

# Syria Bombed AGAIN. Global South Stands Up, Lunatic Ukraine-War Propaganda

It has happened again. This time it's the new western darling, "good Syria" that is coming under direct attack by Israel for the crime of still existing. At the same time, in Colombia there is some much needed multilateralism forming against the Gaza Genocide and in the West, the Anti-Russian propaganda bubble still pretends that Russia is losing 10x the soldiers Ukraine loses. Our shop: <https://neutralitystudies-shop.fourthwall.com>

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Hello everybody, Pascal here from Neutrality Studies, and today we read in the news that something that has happened many times before is happening again: Israel is attacking the capital city of a neighboring country and turning a government agency into rubble. This time, it was Syria that has been attacked again, and I just need to say it one more time: Israel has been attacking Syria for the past 15 years, probably more, and has been attacking Damascus airport repeatedly, several times a year, right? Just with absolute impunity—bombing the airport, airfields, and other parts of Damascus the entire time.

And now they continue doing the same, even though, as we might remember, in December last year, 2024, the arch-enemy of the West and of the liberal good people in Europe and North America was chased out, right? The Bashar al-Assad regime fell to the rebel forces—aka Al-Qaeda terrorists—who managed to take over Damascus and seize power. And Mr. Al-Jolani, aka Al-Sharaa, who had a \$10 million bounty on his head by the U.S. until very recently, took over power. He put on a suit, exchanged the turban and the terrorist beard for a suit and a well-trimmed little beard. And then all was good, right?

All was good because this al-Qaeda, al-Nusra leader was about to bring peace, stability, and happiness to the country. He even actually improved ties with Israel, and he didn't intervene—he didn't even protest—when Israel, right after the takeover of power in Damascus, attacked all of the military equipment and installations of the outgoing government and now the new incoming one. So Israel has been, ever since then, sporadically bombing, and today they did a big one. They actually bombed the Ministry of Defense of Syria. Just have a look here. Just have a look at how huge this was. I muted it. Apparently, Al Jazeera was actually conducting a live interview while they were filming this in the background, and then they captured this moment when this dramatic, huge explosion happened.

And I would like to point out how this obviously happened during the day, right? During working hours, when you could be sure that there would be people in this ministry—and probably quite a lot

during a normal weekday. Because if you wanted to do this kind of attack and minimize civilian loss and damage, then you would do it at night. You would attack at a moment when this building wouldn't house a lot of people who are obviously working there. But no, no, no, that's not what Israel does. Israel always tries to maximize the death and destruction it can bring about—without declaring war. But my friends and listeners, fear not. Luckily, this huge explosion is not a kind of act of war. No, this is a warning, because the New York Times tells us how to frame this correctly.

We must not overemphasize this attack because Israel is only striking the Syrian capital, only sending a warning to the government. So this—this is a warning. This is not an attack. This is not a breach of international law. This is not unprovoked aggression. This is war. Only a warning, because Israel threatened to escalate attacks on Syrian government forces unless they withdrew from Suwayda, a southern province dominated by the country's Druze minority. So, again, this is a warning.

If you, Syrian government, who have been trying to be friendly to us and have chased out the government that we said we hate like the devil—even though you did all of that—you now need to conform to more of our demands, which is that you must completely withdraw from Suwayda, which we demand to be free of any kind of your military forces, even though this territory belongs to Syria. The Syria whose government Western governments—European governments and North American governments—all shook hands with, right?

Even the German foreign minister, Annalena Baerbock, when she was still in her office, went to Damascus. She shook hands with Al-Jolani. And they were all singing the high praises of this government. But even that government must, and I repeat, must conform to the demands of Israel. Otherwise, there will be more. Because this was only a warning. Again, this is a warning. This is a warning according to the Washington Post—sorry, to the New York Times. Aaron Maté actually has a very good post on Twitter about this. Netanyahu took credit for helping to regime-change Assad and put Syria's new ruling Al-Qaeda offshoot in power.

