When the UN Security Council Unanimously - all 15 members - voted last December to End the Senseless war in Syria; one of the ugliest ever in history, one felt optimistic that finally this indescribable war of genocides; wanton destruction to human lives and possessions; was finally coming to an end. However, and as I wrote in my article entitled, “The General Framework for Peace in Syria has been Drawn: The Devil is in the Implementation,” December 19, 2015, herewith attached, hailing the passage of the UN Security Resolution 2254 reached on the occasion as a Historic Achievement; nevertheless, I expressed fear of the dirty tricks that the spoilers - mainly the Saudi Regime and Erdogan Turkey - can still pull out from under their sleeves to undermine and render the said UN Resolution none operational by failing to cooperate with good faith in its implementation but rather add new fuel to further agitate an already raging fire to one of the dirtiest of all wars in History.

In that vein I noted in a few of the paragraphs in the abovementioned article:

“The unanimous vote reached at the UN Security Council last night would vigilantly and severely check the long overlooked, i.e. if not condoned and tolerated by the US and the Western powers the role of local and regional spoilers constantly adding fuel to the raging Syrian Civil War. The drawing of UN Security Council Resolution 2254 held in track and poured cold water on Saudi Arabia’s ambitious initiative to forming a truncated and an ill-conceived Military Alliance of Sunni Islamic States as a potential cover for the continuation of the fighting in Syria and Iraq outside the International Framework. Besides, the reaching of the UN Security Council Resolution 2254 will now equally put Turkey on the alert in the constraining Erdogan’s long free-hand in interfering in the ongoing war in Syria, manipulating the situation in Syria for dubious political ends of peculiar interest to Turkey and Erdogan that no one seem clearly to fully understand or squarely put their thumb on it.”
Adding,

“The Road to a final peace and enduring stability in Syria is still a long one filled with all kinds of obstacles, the intrigues and games of local and regional spoilers who are not completely satisfied with the end results thus far. These would be dictated by the narrow close to the chest Agendas of local regional interests of Israel, Iran, Turkey and Saudi Arabia; all with strings still attached to the vying geopolitical interests of the superpowers.”

Sure enough, no more than one month has passed since the unanimous adoption of the UN Security Council Resolution 2254, the Saudi Regime with the apparent approval and collaboration of Erdogan Turkey declared that they would be sending Saudi and Allies’ ground troops to fight in Syria, i.e. completely undermining the UN Security Council Resolution 2254, adding fuel to a raging war and aborting the chances to reach a peaceful solution to the genocides war in Syria.

Going back to an article entitled, “SYRIA: THE STAGE IS SET FOR A PROTRACTED CIVIL WAR,” March 12, 2012, herewith attached, that I wrote as was equally published by the US electronic weekly Middleastforum, the article proved prescient noting that all the elements were in place to transforming the Syrian Peaceful Popular Protests, popular uprising, into a military conflict that would serve the narrow agendas of the Saudi regime and other interested parties. I noted, with deep chagrin in the said article:

“If one is to interpret what Annan’s term “Dangerous” meant with regard to the Syrian stalemate, one would venture predict that what Kofi Annan was saying that Annan’s reading of the Syrian situation is that Syria is set for a “Long Protracted Fratricide; internecine Civil War” that would burn the green with the dry, and to a no avail.”

On the Syrian ruling regime of Bashar El-Assad, I noted:

“Kofi Annan seems to have failed in his first call on President Bashar El-Assad to admonish compromise, dialogue and concessions to the Syrian oppositions. Assad & his team appear to be digging their heels (“Après moi le déluge”) prepared, if need to, to engage in a last battle to prevail. President Assad & his Team have reached the point of no return, no compromise, comes what may.”
I was further to note, glimpsing signs of what’s at play:

“The current showdown with the Syrian opposition to Assad much is as the case with Iran is being conceived as a regional, geopolitical struggle beyond local boundaries and being limited Syrian local issue. With China and the Russian Federation steadfast in blocking any disfavorable anti-Assad resolutions at the Security Council, the Syrian crisis is fast serving as a stand-off, much reminiscent of the era of the Cold War, a geopolitical rivalry and contestation between hitherto the Eastern/Communist Block & the Western Capitalist Camp. Both the Western Powers & the Russians seem to be intending, if need to, to use Syria as grounds for their proxy battles.”

While the Saudi Rulers were the first to cause the Syrian Crisis to fast transform into an all-out military confrontation, quite surprisingly, Dr. Haitham El-Manna, a highly respected moderate Syrian Political Opposition leader eschewing, from the very start, calls for military solution to the Syrian crisis, revealed in a recent article in Arabic how the Assad Regime during the Peaceful Syrian Popular Uprising while cracking down on the progressive secular opposition elements; incarcerating, torturing and assassinating their leaders, the Assad Regime, simultaneously, freed Jihadist Islamist prisoners from the Syrian Jails in an apparent miscalculated step to strike at the secular forces demanding political reforms. Some of those released Jihadists became the leaders of Jihadist Salafists factions that are currently fighting in Syria.

