



US Shot Down Syrian Jet. Says It Was in Retaliation, Not To Initiate Violence against Syria or Russia

A US fighter jet shot down a Syrian jet that belongs to the Bashar al-Assad regime after it bombed an area occupied by US-backed forces. US authorities said they are not seeking to fight Syria or Russia, but they have to protect US assets in the area.

A U.S. fighter jet shot down a Syrian regime aircraft after it attacked U.S.-backed forces in Syria on Sunday, according to the U.S.-led Operation Inherent Resolve coalition.

An F/A-18E Super Hornet shot down the Syrian SU-22 in what the coalition said was a “show of force” after the Syrian fighter dropped several bombs near Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) fighters south of Taqbah. The coalition acted “in accordance with rules of engagement and in collective self-defense of Coalition partnered forces,” according to the task force’s statement. The engagement represents the first time a U.S. aircraft has shot down an aircraft belonging to the Bashar al-Assad regime.

“The Coalition’s mission is to defeat ISIS in Iraq and Syria. The Coalition does not seek to fight Syrian regime, Russian, or pro-regime forces partnered with them, but will not

hesitate to defend Coalition or partner forces from any threat,” said the coalition statement. “The Coalition presence in Syria addresses the imminent threat ISIS in Syria poses globally. The demonstrated hostile intent and actions of pro-regime forces toward Coalition and partner forces in Syria conducting legitimate counter-ISIS operations will not be tolerated.”

The U.S. used the established “de-confliction line” to notify Russia after the Syrian jets attacked.

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Minnesota: Cop Who Shot Philando Castile Is Acquitted. 18 Arrested in Protests

St. Paul, Minnesota: At least 18 people were arrested during a protest following the acquittal of the police officer who fatally shot Philando Castile. The protest drew an estimated 2,000 people, with 500 of them shutting down a major freeway. The officer, Jeronimo Yanez, testified that Castile, who was high on Marijuana, failed to follow his commands and reached for his legal gun. Two members of the jury that acquitted

Yanez were black. –GEG

At least 18 people were arrested in Minnesota overnight during a protest that shut down a major highway, following the acquittal of the police officer who fatally shot Philando Castile.

Thousands of protesters gathered at the Minnesota State Capitol and marched through the streets of St. Paul on Friday night to decry the not guilty verdict returned by a jury in the manslaughter trial of former St. Anthony police officer Jeronimo Yanez. An estimated 2,000 people participated in the march, part of which shut down a major highway, according to the St. Paul Police Department.

Yanez, 29, shot Castile, 32, multiple times on July 6, 2016, seconds after the black motorist alerted the officer that he was carrying a gun, during the traffic stop. Castile had a permit for the weapon.

Yanez, who is Latino, was charged with second-degree manslaughter.

The mostly-white jury deliberated for some 29 hours over the course of five days this week before reaching the not guilty verdict. After the verdict was read Friday afternoon, the city of St. Anthony swiftly announced plans to dismiss Yanez, despite his acquittal. City officials said they would offer him a “voluntary separation” because they had determined “the public will be best served” if he is no longer an officer in St. Anthony.

Friday’s march remained largely peaceful. Seven people were arrested during the massive demonstration near the state Capitol and no injuries were reported, according to the Minnesota State Patrol.

But as darkness fell, a smaller crowd splintered off from the march and walked down an entrance ramp to block Interstate 94.

An estimated 500 protesters snarled traffic and forced police to shut down the freeway in both directions, the Minnesota State Patrol said.

Police ordered the protesters to disperse and the crowd eventually moved off I-94 mainlines and onto an entrance ramp. By early Saturday morning, at least 18 people had been arrested for failing to leave the freeway. They were booked at Ramsey County Jail, according to the Minnesota State Patrol.

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California, New York and Washington State Enter Climate Agreements with Foreign Nations

After President Trump rejected the UN Climate Accord, the EU announced it would work directly with US states. So far, California, New York, and Washington have announced that they will enter into such agreements under the Climate Alliance. Nine more states: Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Oregon, Colorado, Hawaii, Virginia, and Rhode Island have also joined the Climate Alliance. -GEG

After President Trump rejected the Paris Climate treaty, which had never been ratified by the Senate, the European Union announced that it would work with a climate confederacy of secessionist states.

Scotland and Norway's environmental ministers have mentioned a focus on individual American states. And the secessionist governments of California, New York and Washington have announced that they will unilaterally and illegally enter into a foreign treaty rejected by the President of the United States.

The Constitution is very clear about this. "No state shall enter into any treaty." Governor Cuomo of New York has been equally clear. "New York State is committed to meeting the standards set forth in the Paris Accord regardless of Washington's irresponsible actions."

Cuomo's statement conveniently comes in French, Chinese and Russian translations.

"It is a little bold to talk about the China-California partnership as though we were a separate nation, but we are a separate nation," Governor Brown of California announced.

In an interview with the *Huffington Post*, the radical leftist described California as "a real nation-state".

