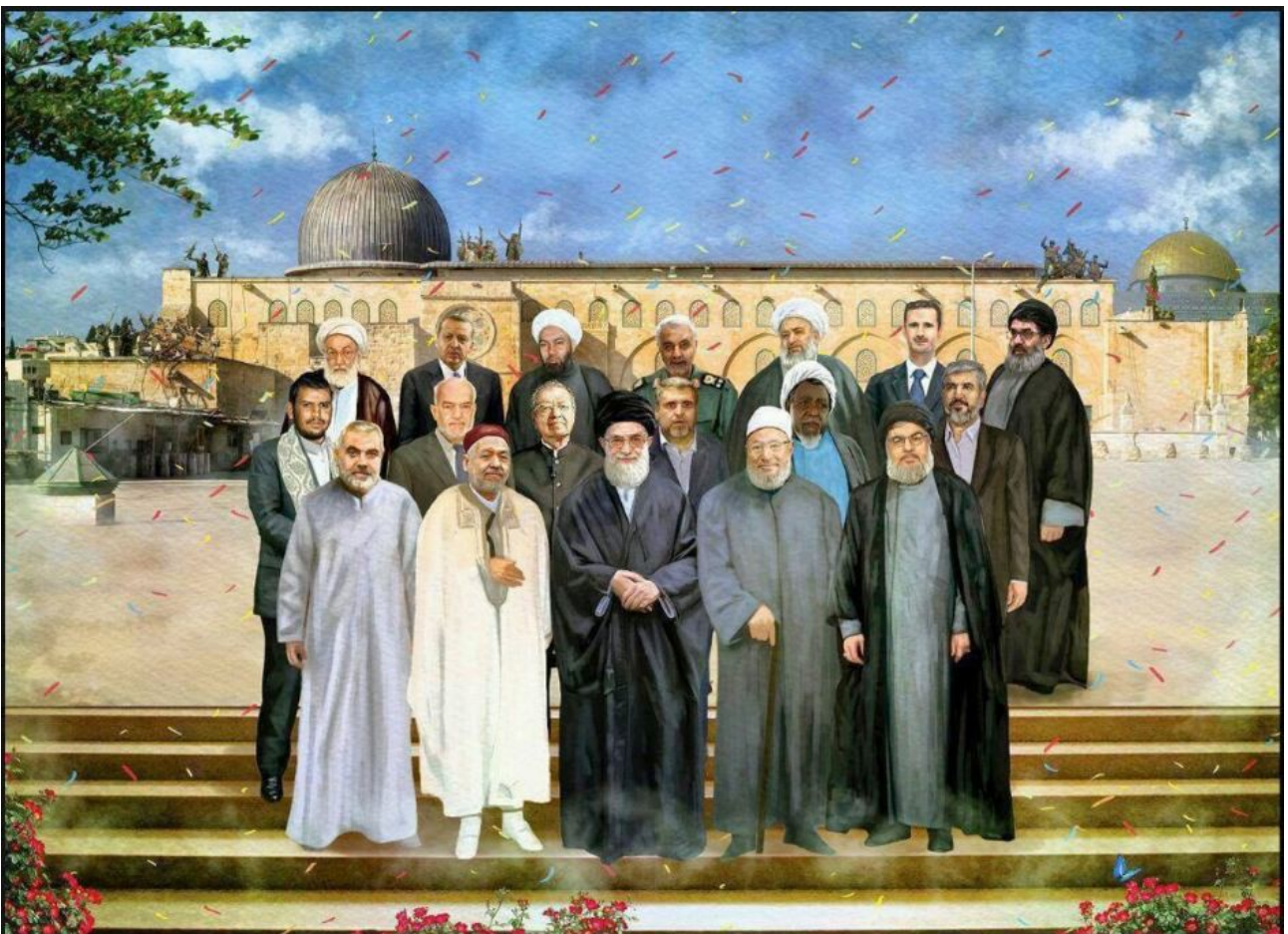


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Road to World War IV

# Dynamics



\*Iranian propaganda poster showing leaders of different Jihad-factions united in Jerusalem:  
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In addition to Daniel J. Goldhagen's interpretation one should identify eliminationist Anti-Semitism also as **historical constellation**, in which it emerges as constitutive element of a comprehensive, irrational and destructive ideology. Moreover this *Weltanschauung* finds mass-support and the cadres of the movement find a possibility to capture and hold power centers of society. Via the political and military centers of power the followers of a lunatic ideology find the material resources to realize their sick objectives. Ideology transforms into social practice. Eliminationist Anti-Semitism explained as historical category describes the situation at which a mass-murderous attack on Jews – today, a massive attack on Israel - becomes an objective possibility.