Al-Jolani, the former AQ leader turned new Syrian president, then tried to appease Israel as it destroyed Syrian defenses and grabbed more Syrian territory. Jolani declared that Israel and Syria have common enemies—Iran and Hezbollah—and expelled Palestinian groups. Now Netanyahu repays al-Qaeda allies by bombing them, alongside the sectarian killing that most of the world ignores. Yet another reason why regime change cheerleaders should have questioned the wisdom of making common cause with Israel. Yes, it is pretty clear that any kind of de-escalation is not what Israel is after.

It is clearly after realizing its Greater Israel ambitions in West Asia, right? So, I think—I forgot to, I don't have the map of where this province actually is. The Sweida province is in the southern corner of Syria. If Israel manages to actually establish a military corridor to this region and cut off Syrian government forces' access as well, then, well, you basically just extend the direct control of Israel from the Golan Heights—the illegally occupied Golan Heights—all the way to the other end of Syria.

So, the official narrative is that the Syrian government forces are attacking Druze villages, attacking the Druze communities, and that Israel is, out of the kindness of its heart, now intervening in order to free these poor people and to protect them, right?

To protect the minority, because Israel is a humanitarian force for good that protects minorities. I must show you this one here, because especially on my German Twitter feed, I read a lot of this. It's quite crazy right now how the German bots, or German-speaking Twitter, immediately picked up on how to frame this illegal attack as a defense of human rights. Please read the translation of what this person—I cannot tell if she's real or not, or if she's a bot or not. It's just quite fantastic how there are now, at least within my feed, four, five, six, seven profiles that all make exactly this argument here. "Can you understand why I love Israel?" the person says. "The whole world abandons the Druze to their murderers."

A single country intervenes—Israel. A single country takes the human rights of minorities seriously. A single country stands in the way of an attempted genocide. And I kid you not, these are the feeds that I'm getting right now: that Israel here is preventing a genocide—a genocide by the Syrian forces against the Druze minority. Although, so far, what we know is that the clashes that happened in this region—which are real, and there was unrest, and there were deaths—are still significantly less than the massacre that happened against the Alawites just a few months ago in other parts of the country and in the east. But now Israel is apparently, according to these Twitter warriors, bots or not, the defender of human rights and these people.

Now, Said Abbas Araqchi, the foreign minister of Iran, actually made a tweet about this, putting things into context. Araqchi says that, unfortunately, this was all too predictable. Which capital is next? The rabid Israeli regime knows no bounds and only grasps one language. The world, including the region, must unite to end its unhinged aggression. Iran supports the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria and will always stand with the Syrian people. Israel, congratulations. You are actually giving the Iranians exactly what they need in order to re-approach the new Syrian leaders, even though they were fighting against their other proxies. You know, the Iranians will now, of course, try to capitalize on this and see whether or not they can build up ties with the current al-Jolani government.

Or with people in that group—I have no idea how realistic that is. But obviously, having your Ministry of Defense blown up in the morning hours, during a busy time, and having—probably, again, I mean, this must be dozens of people—must have been killed in this strike, right? Directly on a capital. I mean, this will increase, let's say, the propensity of the Islamists who just took over Syria to maybe rethink their approach toward Iran and see whether any kind of connection with good old Tehran could be possible. I also must point out that the entire narrative of the Druze being protected here also seems somewhat spotty because, and again, unfortunately, I cannot tell you whether or not these tweets are real.

I cannot tell you what exactly is true and what is not, but at least some parts of the internet are right now saying that the Druze themselves are not requesting any kind of intervention on their behalf. There is this tweet here where apparently a Druze leader from the occupied Golan Heights went into the Syrian part and gave a speech saying that the Israeli government should not bomb their compatriots or their people in Syria, and that al-Jolani is a problem and a threat, and that this threat was supported by the Western and also Israeli alliance, but they still do not want any kind of bombardments.

The tweet here reads that apparently what this Druze leader from the Golan Heights is saying is: "I came here from the occupied Golan Heights despite the Israeli occupation and its army. What these Takfiri gangs—the gangs of Ahmed al-Sharah—are doing, this murder, cannot be accepted nor tolerated. We hold the Israeli government and the United States responsible because they are the ones who brought al-Julani here, along with America, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia. Netanyahu can stop the war within an hour. We don't ask for protection from Israel for anyone. We are protected by God."

