Maybe there'll be a process Maybe there'll be elections agreed Maybe there'll be a two-year process a three-year process." The United States said "No Assad must go the first day of any agreement or we block it." And so Kofian stepped down from his position after having negotiated a peace arrangement

And we have had 500,000 people dead since then We should not allow this kind of criminality to be normal This region has been at war non-stop for 30 years .

Actually I would say for at least 57 years since the 6- day war because there has been no honest accounting of international law no honest diplomacy It's been militarization all the way through And we could have peace immediately in this region.

All that is required in my view is the United States change its veto of Palestine as the 194th UN member state because on that basis all the region would normalize relations and the wars all across this region would stop But Israel has had control of over US policy and it says no

It wants greater Israel It wants Israel in Syria It wants Israel in Lebanon It wants Israel in the West Bank. It wants Israel in East Jerusalem It wants Israel in Gaza.

And until that stops we're not going to have peace So is the US on the fence of course not It's the major protagonist of this whole war and has been for the last 14 years

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