Of course many of the outlined features of a new fundamental rise of Anti-Semitism point to the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI). There are good reasons to discuss the threat of a new Holocaust, while talking about the IRI. But fact is, we don't know. Remember Arendt's remark that every critic of Anti-Semitism at the turn of the century would have imagined France and not Germany as the source of a brutal Anti-Semitic mobilization. Many view Iran as reincarnation of the Third Reich. As it happened in the past, the enemy seems to appear as a powerful **state**, whose **agenda** is the annihilation of the Jews.

But this one-sided view of history may become dangerous, when it hinders an impartial assessment of the current threats. Franz Neumann and Hannah Arendt stated very clearly, that the Nazi-regime was not a state in the common sense. The Third Reich was a flexible structure, a dynamic process of changing actors and collectives, which on several occasions worked with or against each other. Different constellations of multiple actors wrote the history of National-Socialism and its crimes. The single constant in this chaos was the Führer and a general readiness for mass murder, terror and hatred against Jews.

Till 1934 the Nazi-party itself and its paramilitary wing the SA (Schutzabteilung) formed the dynamic power centers of the movement and the regime. Hence the first wave of terror from 1932 to 1934 (terror against Jews and political opponents before and after the *Machtergreifung* in January 1933) was perpetrated to a great extent by SA and (pro)-Nazi policemen. For a limited time the SA even had their own improvised concentration camps, where opponents were killed and tortured. In order to control the German army Hitler decided in 1934 to decapitate the SA (Röhm-coup), which was viewed by the army as a rival. Furthermore the SA had a strong dedication to their own leaders and was therefore

challenging Hitler's demand of sole reign. Hundreds of SA-leaders were killed in summer 1934 and the SA never again constituted a regime power center. Many killers of the SA-leadership rose from the SS (Schutzstaffel), which evolved from a small personal guard for Hitler to a tightly controlled army of killers. With the rise of the SS and its incorporation in the official state security apparatus it fragmented itself in several factions and structures (SD, WVHA, Orpo, Waffen-SS, Totenkopfverbände, SSPF, etc.) that alternately and with regional differences shaped German terror-policy and influenced the regime. The second stage of terror 1935 – 1939 was pushed by RSHA, Totenkopfverbände and the Nazi-government. The early improvised concentration camps were closed and new camps (re)-organized by the SS opened. After a hiatus in 1935 the concentration camp population began to rise again with the expansion of the Third Reich (Austria 1938, Czechoslovak Republic 1939) and terror against new enemies as *asoziale Elemente* (anti-social elements), *Schädlinge* (vermin), *Zigeuner* (Romani people) or *Arbeitsscheue* (unwilling to work). The rise of the Wehrmacht began with the rearmament and militarization of Germany and ended with the failed Stauffenberg-assassination plot in July 1944. The outbreak of the war 1939 and the rise of the military-industry was followed by an explosion of terror agents. Now Wehrmacht, industry, various SS-factions, ministries and civil administration not only had their own share on the war-crimes but also developed their own specific terror methods. The crucial point is: Contrary to the Wahnseeconference-myth, the escalation of terror evolved out of a dynamic process without central planning. It was determined by ideology, but it wasn't commanded by a general staff.

The murder of 3.3 Mio. Soviet POW's in hundreds of camps administered by the Wehrmacht was perpetrated by local commanders through executions, hunger and freezing without specific orders by the leadership. Comprehensive studies by scholars detailing shape and method of terror on the ground far from the Nazi-leaders in Berlin prove beyond doubt the decentralised, contradictory and chaotic character of German mass-murder. At the periphery of the regime German institutions literally organized and developed themselves by annihilation, exploitation and terrorization of civilian population and prisoners. Justifications and methods to kill hundreds of thousands of civilians and prisoners were therefore multifaceted and effective. Every setback or standstill of the unflinching desire for terror and murder was usually quickly and actively compensated by newly applied death-squads or murder-methods, by incessant increased violence, by brutal attacks on every soft spot of the enemy, by hostage taking, clan liability and newly formed rival terror organisations.

Not a Nazi master-plan but the bloody dynamic and rivalry of various factions inside the regime constituted the base and the power for the escalation of terror. Despite their different convictions, traditions and even serious conflicts among each other they all approved the irrational core-principles of the regime: Annihilation of the Jews, decimation, terrorization of the *Untermenschen*, establishment of Aryan supremacy.<sup>1</sup> When the Wahnseeconference officially determined the extermination of the Jews, German institutions had already been killing Jewish, Soviet, Serbian and Polish civilians *en masse* for four years. Not a strict state controlled agenda, but the dissolution of the state into factions with overlapping responsibilities, the involvement of non/semi-state actors (Blue division, Legion Condor) blurring national borders and authority, the mobilization of fifth columns and collaborators, the outsourcing of terror to factions allied with the regime, a general atmosphere of fascism and warmongering independent of Nazi-regime created the environment of all out terror and war, which enabled mass murder of millions. Before the outbreak of World War II war and mass murder already spread over Spain (Spanish civil war 1936 – 1939), Ethiopia (Second Italo-Ethiopian War 1935 – 1939), Albania (Italian invasion of Albania 1939) and China (Second Sino-Japanese War 1937 – 1945). Chinese historians date the outbreak of World War II with Japanese attack on China 1937. Hundreds of thousands of Chinese civilians were brutally massacred in Nanking in December 1937 in the wake of Japans attack on China.