Dr. Manna’ noted in his article, herewith attached, as entitled, "خفايا مفاوضات رديئة \ "المؤشر", انتفاضة 18 آذار/مارس 2011 من مدينتي درعا... وشكلت شعاراتها الأولى تعبيرا راقيا للمقاومة المدنية: لا استبدال ولا فساد، لا إخوآن ولا شرعية بدننا دولة مدنية... لعلها أول انطلاقة تاريخية من الريف تتمسك بالسلمية (ولو قتلا كل يوم مية)."

دمشق, 18 مارس/ آذار 2011

منذ شهر نيسان، وردا على توريط السلطة للجيش السوري في الأحداث، أطلقت ثلاثية للرد على الحل الأمني العسكري الذي واجهت به السلطة الحراك المدني: لا العنف، لا للطائفية، لا للتدخل العسكري الخارجي. وقد وقف تيارنا الديمقراطي المدني في مواجهة عسكرة الصراع التي كنا على قناعة بأنها لا تغطي على بشاعة الحل الأمني العسكري وحسب بل وتزيده وحشية وتختزل حركة الاحتجاج المليونية المدنية والمتحمرة في مجموعات مسلحة ملوثة بالتطرف والمهذبة والتبوعية الخارجية.
بعد شهرين من الحراك، أطلقت السلطات السورية سراح الجهاديين السلفيين المعتقلين في سجن صيدنايا (الذين أسسوا جيش الإسلام وأحرار الشام وصقر الشام..) في وقت اعتقلت فيه المئات من مناضلي المقاومة المدنية.

في النصف الأول من شهر آب 2011 اغتالت السلطة شقي معن العودات وجهاد شلهوب وعشرات المناضلين السلميين في دوما ودرعا ودمشق وحمص... ورغم الألم وعمق الجرح حافظنا على موقفنا الثابت من مدنية وسلمية المواجهة وضرورة التغيير الديمقراطي الجذري في البلاد.

The Saudi Regime of all the players in the Syrian Crisis were the ones, aided indirectly by Erdogan Turkey, to push for a military solution to the Syrian crisis pumping unlimited financial aid; logistical support and the recruitment of Salafists towards an aim that was discerned amply clear from the start and made reference to along the following lines In the attached article entitled, “SYRIA: THE STAGE IS SET FOR A PROTRACTED CIVIL WAR,”:

“Prince Saud El-Faysal’s, Saudi Foreign Minister’s statement yesterday calling to arm the Syrian opposition to stand-up to President Assad’s regular army and internal security forces is further calling to pouring fuel into the fire, a prelude to inviting an all-out internecine Civil War that would only rage in intensity to no foreseeable conclusion.”

“The Saudi official’s statement cannot be totally divorced from Saudi internal security concerns of the consolidation of an Iran-Iraq-Syria-Hezbollah axis viewed by the Saudis and by the other Arab Gulf States as posing a potential direct security threat to them.”

“The brewing civil unrest in Bahrain that’s anew showing new signs of flare up is raising serious security concerns for the other Arab Gulf states, foremost Saudi Arabia, that figure among their indigenous populations significant Shiite minorities. The Proximity of Bahrain, rather the physical connectivity of that tiny Monarchy to predominately Shiite populated oil-rich Saudi Eastern shores, is giving serious fears to the Saudi Authorities that their Shiite minority could be susceptible to external influences and the potential stirring of unrest. To the Saudi Authorities that eventuality figures high in their security concerns that, in view of the current havoc slamming the whole Middle Eastern region, appears to be increasingly perceived as an imminent security threat, knocking at their very doorsteps.”
“In that, the Saudis appear willing to take a proactive posture to pre-empt the perceived potential security threat by moving into bold actions. Breaking the Iran-Iraq-Syria-Hezbollah axis appears to occupy Saudi top priority list in considering pre-emptive initiatives. Syria is the link that appears weakening with the worsening internal security situation whose snapping at the seams, i.e. the Assad Regime, could cause the whole Iran-Iraq-Syria-Hezbollah Axis to crumble that in turn would forestall future security threat to Saudi Arabia.”

Nearly Four years ago, I ended my said article with the apocalyptic ominous note:

“Much in the sad reminisces of Lebanon’s nearly two decade long civil war played out conveniently by proxies settling the accounts of rivaling regional powers in line with the geopolitical game of the superpowers, Syria, sadly, appears a fertile ground for Lebanon-like break-up, a lingering and a long-protracted Civil War in the offing.”