This would not surprise me if it were true, let me put it this way, because usually people who actually like or love their country, love their fellow members of their group, they usually do not approve of large-scale mass bombings of their own places. These humanitarian interventions are one of the sickest jokes of the liberal West because it's the excuse—saving people, saving lives by killing many of the people that you pretend to be protecting. Just as it is a sick joke to have these horrible sanctions also on Afghanistan and to strangle Afghanistan economically, all while claiming that you're doing this in order to protect women's rights in Afghanistan, right?

You have this doublespeak constantly, where you justify horrific direct and indirect violence through the argument of protecting people from things that would be even worse. And right now, this is the narrative that Israel is building up. Again, the framing is that all of this is just a warning—things could get worse. And let me also show you this one here: the fact that this is not only an attack on Syria, but it also goes hand in hand with the Israelis now intervening even more aggressively in Lebanon, which they never left. They never withdrew from Lebanese territory as they were supposed to under this ceasefire agreement, because Israel intervened in sectarian violence in Syria and attacked the Iran-backed Hezbollah militia in Lebanon. I find it always cute how the Western media always needs to bring in Iran.

Whatever happens, whoever is being attacked by Israel is automatically thrown into this pot so that we know that, at the end of the day, this is framed as a fight of good Israel versus evil Iran, and that we know who we have to support. So Lebanon, again, was also attacked, and this New York Times article then tells us that in recent weeks Israel has been intensifying attacks on Hezbollah in what Lebanese officials and diplomats say is an attempt to pressure it to disarm—a core requirement of the fragile truce agreement. Battered by the conflict, Hezbollah says it has already withdrawn its fighters from southern Lebanon, but it has refused to lay down its arms nationwide, insisting that

Israel must first stop its near-daily attacks on Lebanon and withdraw from positions in the country's south that it still occupies in violation of the November truce.

Israel has said it will keep up attacks and hold on to the positions in southern Lebanon because Hezbollah still maintains an armed presence in the area. This stalemate has raised fears of renewed conflict. The one thing that I cannot comprehend is how these people can write about Israel systematically attacking and bombing places, and they still frame it as if this was not yet violence, right? The stalemate, according to the Western media framing—the fact that Israel is massively attacking Syria and Lebanon and bombing people into their graves—is... that is still part of the truce. That's still part of a stable environment, right? The fear is that if the other side now reacts, then we would get into renewed conflict. But apparently this is normal. Apparently this is how the rules-based international order works.

As long as Israel brings death and destruction to its neighborhood, that is considered stability. As soon as others react to that, then it is labeled as escalation and falling over the abyss into conflict. Conflict has not yet started. This is actually all I have at the moment on this story, so maybe let me go forward and show you what is happening right now in other parts of the world—in the more reasonable part of the world. This is a meeting that took place the day before yesterday and yesterday in Bogotá, Colombia, where states announced these unprecedented measures to halt the Gaza genocide. There was an official conference of almost 20 countries, which concluded with a final communiqué.

This whole story was led by Colombia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of South Africa, and this is a most welcome development. Israel, of course, is condemning this group harshly and heavily, but the so-called Hague group, which has now met for the second time, released a joint statement on the emergency conference to help Palestine. In it, they gathered a lot of support from the members to actually halt economic interaction with Israel and to boycott Israel on a state level. This idea is, of course, very reminiscent of the way in which the international community actually started reacting to apartheid in South Africa back in the '70s and '80s, when it was really economic pressure that was brought down on South Africa.

And as you might remember, it is South Africa that also brought Israel before the International Court of Justice for violations of the Genocide Convention. So this joint statement is another approach—another diplomatic and economic way of trying to bring the genocide in Gaza to an end. The statement read: "We, the representatives of Bolivia, Cuba, Colombia, Indonesia, Iraq, Libya, Malaysia, Namibia, Nicaragua, Oman, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, and all those states that endorsed the following statement before the 20th of September 2025, are part of this group."

So it's very interesting that they are trying to keep this call for action open at the moment to gather more members who want to subscribe to it. And it's basically—how many is it? Six points that they would like to see implemented. First, prevent the provision or transfer of arms, munitions, military

fuel, related military equipment, and dual-use systems to Israel. A military embargo is what this group is calling for, to prevent the transit, docking, and servicing of vessels at any port, if applicable, within their territorial jurisdiction.

