

## Headlines:

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## Details:

### Trump Silence continues on Russian-Syrian Assault on Idlib

According to the *Washington Post*:

*The horrors of Syria's civil war diminished somewhat in recent months after eight years of carnage and atrocities. But they could resume on a horrifying scale in the province of Idlib, which is home to some 3 million people and remains under the control of rebel groups. Late last month, a truce governing the region was ruptured when the regime of Bashar al-Assad launched a new offensive, in concert with Russian air power. Once again, bombs rained down on Syrian homes, hospitals and food stores; according to the United Nations, more than 150,000 people fled northward, toward Syria's border with Turkey.*

*The attack threatens to trigger a humanitarian catastrophe larger than any that Syria has yet seen. Tens of thousands of the civilians in Idlib are refugees from other parts of the country. In many cases, they were bused there by the Assad regime under deals to obtain the surrender of other rebel towns. An attempt to retake the province by force would trigger a massive new wave of refugees that could swamp Turkey — and perhaps extend to Europe, which is still suffering the political aftershocks from the mass arrival of Syrians in 2015.*

*Considering the stakes, the response of the Trump administration has been remarkably muted. President Trump has said nothing about the new crisis. When Secretary of State Mike Pompeo raised the subject during his meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov this week, he was told that Moscow's objectives were limited and included expanding a buffer zone to protect a Russian air base that has come under attack.*

The war in Syria, like that in other Muslim countries, is actually controlled by those outside the country. The temporary peace in Idlib was arranged by agreement between America and Turkey on one side and Russia, Iran and the Assad regime on the other. But as of last month, the Russian side has violated this understanding and again commenced bombing of Idlib, apparently with tacit America agreement, as indicated by Trump's silence on the matter.

Muslims will never be at peace as long as they leave their affairs to be managed by others, whose sincerity is only to their own worldly material interests. Leadership of the Muslim Ummah must be from within, by those committed to the genuine interests of Muslims and sincere to their religion of Islam.

### Alarmed by Military Escalation, Trump Reveals US actually doesn't want war with Iran

According to the *New York Times*:

*President Trump has sought to put the brakes on a brewing confrontation with Iran in recent days, telling the acting defense secretary, Patrick Shanahan, that he does not want to go to war with Iran, administration officials said, while his senior diplomats began searching for ways to defuse the tensions.*

*Mr. Trump's statement, during a Wednesday morning meeting in the Situation Room, sent a message to his hawkish aides that he does not want the intensifying American pressure campaign against the Iranians to explode into open conflict...*

*Mr. Pompeo also asked European officials for help in persuading Iran to “de-escalate” tensions, which rose after American intelligence indiscreetly stated that Iran had placed missiles on small boats in the Persian Gulf. The intelligence, which was based on photographs that have not been released but were described to The New York Times, prompted fears that Tehran may strike at United States troops and assets or those of its allies.*

*Asked on Thursday whether the United States was going to war with Iran, Mr. Trump replied, “I hope not.”*

America is at this time focused on the post-Ramadan announcement of a new Palestinian deal and only wants to put Iran under pressure to forestall any difficulties from Iran over that deal. But military force is a dangerous and unpredictable tool and the US has immediately become worried about losing control of the conflict.

There is no reason for America to go to war with Iran because the Iranian leadership has in fact generally been aligned with America on all key policy issues. Iran's further alignment with US interests is expected to have been one of the issues brought up in US Secretary of State Pompeo's meeting with Russian President Putin, so America doesn't face anything like a threat from Iran that would justify war. Yet despite this, America chose to use military confrontation as a means of achieving its policy objectives with Iran.

America is responsible for creating excessive instability in the international situation through its casual use of military aggression to serve political objectives. In Islam, military force is taken very seriously and only used when necessary. The Prophet (saw) used purely political means to diffuse the dangerous international situation created by the Qur'aish, which enabled the Prophet (saw) to conclude the Treaty of Hudaibiya enabling the nascent Islamic state to continue its growth and development.

## **Sudan Government Attempts to Perpetuate its Rule with Violence against Protesters**

According to *alJazeera*:

*A UN human rights expert has condemned reports of "excessive use of force" by Sudanese security forces against protesters demanding the country's military rulers cede power to a civilian-led administration.*

*Aristide Nononsi, the United Nations independent expert on human rights in Sudan, called on Friday for Sudan's Transitional Military Council (TMC) to "exercise the utmost restraint" to avoid further violence after at least four people were killed and several others wounded earlier this week at protest sites in the capital, Khartoum.*

*"I strongly urge the Sudanese military and security forces to ... take immediate measures to protect the constitutional rights of the Sudanese people," Nononsi said in a UN statement.*

*At least four people were killed on Monday, according to protesters, when troops in military vehicles using the logo of the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) fired live ammunition as they tried to clear demonstrators from an avenue near Sudan's foreign ministry.*

The Sudanese government is merely a continuation of the regime of Omar al-Bashir, who faithfully served his American master throughout his decades of rule while presenting himself as loyal to Muslims and to Islam. The Muslims in Sudan realise this reality, and so continue to oppose the regime even after the removal of Omar al-Bashir from power last month.

The reason for the weakness of the Muslim Ummah and its exploitation by the foreign disbelievers is not simply individual leaders but an entire ruling class that is politically and intellectually beholden to the West together with legal systems that are the remnants of colonial rule of our lands and that allow this corrupt class to maintain their hold on power. Muslims cannot succeed until this class is overthrown and these systems are uprooted from our lands and replaced with the implementation of the divine sharia alone. This can only be achieved by re-establishing righteous Islamic Khilafah (Caliphate) State on the method of the Prophet (saw) that will implement Islam, unify all Islamic lands and carry the message of Islam to the world.