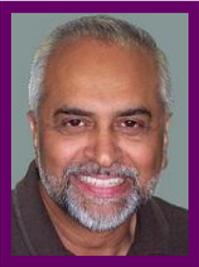


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The systematic destabilization of Western Middle East and North Africa by the forceful removal of the dictatorial leaderships of select countries, led mainly by the U.S. and its Western allies, and the subsequent abandonment of these countries to the ensuing chaos that followed, is in large part responsible for the catastrophic conditions that have spawned one of the worst humanitarian refugee crisis in modern times. And what is more tragic, that while millions of innocent people in these countries found their lives destroyed by the dubiously conducted 'war on terror', and the questionable 'export of democracy and freedom', very little of which can be justified in the face of the overall destruction wrought in the target countries and the horror inflicted upon innocent civilians who are now forced to flee their countries to seek safety and mere survival, we in the western world now wring our hands belatedly in dull shock as images of their tragic plight assault us now daily.

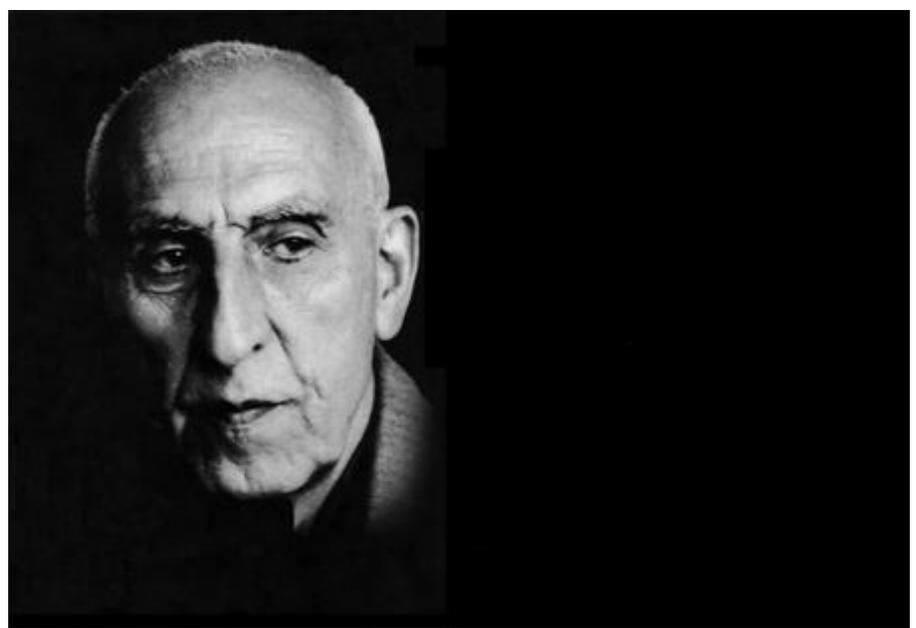
So while we wring our hands in dismay in face of the magnitude of this unfolding tragedy, we are to a large extent to blame in allowing our governments to create such unjustifiable conditions in these regions in the first place (*the famous silent majority staying silent in the face of obvious wrongs perpetrated by their own governments*). Regardless of how we all may be ready to accept the unacceptable because it does not affect us directly, we cannot escape the long term consequences of such injustices.

It could be credibly argued, and in fact it has been done so by western historians, that the anti-western politicization and radicalization of the Middle

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East may have started with the British Intelligence and CIA's deposing of the democratically elected Prime Minister of Iran, Mohammad Mossadegh, on August 19, 1953, to keep control of Iran's oil assets which their countries were exploiting at the expense of Iran.



CIA finally admits it was behind 1953 coup which deposed Iranian prime minister who stood up to the West

- Mohammad Mossadegh was deposed in a military coup on August 19, 1953
- CIA and MI6 have long been thought to have orchestrated the operation
- But today U.S. officials admitted responsibility for the first time ever

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This single act in American foreign policy and interventionism represents a major cause of repercussions and may well prove to be the costliest blowback in U.S. history and, as of today, with no end in sight.



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All the underhanded and nefarious means that the intelligence organizations of Great Britain and the United States used to remove the government of the elected Prime Minister of Iran, and instead install the brutal regime of the Shah and his terrorizing secret police SAVAK, to retain continued control of the country's oil assets, would put any nation to shame, let alone the two countries that proclaim most loudly to stand for democracy and freedom.

This blatant corruption and exploitation of a major sovereign country by the U.S. and Britain, purely for commercial gain, alienated a large part of the Middle East and created the negative political realities that are still plaguing the World today.