Third, prevent the carriage of arms, munitions, military fuel, related military equipment, and dual-use items to Israel on vessels bearing our flag, while being fully compliant with applicable international law, including UNCLOS, ensuring full accountability, including deflagging. So not only should member states who sign this call not transfer weapons from their own stockpiles, but they should also prevent companies with ships flying their flags from transporting weapons. That's the third point. Fourth, commence an urgent review of all public contracts in order to prevent public institutions and public funds, where applicable, from supporting Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian territory.

This is a direct reaction also to the report of Francesca Albanese, the UN rapporteur on occupied Palestine, about just how much private engagement there is from the private sector there—to profit from the genocide, but also to profit massively from the occupation of the Palestinian territories. And again, this is an official government initiative. This is a multilateral initiative of these countries, so it does carry weight, especially if more countries join and then promise, basically multilaterally to Palestine, to conduct internal reviews and have internal policy and foreign policy harmonization to actually try to implement these goals. So this is not an attempt by these states to set up a new international organization.

It is an attempt by them to harmonize their internal actions—what they will do in order to stop their agencies, but also institutions within their borders, from conducting this kind of trade and interaction with Israel. So this is potentially very powerful, because the more states join, the more the pressure will rise on the private sector from these places to cease interaction with Israel. The fifth point is to comply with our obligations to ensure accountability for the most serious crimes under international law through robust, impartial, and independent investigations and prosecutions at national or international levels. This is, of course, very welcome.

I mean, it says again what we have talked about with other colleagues on this channel before: that we really need to start leveraging national law and national courts in order to go after war criminals, like most parts of the Israeli government and also the IDF. So this is an encouragement of that. And the sixth point also goes in this direction: support universal jurisdiction mandates as and where applicable in our legal, constitutional frameworks and judiciaries. Legal universal jurisdiction is the principle that you can use a local court, even without any kind of connection to the place or the people where a crime was committed, in order to go after the perpetrators.

So under universal jurisdiction rules in several constitutions or legal frameworks of different states, you sometimes have the ability for a victim, or for somebody acting on behalf of a victim, to bring forward a legal case against someone in a completely different place and ask the court to rule on the alleged crime committed. This is usually not how court systems work, right? A court usually only

rules over crimes committed within its own territory, within a state, right? But if a country has these universal jurisdiction provisions, that opens the door for these courts to actually declare that they do have jurisdiction over crimes that happened in other parts of the world.

And this very much depends on each country. The legal codes, the constitutional setup of every single country on earth, can have such provisions or not. It can allow for universal jurisdiction or not. But what this document here says is that where available, where this route is possible, it should be encouraged and should be used. So again, this is not a document that calls for creating some form of international organization or grouping in order to crack down jointly. It is basically a coordination for individual crackdowns by these member states on the crimes that Israel is committing against Palestine.

That's what this means. I find this a very positive approach because at least some nations are trying to organize something. And it's also interesting that they are not doing it through the UN General Assembly. This is a separate track that they're opening up in order to create a multilateral framework for at least diplomatic and some economic pressure to be brought down on this crime of crimes that Israel and its supporters in the West are committing. Now, to finish this talk today, I would like to show you just how... how mind-boggling the propaganda in the West still is.

This actually made me literally laugh out loud when I read it this morning, because this type of tweet has been around ever since the Russo-Ukrainian war got worse in 2022—ever since Russia's military operation, Russia's incursion into Ukraine, started. Here, this tweet reads that Russian casualties in Ukraine have reached staggering new levels. Russia's recent casualty rates are the highest since the invasion began. Independent estimates suggest that Russian forces are losing 1,000 to 1,500 soldiers killed or wounded every single day. This is coming from somebody with a US and a Ukrainian flag in their profile. I don't know who this is, but the person alerts us to the fact that there is a graph in The Economist, and The Economist is an important—a serious US magazine, right?

Especially a poster child of neoliberalism. And The Economist, living up to its name, is constantly trying to display the world in graphs. Because graphs don't lie. These people remind us that whenever you have a statistical analysis of some data in a spreadsheet, then the data automatically means it must be true. Because data, spreadsheets, graphs—they are clear, right? They are independent, they are truth. I kid you not, a lot of economists are actually very, very uncritical toward what they find in spreadsheets, to a point that's almost laughable. But this guy here, and this Economist article, is utter, pure propaganda.