Brown was taking a swing through China to reassure the Communist dictatorship of California's loyalty to an illegal treaty at the same time as EU boss Juncker was bashing America and kissing up to Premier Li Keqiang at the EU-China summit. It's one thing when the EU and China form a united front against America. It's quite another when California and China form a united front against America.

The Climate Alliance of California, New York, Washington, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Oregon, Colorado, Hawaii, Virginia and Rhode Island looks a lot like the Confederacy's

Montgomery Convention. Both serve as meeting points for a secessionist alliance of states to air their grievances against the Federal government over an issue in which they are out of step with the nation.

“We’re a powerful state government. We have nine other states that agree with us,” Brown boasted.

Two more and Jim Jones’ old pal could have his own confederacy.

All the bragging and boasting about how much wealth and power the secessionist states of the climate confederacy represent sounds very familiar. But that wealth and power is based around small enclaves, the Bay Area and a few dozen blocks in Manhattan, which wield disproportionate influence.

Like the slaveowner class, leftist elites are letting the arrogance of their wealth lead them into treason. And as they look out from their mansions and skyscrapers, they should remember that the majority of working class people in California and New York will be far less enthusiastic about fighting a war to protect their dirty investments in solar energy plants and carbon credits funded by taxes seized from many of those same people in these left-wing slave states.

The declared intention of the Climate Alliance, in [words appearing on](#) the New York State government website, is to treasonously “convene U.S. states committed to upholding the Paris Climate Agreement”.

States cannot and are not allowed to unilaterally choose to “uphold” a treaty rejected by the President. Their leaders are certainly not allowed to travel to enemy nations to inform foreign powers of their treasonous designs and to solicit their aid against the policies of the United States government.

This is all the more treasonous at a time when the United

States is on a collision course with the People's Republic of China over North Korea's nuclear weapons and trade agreements.

"It's important for the world to know that America is not Washington," Brown declared. "Yes, we're part of the union, but we're also a sovereign state that can promote the necessary policies that are required for survival."

Governors don't normally feel the need to declare that their state is still part of the union. But they also don't announce that they're a separate nation and then set off to cut separate deals with enemy powers. No state should be issuing, "Yes, we're part of the union, but" disclaimers before going to China.

The disclaimer is the first step to leaving the union.

Governor Brown's trip to China isn't funded by California taxpayers. That might be a relief to that overburdened tribe except that it's partially being paid for by the [Energy Foundation](#). Behind that generic name for a pass through organization are a number of left-wing foundations who have been paying for American politicians to travel to the People's Republic of China.

Donors to the energy foundation include Ecocrat billionaire Tom Steyer who has pumped millions into EF. [Steyer's finances](#) are [entangled with China and even with](#) members of the Chinese government.

Steyer has accused President Trump of treason for rejecting the unconstitutional Paris Climate Treaty. But who are the real traitors here?

Other major EF donors include the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Bloomberg and George Soros.

There is something deeply troubling about a governor's treasonous trip being funded by private interests with

business ties to a foreign power. If Democrats were really serious about rooting out influence by foreign powers, they would be taking a very close look at Brown's backers.

But the greater outrage is that the governors of secessionist states are using a manufactured crisis to conduct "diplomacy" with foreign governments in defiance of the policies of the United States.

Washington's Jay Inslee was recently talking Global Warming in a meeting with Canadian PM Justin Trudeau. "We're both very strongly engaged on issues of climate change, on issues of openness to trade, on leadership on refugees as well," Trudeau declared.

"We share an incredible commitment to defeating climate change," Inslee flattered him. "And it is a great pleasure we have a national leader on the North American continent who is committed to that."

And he didn't mean the President of the United States.

Inslee's fondness for the illegal Paris Climate treaty is unsurprising as his own efforts on Global Warming similarly depended on unilateral moves that lacked legislative support. But that is a problem for Washington's Constitution. His participation in a secessionist pact is a problem for our Constitution.

And the problem isn't limited to the Climate Alliance.

California and many of the other entities declaring that they will enforce an illegal treaty are also sanctuary states and cities. They are choosing not to follow Federal law while implementing foreign treaties that they have no right to unilaterally participate in.

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Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) Accounts for Only 4% of Greenhouse Gases

Dr. Tim Ball, an academic with 50 years' experience in Historical Climatology, explains that CO₂, which comprises only 4% of Earth's greenhouse gases, does not cause significant change in temperature. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (an agency of the UN), limited its study of global warming to human causes only. It never looked at causes in nature or from the Sun. That means they are saying humans are the primary cause of global warming without knowing what else causes it. [That is not sloppy science, it is corrupted science. They did not examine natural causes because the people who write their paychecks want to pretend they are saving the planet while they increase taxes and controls.] -GEG

President Trump was correct to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement. He could have explained that the science was premeditated and deliberately orchestrated to demonize CO₂ for a political agenda. Wisely, he simply explained that it was a bad deal for the United States because it gave a competitive economic edge to other nations, especially China. A [majority of Americans](#) think he was wrong, but more would disagree if he got lost in the complexities of the science. I speak from experience having taught a Science credit course for 25 years

for the student population that mirrors society with 80 percent of them being Arts students. Promoters of what is called anthropogenic global warming (AGW) knew most people do not understand the science and exploited it.