Against this background one has to reconsider the idea, which views solely the Iranian leadership and the nuclear-weapons-program as strategic threat to Israel. After more than a decade it is fair to say, that the fixation on the Iranian threat as promoted by the Anti-Iran camp(s) achieved not much aside of producing hundreds of panels and offering politicians a stage for empty promises. Ignoring mass murderous Sunni Jihad, failing to recognize the crucial dynamics between Sunni and Shia fascism was instead openly promoted as geostrategic virtue by the reckless Anti-Iran camp(s). Therefore ISIS-terror had to be permanently dismissed – just some gangs on pick-up trucks – and presented as bizarre product of an isolated terror group, in order to maintain the incorrect and narrowed propositions at all costs. The same way Iran's conventional capacity was ridiculed, ISIS was viewed with the eyes of a chess-player operating on a well-defined raster with well-defined rules of engagement, with the eyes of conventional warfare and diplomacy.

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<sup>1</sup> Vgl. Luis Liendo Espinoza: Ideologie und Terror. S. 20-28. <http://www.keepandshare.com/doc/6872495/ideologieterror-pdf-545k?dn=y>

The Syrian war proved that the era of conventional warfare and classic diplomacy had come to an end. Or let's just assume that these rules are out of order for the time being, due to the existential global clash with Islamic fascism. It was proved by hundreds of thousands of dead, several gas attacks, summary executions, mass torture, mass murder and empty promises – called *red lines* - by the West. Black and White, the opponents are clearly defined in chess as are their range of moves and methods to hit. At a certain stage the war resembled a simple Sunni-Shia clash, but further developments indicated very soon, that this chaotic conflict went far beyond any simple, limited bi-polar scheme or common state agenda. Netanyahu himself hinted to this matter, when – in one of his best moments – he accused Turkey - NATO-member and alleged Sunni bulwark against Iran - of aiding Iran circumventing the sanctions and bombing Kurdish villages. Indeed, aside of hollow threats Turkey never engaged against Iran. Turkey's sabotage of the Saudi-led effort to confront Iran-ally Qatar was already mentioned before. Turkey also cooperated with Iran and Iraq in order to crush pro-Western and pro-Israel Kurdish allies in Basur at Kirkuk and Sinjar. The simple Sunni-Shia scheme also hardly covers Qatar, which is a Sunni kingdom or the Assad regime, which is essential Alevi and not guided by religious principles. The unique and bizarre reaction of the leaders of the Anti-Iran camp(s) was to ignore the transformation of Turkish regime into a jihadist NATO-partner of Iran/Russia as well as the intertwined relations of the actors in the Syrian war. To maintain the holy virtual parallel-universe of big strategic alliances against Iran and radical Islam and to satisfy the nomenclatura of politicians and businessmen dependent on trade with Turkey was the only real achievement of the Anti-Iran camp(s).

The Syrian war turned into a hotbed of some of the worst and most lethal regimes of modern times. But this war is not just about states, its characteristics are the prominent involvement of non-state actors (ISIS, Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham - Al-Qaida army with about 30.000 fighters in coordination with the Turkish NATO-regime -, Hezbollah, Kata'ib Hezbollah, local militias, mercenaries, terror organisations, etc.), the dissolution of state structures and borders, the rise of factions, the defection of agents, politicians, tribes and groups from one faction to another, the alliance of alleged enemies and the ubiquitous involvement of intelligence services and special forces, desperately trying to influence and manipulate a giant storm, which is already out of control: in short, a new kind of ideology-driven, dynamic and polymorph asymmetrical warfare and conflict. While Sunni and Shia jihadism fought each other on certain fronts and engaged in propaganda war, the confrontation was always limited to proxies and never harmed the Anti-Zionist and Anti-

Western core ideology of both sides. While some naive observers hoped for Sunni and Shia Jihad to destroy each other, the ongoing crisis just empowered them. The endless crisis and the scandalous refusal of the West to formulate a stringent, effective and realistic antifascist policy offered the jihadists permanent mobilization, uncontrolled growth of paramilitary/non-state forces, mass-recruitment and war on multiple fronts worldwide. The paradox result of the Syrian war is therefore the expansion, radicalization and armament of the worst enemies of Israel and the West. Aside from the Kurds and secular Arab opposition all factions are radical Anti-Zionists and most of them were involved in brutal war-crimes. The main difference to the Nazi-mobilization is that the factions are not incorporated in a comprehensive ideological or organisational frame. The factions are not just rivals but also fight each other on the ground. The only real and competent ally of the West and of Israel are the Kurds. But the Western leaders decided to sacrifice them once again.