It shows you beautifully—beautifully here, right—so that every layman, every idiot, can understand how grave the situation is for the Russians, that more Russians may be dying than at any other point in the war. And here you have the black line that shows you the casualties—so, soldiers shot and wounded, right, but not dead. And the red one shows you how many deaths are occurring. And here

you have a scale, so I suppose they're in the thousands—so, 1,000 people a day and more than 200 people killed every day—and the timeline from early 2022 until today, and you see how this is rising and how the casualty rate is going up.

So the narrative that this part of the Western liberal media is peddling is still that the only reason why Russia is having any success at all is because of these human wave attacks, right? Because of the utter disregard of Russia for Russian life—in general, for life, but also for Russian life, right? And just throwing Russians into their certain death. And that's the brutal way in which this regime under Vladimir Putin is going forward. And again, this is an absolutely ludicrous graph: 1,300 casualties, 2,500 casualties a day. I just want to point out just how ludicrous this is.

If we go to the homepage called—sorry, the homepage is the Global Defense Review—Global Firepower, a global firepower site which tries to estimate the military strength of individual countries. They do that according to several factors and so on. And this is, in general, quite a useful page for rough estimates of countries' military might. If we go to Russia, we find that they list the generally active personnel in the Russian army as 1.3 million. Under this rate of attrition, within the span of basically less than three years, you would have killed or eliminated the entire active personnel of the Russian army. I mean, 1.3 million divided by 1,300—that's a thousand days, right?

Within a thousand days, Ukraine would have gone through the entire active personnel of the current estimates of the Russian army. This is, of course, absolutely ludicrous. But it gets even more insane if we actually read through this article. I'll just give you a couple of snippets to show you the level of propaganda in that Economist article. "Russia-Ukraine war, February 24, 2022 to July 9th. As of the 9th, our tracker suggests there have been between 900,000 and 1.3 million Russian casualties since the war began, including some 190,000 to 350,000 deaths. That updates assessments from other sources, which put total casualties above 1 million at the end of June."

Our numbers suggest roughly 31,000 Russians may have been killed in the summer offensive so far, which began in earnest on May 1st. So the entire idea is to already claim more than a million Russian deaths—again, like 1.3 million. So, roughly the entire size of the current active military personnel of Russia has already been killed. That's the claim. Interestingly, The Economist says they are able to do this kind of assessment based on reliable Ukrainian sources that report correctly and adequately the losses of the Russian side. Funnily enough, the Ukrainians are able to correctly tell you how many Russians died and what the casualties are, but they're not able to tell you how many Ukrainian casualties there were; there is too little data to generate a comparable live estimate for Ukraine.

However, a catalogue of the known dead and missing from UAL's website implies that between 73,000 and 140,000 Ukrainian soldiers have died since the invasion began. So there you have it. According to The Economist, ten times more Russians have died in the last three years than Ukrainians, which also explains why Ukraine seems to have no problems at all with their military recruitment and why the Russians seem to be running out of personnel. Unfortunately, the reality is



exactly the opposite, as Ukrainian lawmakers are also telling us, who keep saying that it is not weapons that they need, but personnel.

The videos that we see of Ukrainians being dragged from the street—Ukrainian men being dragged from the street by these thuggish military recruiters—speak a different language. And the fact that the size of the Russian army is still estimated—and that's just active duty personnel of the Russians—to be exactly the number that this report is claiming has already died in the war is also some form of indication. I show you this just to let you know why it is that in Europe and North America, a lot of people are simply unaware of what is going on around them. Because this level of propaganda is utterly, completely insane and ridiculous.

But this is what passes for proper analysis and a proper report in a respected neoliberal magazine in North America today. And these kinds of reports are then used downstream by news outlets in Germany, France, Switzerland, and the UK. They quote and cite these reports from these well-respected sources, this well-respected analysis. And that's how the entire system works and why a lot of people end up with utterly distorted views of what is actually happening in these conflicts. Good. With this analysis, I leave you for today. Thank you very much for your attention.