

# Obama Is the Detonator for World War

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April 27—Developments over the past ten days provide a devastating reminder that, as long as Barack Obama remains in office as President, the world stands on the edge of general war, a war that could quickly become a war of thermonuclear extinction.

A series of warnings and alarming events indicate how close the “unsurvivable” is coming:

- the solemn warning jointly written by high-ranking retired American and Russian generals, “How To Avoid a Nuclear War,” published April 19 by the *New York Times*;
- the warnings that nuclear war is threatening, issued by the top Russian military officials at the Moscow Security Conference;
- the changes being made by the U.S. Joint Strike Command which blur the distinction between nuclear and conventional weapon use across all platforms of the Command;
- Obama’s full military backing for a new war launched by Saudi Arabia against Yemen, which is intended to stage a general war confrontation against Iran;
- the start of U.S. military training for Ukraine forces that incorporate openly Nazi anti-Russian units.

## The British Going Wild

The issue is not Obama per se. He is a degenerate patsy of the British Empire and allied Wall Street forces, which are currently being driven mad by the reality that their trans-Atlantic financial system is doomed, and that an alternative paradigm, centered in the China/Russia-led emerging BRICS system, is coming into being. The forces which have owned Obama, since they launched his political career decades ago, are ready to start World War III, rather than surrender their power.

Lyndon LaRouche warned on April 21 that “we are on the verge of virtual extinction, as the result of chain-reaction effects of this situation.” The refusal of the British and Wall Street to surrender their failing grip on power will drive them, in desperation, to have Obama

launch World War III. “This is the first threat of human extinction in modern history,” LaRouche concluded.

He further observed, that the mere fact that Obama has not yet been removed from office, is the clearest warning that leading American circles, and the American people as a whole, no longer possess the temperament to stop this disaster from occurring. Remove Obama from the Presidency, and the danger is removed. The British will remain hysterical over the imminent demise of their empire, but they will be rendered powerless to act. The bankruptcy of the trans-Atlantic system means the death of the British Empire.

Russian vitality has returned, and China is emerging as a friendly, but dominant force in Asia, promoting a policy of “win-win” cooperation among all of the nations of the region and across Eurasia. This alone is driving the British wild.

It is vital to comprehend these *motives* behind the war danger. The day-by-day events are merely markers of that process—warning signs along the road to potential doom.

## The Threat of Extinction

The Fourth Moscow International Security Conference on April 18-19 made clear that Russian leaders clearly understand the imminent danger of thermonuclear war. It was the dominant theme of the major conference presentations by Russia’s Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, and Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov. The audience and speakers list included the ministers of defense of all of key Eurasian nations: China, India, Iran, Pakistan, North Korea, Greece, Iran, Indonesia, Mongolia, Serbia, and Belarus, plus South Africa.

Lavrov made clear in his remarks that the U.S. and NATO deployment of the anti-ballistic missile systems to areas bordering on Russia constitutes a threat of a first-strike attack on Russia. President Obama had claimed that the ABM systems were directed at Iran, not at Russia,



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Retired generals James Cartwright (U.S., left) and Vladimir Dvorkin (Russia) issued a joint appeal to stop the drive toward nuclear war.

and that the deployment would be re-assessed if a P5+1 deal on Iran's nuclear program were reached. Now that such a deal is within reach, Obama has refused to scale back or cancel the ABM deployments, which will place vital components of the missile defense shield in Romania and Poland, near Russia's borders.

In an unprecedented recognition of the threat of nuclear armageddon, two leading retired generals—from the United States and Russia—produced a joint op-ed in the *New York Times* of April 19, headlined “How To Avert a Nuclear War.” Gen. James E. Cartwright (USMC-ret.), former Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command; and Gen. Vladimir Dvorkin (ret.), former head of the research institute for Russia's Strategic Rocket Forces, warned that the breakdown of communications between Washington and Moscow, since the Ukraine coup of February 2014, has increased the risk of thermonuclear war.

### More Provocations for Mass Kill

The Obama Administration is taking other provocative actions that illustrate this point. The U.S. is expanding and radically altering its Global Strike Command, by reintegrating B-1 long-range bombers, to incorporate both conventional weapons and strategic nuclear weapons. In addition, the Administration is developing a new generation of tactical nuclear weapons, to be forward based in Europe and deployable on long-range stealth bombers and drones, armed with cruise missiles.

These two actions blur the lines between nuclear and conventional warfare, greatly increasing the prospects of

the use of nuclear weapons in Eurasia. They correspond to plans for a first strike on Russia, using a combination of conventional, nuclear, and missile defense capabilities to survive a nuclear war. While this is the greatest folly imaginable, it is precisely what is behind the plans.

While taking these steps towards potential thermonuclear confrontation in the heart of Eurasia, the British and Obama are simultaneously pursuing permanent population wars in the Persian Gulf and elsewhere.

The situation in the Persian Gulf, where the same Saudi forces that ran the 9/11 attacks against the United States—attacks that have been covered up by two successive Presidents, Bush and Obama—are engaging in a population war against neighbor Yemen, claiming that Houthi rebels there are surrogates for Iran. This is another flashpoint for imminent war.

When the P5+1 breakthrough was announced at the beginning of the month in Switzerland, LaRouche warned that the agreement would be a trigger for war—unless the Saudis were smashed. Instead, Obama joined forces with the Saudis in the bombing campaign against Yemen, over the strong objections of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Central Command.

As the Gulf of Aden filled with Saudi and American warships, in the past week, including the aircraft carrier *USS Theodore Roosevelt*, and Obama threatened actions against Iranian commercial vessels en route to Yemen, intense pressure from the U.S. military and other circles led the Saudis to announce a halt to their bombing campaign late on April 21. Earlier in the day, King Salman had put the Saudi National Guard on alert for possible ground operations across the border into Yemen. The circumstances of the last-moment freeze in operations are still to be sorted out, but the fact remains that the region was headed towards a “Gulf of Tonkin” type provocation for war, that was only halted at the last moment—and has already been resumed on a limited scale.

The doom of civilization is not inevitable. But it is virtually a certainty unless Obama is removed from office. He is the detonator for world war, and his prompt removal is the only legitimate war-prevention option at this late date.