Unfortunately no lessons were learned from that wrong and shameful act (although the countries (*U.S. and Britain*) have confessed to the leading and active role they played in the coup) as decades later they indulged in worse deception, outright lies and propaganda, to justify the wholesale destruction of Iraq. The geo-political mess that travesty has created, is manifest today, as political factions wage sectarian wars, and rogue groups rampage across the devastated country terrorizing the beleaguered population.

The event which to a large measure is responsible for the current chaos in the Middle East was the attack on the Trade Centre in New York by 19 terrorists in which 2,977 innocent people died (*excluding the 19 terrorists which would bring the total to 2,996*). Fifteen (15) of the nineteen (19) terrorists were Saudi Arabian citizens, two (2) were from United Arab Emirates, one (1) from Egypt and one (1) from Lebanon. In the resultant search for justice, vengeance and the 'war on terror', none of the countries of origin of the terrorists were attacked by the U.S. and its allies, instead Iraq was destroyed and looted under false allegations of possessing 'weapons of mass destruction', and of course Afghanistan was attacked as a haven and training ground of Al-Qaida, of which organization the 19 terrorists apparently were members of.



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*US Bombing
of IRAQ*



*War on Terror
In Afghanistan*



Both of those countries are still at war *and hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians have died in those two countries for the death of the 2,977 people who died on Sept. 11, 2002 in New York.* One horrific act of violence perpetrated on innocent people in New York by 20 – 33 old misguided and conscienceless (regardless of their cause) young men, was followed by an out-of-proportion, egregious, massive acts of war on largely innocent populations of *entire countries* by the supposedly rational, seasoned and moral leaders of the free World. So much for exporting western values of justice, fairness and moral rectitude by the then leaders of the U.S. and England (*George W. Bush and his 'Yes' man Prime Minister Tony Blair*).

Bush & Blair



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The casualties of the 'War on Terror', triggered by the attack on the Trade Centre, have resulted in estimated 370,000 deaths of which 210,000 are innocent civilians. It is also estimated that 7.6 million people have been displaced as war refugees, and the cost of the various wars is approximately \$4.4 Trillion! In proportion to the cost of 9/11, the entire cost, in terms of human lives lost, infrastructure, socio-political and national way-of-life destruction, our response was way out of any sense of scale and fairness. (Source: Watson Institute International & Public Affairs, BROWN UNIVERSITY).

In guarding our 'western values', of democracy, freedom and justice, our governments (*collectively*) have trampled on civil liberties, human rights, condoned and practiced torture at home and abroad, and destroyed entire countries. Out of the millions of displaced people and war refugees created by these wars, our governments are now feeling magnanimous about debating the acceptance of perhaps tens of thousands of refugees, if that.

In carrying out the war on terror, obviously, agendas other than those related to the event of 9/11 were carried out as dictators tolerated and at times actively supported by the western regimes, particularly the U.S., were suddenly enemies #1 and hence had to be removed forthwith, even if they had nothing to do with the attack of 9/11.

Donald Rumsfeld, US Envoy to the Middle East, supporting Saddam Hussein during Iraq-Iran War



The most famous of these of course was Saddam Hussein of Iraq, (*Iraq's wealth and oil may have had a lot to do with it*) who had been built up and supported by the U.S. and the Western European countries, who supplied him with intelligence, weapons, including chemical weapons which he used indiscriminately against the Iranians (*and against the Kurds*), in his fight against Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran. At that time, he and his tactics and brutality were quite acceptable to Ronald Reagan's U.S., and European regimes, as he served the West's interests, as was the case with a lot of other dictators and despotic rulers apart from him that the West had installed and/or tolerated, including their long records of crimes against humanity.

The removal of long reigning dictators of Iraq, Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, by the Western armies, or by the country's own people, aided by the West, and the long history of the exploitation of Africa and the Middle East by Western

countries and their profit focused and mostly conscienceless corporations, has resulted in the destruction of socio-economic-political structures of these countries from which the populations are being forced to flee as (*civil*) war refugees.

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Syrian Refugee Camps in Jordan



Somali Refugee Camps in North Africa

As our governments debate the fate of these unfortunate people, pledging to take a handful over 5 to 10 years, currently millions of people live daily lives under the very real threat of death and dismemberment as wars still rage around them, and those that have tried to avoid the wars, now live as displaced humanity, in increasing despair in make shift camps, in countries not their own, subject to more abuse, mistreatment and uncertainty by the host countries and the largely indifferent global public.

As this humanitarian crisis grows and comes closer to home, we the public in the stable western countries, worry about the various inconveniences the refugees will cause us should our governments allow a large number in, to our otherwise relatively secure and comfortable lives.