✘ The plants need more atmospheric CO₂ not less. Current levels of 400 parts per million (ppm) are close to the lowest levels in 600 million years. This contradicts what the world was told by people using the claim that human production of CO₂ was causing global warming. They don't know the UN agency, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), established to examine human-caused global warming, were limited to only studying human causes by the definition they were given by Article 1 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It is impossible to identify the human cause without understanding and including natural causes. Few know that CO₂ is only 4 percent of the total greenhouse gases. They assume that a CO₂ increase causes a temperature increase. It doesn't, in every record the temperature increases before CO₂. The only place where a CO₂ increase causes a temperature increase is in the computer models of the IPCC. This partly explains why every single temperature forecast (they call them projections) the IPCC made since 1990 was wrong. If your forecast is wrong, your science is wrong.

I studied weather as aircrew with the Canadian Air Force, including five years of search and rescue in Arctic Canada. After the Air Force, I went to university to study weather and climate, culminating in a Ph.D., in Historical Climatology from the University of London, England. When I began in the late 1960s global cooling was the consensus. I was as opposed to the prediction that it would continue cooling to a mini-Ice Age, as I later was to the runaway AGW claim. I knew from creating and studying long-term records that climate changes all the time and are larger and more frequent than most know. I also knew changes in CO₂ were not the cause.

The Club of Rome (COR), formed in 1968, decided that the world was overpopulated and expanded the Malthusian idea that the population would outgrow the food supply to all resources, especially the developed nations. COR member Maurice Strong told Elaine Dewar in her book *Cloak of Green* that the problem for the planet were the industrialized nations and it was everybody's duty to shut them down. Dewar asked Strong if he planned to seek political office. He effectively said you cannot do anything as a politician, so he was going to the UN because:

He could raise his own money from whomever he liked, appoint anyone he wanted, control the agenda.

After five days with him at the UN she concluded:

Strong was using the U.N. as a platform to sell a global environment crisis and the Global Governance Agenda.

He created the crisis that the by-product of industry was causing global warming. Even Obama claimed that 97 percent of scientists agree. If he checked the source of the information, he would find the [research was completely concocted](#). It is more likely that 97 percent of scientists never read the IPCC Reports. Those who do express their concern in very blunt terms. Consider German meteorologist and physicist Klaus-Eckart Puls experience.

“Ten years ago, I simply parroted what the IPCC told us. One day I started checking the facts and data – first I started with a sense of doubt but then I became outraged when I discovered that much of what the IPCC and the media were telling us was sheer nonsense and was not even supported by any scientific facts and measurements. To this day, I still feel shame that as a scientist I made presentations of their science without first checking it.”

He discovered what I exposed publicly for years. My challenge to the government version of global warming became

increasingly problematic. They couldn't say I wasn't qualified. Attacks include death threats, false information about my qualifications posted on the Internet, and three lawsuits from IPCC members. Most people can't believe that such things occur about opinions in a democratic society. Test the idea by telling people that you don't accept the human-caused global warming idea. The reaction from most, who know nothing about the science, will invariably be dismissive at best.

I documented what went on in a detailed, fully referenced, book titled *The Deliberate Corruption of Climate Science*. A lawyer commented that it lays out and effectively supports the case, however, it was "a tough slog." I recently published a brief 'non-slog' handbook (100 pages) for the majority of people, not to insult their intelligence, but to help them understand the science and its misuse for a political agenda. Titled, [Human Caused Global Warming: The Biggest Deception in History](#). Presented in the logical form of a criminal or journalistic investigation it answers the basic questions, Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How.

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Merkel Commits Germany to Pay Africa to Stem the Flow of Refugees

Ahead of the G20 meetings, German Development Minister Gerd Muller warned that global warming could cause up to 100-million Africans to head north as climate and economic refugees. German Chancellor Angela Merkel responded by meeting with African leaders and agreed to 'invest' \$335-million in Africa to help governments limit the number of northbound refugees. –GEG

German Development Minister Gerd Muller warned Sunday that up to 100 million Africans could head north as economic and climate refugees.

Germany is making a push to promote peace and investment in Africa at the G20 summit in Hamburg in July. [Muller believes](#) unprecedented migrant populations could head for Europe if climate goals aren't met and the economic outlook in Africa remains the same.

"If we continue as before, people in many parts of Africa have no other chance than to get to us," Muller, a member of the Christian Social Union, told German tabloid Bild am Sonntag. "If we do not manage to limit global warming to two degrees, up to 100 million people will move north in the future."

Muller suggests a large-scale investment Marshall Plan in Africa and higher wages for workers.

"If an Apple phone is sold here for 800 euros, it must be ensured that decent wages are paid in the coltan mines in the Congo and environmental standards are applied," Muller told Bild.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel met with African leaders

Monday in Berlin to discuss future “reform partnerships.” The chancellor vowed to [invest 300 million euros](#) (\$335 million) to help governments manage the refugee flows.

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