

Media Blackout on Arab League Report

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Feb. 6—The French journalist killed in Syria was “killed by opposition mortar shells”; the Syrian opposition has carried out “the bombing of a civilian bus, killing eight persons and injuring others, including women and children”; there is an “armed entity” in the opposition that kills civilians and provokes the Syrian government to use force to stop the opposition’s killings. These are direct findings from the “Report of the Head of the League of Arab States Observer Mission to Syria for the period from 24 December 2011 to 18 January 2012,” which was delivered to the Arab League leadership around Jan. 20, but *withheld from the UN Security Council* in the debate over the resolution to remove Syrian President Bashar al-Assad that was vetoed by Russia and China.

The body-count reports carried in the media, and reported at the UN, about Syria are British-crafted lies and exaggerations, coming right out of London through the Syrian Observatory on Human Rights—a British monarchy creation that was funded by the murderous Bush-Cheney regime beginning in 2006, and which has continued to receive U.S. funding under Barack Obama.

On Jan. 31, at the opening of the UN Security Council’s debate on the resolution to overthrow Assad, the Syrian Ambassador to the UN, Dr. Bashir Ja’afari, confronted the Security Council members and the Arab League about why the members had not been given this Arab League report that details bloody actions by the Syrian opposition army.

According to SANA, the Syrian news agency, Dr. Ja’afari “voiced astonishment over the Arab League’s deliberate disregard of the Arab Monitors’ report . . . especially the points which highlight the destructive role of armed groups in attacking the Syrian citizens and security forces.” Instead, the Arab League violated its own charter and went to the Security Council, instead of to its leadership body. He also questioned the French government’s “cool response to what the Arab Monitors’ report

said, that the French journalist, Gilles Jacquier, was killed by mortar shells from the opposition in Syria.”

And in a direct hit against the covert military operations being run against Syria from British-controlled Persian Gulf puppets, Dr. Ja’afari cited reports “that Qatar and Saudi Arabia finance the smuggling of arms to Syria.” He also called on “other neighboring countries to stop hosting the armed opposition, which bomb oil refineries and gas pipelines and explode railways, on its territories.”

Just a few excerpts from the 30-page report, of which 9 pages are direct field reports from the Arab League monitors, indicate that there is extensive evidence of civilian attacks and fatalities committed by the Syrian opposition that the Western media have been covering up, and even worse, that the nations leading the call for the ouster of Assad—Britain, the United States, and France—have deliberately ignored. The Obama-British monarchy alliance is committing the same massive fraud on the UN and the world community that it committed in the drive to launch an unjustified war against Iraq in 2003.

The full Arab League report exposes the British-Obama lies, and can be read at <http://www.innercitypress.com/LASomSyria.pdf>.

Quotes follow:

- “In Homs and Deraa, the Mission observed armed groups committing acts of violence against Government forces, resulting in death and injury among their ranks. . . . Some of the armed groups were using flares and armour-piercing projectiles.”

- “The Observer Mission witnessed acts of violence being committed against Government forces and civilians that resulted in several deaths and injuries. Examples of those acts include the bombing of a civilian bus, killing eight persons and injuring others, including women and children, and the bombing of a train carrying diesel oil. In another incident in Homs, a police bus was blown up, killing two police officers. A fuel pipeline and some small bridges were also bombed.”

- “It should be noted that Mission reports from Homs indicate that the French journalist was killed by opposition mortar shells,” despite counter-accusations that the government killed the reporter. The Syrian government is conducting an investigation, the report says.

- It is a lie that foreign reporters are barred from Syria; the report lists over 107 foreign journalists and news agencies that have been operating in Syria for months.