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Refugees being stopped at European Borders



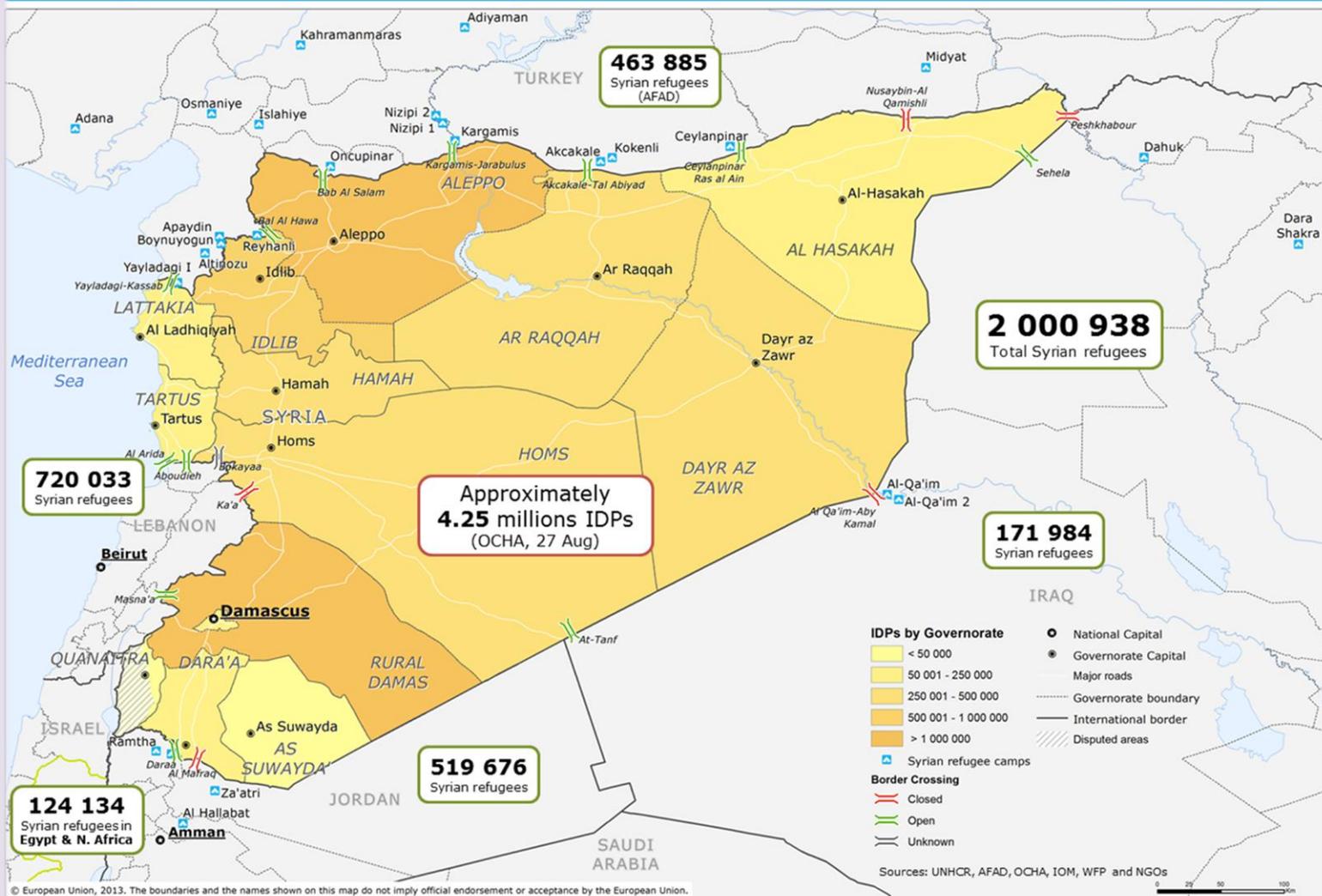
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While the horror to some extent is really felt by all, we, especially in the West, did in a large measure stand by while our governments systematically destroyed the ruling infrastructure of these countries, and then withdrew without installing any stable alternatives in the ensuing vacuums they created, thus encouraging anarchy. And we remain mute and largely disinterested spectators, even now, as Russia and the West spar and maneuver over the control of Syria, Ukraine and other Eastern European countries.

Syria Crisis – Internal displacement and Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries (as of 3 September 2013)



Well, our decades long exploitation, hypocritical interference, and geo-political-economic power plays in Africa, Middle East and Eastern Europe, have started to come home to roost, while we wring our hands helplessly in dismay at the human tragedy our own governments created decades ago.