The Al-Qaeda Times Journalists AKA Local "Syrian Activists"

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Signs of the Time



The "activists" were out in full force during the last days of the final liberation of Aleppo, decrying what they saw as the fall of the city and transmitting their "last" messages as they awaited death or abduction by the "evil Assad regime" forces. They made quite an impact in social media and some were picked up for 15 minutes of fame in the regime-change-shilling Western media. Meanwhile foreign independent and Syrian journalists continue to present a narrative which is anathema to the mainstream, hence their exclusion from any coverage.

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Lina Shamy has been a real hit on regime-change-cheerleading media such as <u>Agazeera</u>. She solemnly tells us people are living through an Assad genocide, many having lain under the rubble of bombed Aleppo buildings, with what she calls the civil defence, or more accurately, the "White Helmets", unable to rescue them. Incidentally, the White Helmets are not the real Syrian Civil Defence. They have been set up as a shadow state institution, colonizing and subverting the provision of emergency response in this war-torn country.

There is a real Syrian Civil Defence, naturally enough performing under the mandate of the legitimate, internationally recognised Syrian government. It comes as no surprise then that it is the certified civil fire and rescue organisation according to the International Civil Defence Organisation (ICDO). Shamy is quite careless with her interpretation of who the civil defence is, and the carelessness doesn't end there.

Shamy, <u>interviewed on Al Jazeera</u>, said she had to flee her house in Aleppo with nothing but her clothes. Yet those hanging on her every video report **will be pleased to know she still managed to bring her electronic devices**, so she can continue to tell the world about the genocide being committed by the regime. How fortuitous is that.

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Shamy is one of the sources of the accusations that Syrian soldiers and militias walked the streets of Aleppo, executing entire families and burning 60 people to death hiding in a basement. She claimed if the Syrian soldiers think there is the remotest connection to the rebel groups they will execute civilians. She is a rather vague source however, not having witnessed any of this herself.

She is in actual fact a secondary source, recounting what "activists" have said about alleged atrocities. Once the reality behind the horrific headlines is unpacked however, the credibility of the accusations starts to crumble away. It is difficult to know if the allegations are true or if they are plucked from thin air. Thankfully she can rely on propagandist bullhorns such as Al Jazeera to promote her claims.

Shamy is famous, along with other activists, for posting her "last video." It all seems very well coordinated in a chaotic war environment. If it was conceived and coordinated from public relations operatives from abroad we could understand how slick and attention grabbing the "last this, last that" theme is. But I am sure we are not as cynical as to believe we are being duped, are we?

If Shamy's allegations of widespread executions are true, we may be entitled to question how she, as an activist in the so-called firing line, managed to leave Aleppo unscathed. Her fans must be grateful that she is now in Idlib, tweeting that the "flag of the revolution is fluttering high."

Undoubtedly she is honing her media performances to tell us of future Assad "atrocities" in Idlib.

https://twitter.com/Linashamy/status/814841936414707712Bilal Abdul Kareem is another "activist" who has been advocating for direct western intervention in Syria since at least 2013, while simultaneously opposing attacking Islamist groups. In other words, wage war on the people of Syria and give ISIS and Al-Nusra a free pass. This scenario could only lead to another Libya, with ISIS and al-Qaeda struggling for control of the country and its gas and oil reserves. Speaking to Channel 4 News just after the Ghouta chemical attack on 21 August 2013 Kareem said, "There needs to be more dialog with these Islamic fighters because what they're fighting for and what the west actually wants, really isn't so incompatible. And I've said this before." When asked about why radical Islamists should be supported he responded with the glib, "I don't think there's anything radical about wanting to save lives."

He said the west would find a "compatible partner" in the Islamist fighters.

Kareem, in an interview in 2015, gave a platform for former Al-Nusra spokesman Abu Firas to justify the forceful imposition of an Islamic state on secular Syria and the bloodshed necessary to achieve this goal. He also interviewed Abdullah Muhaysini, the Saudi Jihadist ideologue who says all able-bodied Sunni Muslims are obliged to travel to Syria to wage Jihad. He says Syrians today are standing strong against the Shia coming at them from more than ten countries, obliging Sunni from abroad to fight for their Sunni brothers.

Apparently he's fine with the idea of Muslims killing Muslims. He calls the Alawites enemies who also must be wiped out. Muhaysini claims to be an independent sharia scholar, but is believed to be a senior Al-Nusra (now Jabhat Fatah al-Sham) leader. He was <u>added to the US government's list of designated terrorists</u> in November 2016.



Kareem also got on the <u>"last video" bandwagon</u> saying, "This might be close to, if not the last communication." He clearly saw this as the fall, not the liberation of Aleppo, and was determined to spread a gloomy perspective that has not been shared by thousands of <u>Syrians relieved and thankful to be liberated</u> in East Aleppo.

Political analyst Andrew Korybko points out how this "shadowy figure" who has been "actively spinning the Orwellian narrative that the "rebellious locals' are under "deadly oppression" by the SAA" has been touted and feted by the mainstream media as an "independent journalist" who can provide reliable, on-the-ground information. With his Islamist leanings, it is more accurate to say Kareem is "infamously contributing to the epidemic of fake news," while fakerstan media such as CNN and Al Jazeera are infamously promoting the cause of violent jihadism in Syria.

In contrast, Korybko points out that the work of the outstanding independent journalist, <u>Vanessa Beeley</u>, who has been on the ground in Aleppo <u>conducting interviews</u>, <u>taking videos</u>, <u>providing photographic evidence</u> of the large scale humanitarian operation and <u>the feelings of relief and joy among liberated Syrians</u>, is ignored by the western mainstream media. When you actually give the people of Syria an unfiltered voice not shaped and redefined through the ministry of truth you become persona non grata in fakerstan medialand.



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