

## Headlines:

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## Details:

### West Hypocritically Strikes Syria after Chemical Weapons Allegations

America, Britain and France have conducted airstrikes on three locations within Syria following allegations of the use of chemical weapons by the regime of Bashar al-Assad in its ongoing operation against the civilian population of Ghouta. According to the *Washington Post*:

*"The United States and European allies launched airstrikes on Friday night against Syrian research, storage and military targets as President Trump sought to punish President Bashar al-Assad for a suspected chemical attack near Damascus last weekend that killed more than 40 people."*

*Britain and France joined the United States in the strikes in a coordinated operation that was intended to show Western resolve in the face of what the leaders of the three nations called persistent violations of international law. Mr. Trump characterized it as the beginning of a sustained effort to force Mr. Assad to stop using banned weapons, but only ordered a limited, one-night operation that hit three targets."*

*"These are not the actions of a man," Mr. Trump said of last weekend's attack in a televised address from the White House Diplomatic Room. "They are crimes of a monster instead."*

*Shortly after the attack, the Syrian presidency posted on Twitter, "Honorable souls cannot be humiliated."*

The false outrage of US President Donald Trump is designed to conceal the fact that it is America that controls all aspects of the war in Syria, and it is America that has involved other countries, including Russia, Iran and Turkey, to support the evil regime of Bashar al-Assad. Even now, America has contented itself with airstrikes from afar and fears to place significant force of its own within Syria, after the humiliations that the America military faced in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is in addition to the fact that the strikes were effectively symbolic, intended to incur the least possible damage to Assad's forces. As the *New York Times* noted:

*"In sending missiles and bombs at Syria, President Trump hit more targets and used more firepower than he did in a similar military strike last year. But in the end, he opted for what was still a restrained operation that was evidently calculated to avoid provoking Syria's patrons in Russia and Iran into retaliating."*

Also, according to *Reuters*, Russia was able to provide the Syrian regime with advanced warning of the attacks:

*The Syrian government and its allies have absorbed a U.S.-led attack on Saturday and the targeted sites were evacuated days ago thanks to a warning from Russia, a senior official in a regional alliance that backs Damascus said."*

*Syria air defences strike back after air strikes by U.S., British and French forces in Damascus, Syria in this still image obtained from video dated early April 14, 2018. SYRIA TV via Reuters TV."*

*"We have absorbed the strike", the official told Reuters."*

*"We had an early warning of the strike from the Russians ... and all military bases were evacuated a few days ago," the official said. Around 30 missiles were fired in the attack, and a third of them were shot down, the official said."*

*"We are carrying out an assessment of the material damages," the official added.*

Furthermore, it is Western civilization that has been responsible for the development of weapons of mass destruction, including chemical weapons. It was the West that was the first to use such weapons, and continued their use, even supplying them to Saddam Hussain for use in his war against Iran.

The Khilafah State dominated the world for a millennium, and its great cities were renowned for learning and science, but the formidable scientists of the Muslim world did not think to develop weapons to target civilian populations because the armies of jihad would always scrupulously focus themselves on military targets alone and even those were dealt with as mercifully as possible. Furthermore, Islam succeeded in creating a global public opinion against war crimes; the massacres of the Mongols and the Crusaders were reviled and abhorred, leading even those peoples to turn away from such practices, at least as long as Islam remained dominant.

With Allah's permission the righteous Khilafah (Caliphate) State upon the method of the Prophethood will soon be reestablished, which will battle the evil of the world, soothe conflicts, and restore peace and justice throughout the Earth.

### **As expected Trump now talks about rejoining the TPP**

America had to pull out of the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal last year after intense domestic popular opposition forced both presidential candidates in 2016 to declare themselves against it. But the reality is that both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump were equally keen to participate in a trade deal that was designed to greatly benefit American political and economic interests. Now, a year later, US President Donald Trump is talking about getting back in. According to the *Wall Street Journal*:

*President Donald Trump is talking again about getting the U.S. into a Pacific Rim trade agreement. But any serious effort to do so would be fraught with difficulty, not least because Mr. Trump is demanding a "substantially better" deal than what Washington got two years ago.*

*After the U.S. dropped out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership last year, the remaining 11 nations struck their own TPP deal, and sealed it at a March ceremony in Chile. Each country is now moving ahead with ratification. Mr. Trump's suggestion Thursday that the U.S. might want to join after all left many nations concerned that the process could get disrupted.*

*"We've got a deal. It's a good deal. Eleven countries have signed up and we're firm on the deal," said Australian Trade Minister Steve Ciobo. "I can't see all that being thrown open now to appease the United States, but we would welcome the U.S. coming back to the table."*

*Japan's top government spokesman, Yoshihide Suga, compared the TPP deal to a piece of "delicate glasswork" and added: "To take out one part and renegotiate would be extremely difficult."*

*U.S. participation in the TPP is still an attractive prospect for many of its members because it would lead to lower tariffs in the huge American market for products like Malaysian palm oil and Vietnamese apparel. Some members, particularly Japan, like the idea of cementing the U.S. economic presence in the region as a bulwark against China.*

The truth is that Japan and Australia continued the TPP deal under American instruction and fully intended to include America at a later point. America is the global imperialist hegemon and other countries are forced to carry out America's will even when it contradicts their own interests. But when will the world perceive America's weakness, and when will the world realise that the great powers conspire only for their own interests and not for the benefit of humanity.