However, with regard to Erdogan Turkey, no one of the all the proxy players in the ugly genocides war in Syria proved very wrong more than Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the Prime Minister of Turkey who was hitherto groomed in the years right before the eruption of the Syrian crisis as the hero of the Arab masses. As a political analyst and a political observer, notwithstanding Erdogan Turkey’s role in Libya that flagrantly supported the NATO military intervention in that country, I was flabbergasted with a fervent statement made by Erdogan, as early as November, 2011 before the start of the military confrontations in Syria. Erdogan in that statement was fervently reprimanding NATO for failure of intervening militarily in Syria to end the Assad’s regime in the same example they did in Libya. With a deep sense of bewilderment, this lead me to write the herewith attached article, “Erdogan's Call for NATO's intervention in Syria: A Very Strange Call,” November 19, 2011.

Excerpts of the article dwelled on the following:

“Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the Prime Minister of Turkey groomed in the recent years as the hero of the Arab people made a declaration couple of days ago that seemed to insinuate that Western countries members of the Western Military Alliance NATO are obligated to come to the help of the Syrian people in the manner they did in Libya. That appeared the meaning of Erdogan's statement to that essence blaming two days ago Western powers of "Double Standard" for not rushing thus far to come to the aid of the Syrian
people as the Western powers did coming to the aid of the Libyans that culminated in a full-fledged NATO’s active military intervention in Libya motivated, according to Erdogan, by Oil, as he exclaimed “why the West are not doing anything about the Syrian crisis?”

I was fast to note in the said article:

“Erdogan’s message can only be interpreted as requesting the NATO forces to now intervene militarily in Syria now that the West had thus far, singularly and collectively, are exhausting other none military measures of pressure on the Assad including the application of all sorts of diplomatic and economic sanctions on Syria beside freezing the foreign assets and imposing travel restrictions on close members of Bashar El-Assad's to make it hard on the Syrian regime.”

“Thus, Erdogan's call has only one meaning: i.e. inviting NATO to intervene militarily in Syria.”

“Erdogan's call to the Western powers leaves one wondering what Erdogan and what Turkey are up to.”

Erdogan’s rather surprising call on NATO had me further inquire and admonish:

“One sure deplores the Assad regime’s failure all these years to introduce democracy and check spiraling corruption which justifies the Syrian people’s outcry for freedom and the right to self-representation, yet, nothing ever justifies foreign military intervention, another replay of an Iraq that remains divided and rife with corruption and sectarian violence.”

“One wonders if Erdogan and Turkey had first exhausted their huge stock of moral suasion and silent diplomacy with the Assad regime - considering the huge stock of goodwill they enjoyed with the Assad regime in view of the close cooperation between the Erdogan government and Syria in the past five years encompassing a large number of Agreements touching on security; military cooperation; economic cooperation and other aspects of closer cooperation - to bring about important positive changes in Syria before Turkey turns around and starts shouting ‘Foul.’”
I concluded the article with the ominous warning:

“So much at stake to play high risk for Erdogan to contemplate a military intervention against the Assad regime at a time that Israel is posing to invite another all-devastating war on the region as it is hammering on the necessity and enticing the Western powers to join her in a preemptive war on Iran.”

While the Saudi Regime’s Agenda is plainly clear to all political observers and political analysts as the survival of the throne of the House of Saud comes first above all other broader political and humanitarian considerations, comes what may; the only enigmatic and baffling question remains: “What Motivation that Erdogan Turkey has to Jump into the Fray of the ALL Destructive Regional Wars Serving no Obvious Valid and Constructive Purpose?”

Pondering on this issue, i.e. Erdogan Turkey’s motivations to instigate and ignite the Regional wars; futile and the ALL Destructive, lead me to surmise that it must had to do with Erdogan’s megalomania and Haughty Grand Design ambitions of restoring and reviving the once all outreaching and powerful Ottoman Empire. This lead me, in this regard, farfetched as the these might be, to volunteer a thought as entitled in an article herewith attached, dubbed, “Arab Chaos & the Neo-Turkey: Could it be “The Harbinger Preceding the Revival of a New Ottoman Empire?” May 8, 2015.

Thus, the so-called objective conditions and circumstances have not matured according to the narrow agendas and the perspective of the Proxies turned main players, foremost the Saudi Rulers, as to the purposes of the continuation of the All Destructive war in Syria. Instigated in the first place to ward off the potential threats of the consequences of Arab Spring with the Arab populace demands for democracy, social justice and end of corruption, on the stability of the autocratic Saudi Regime, the Saudi Regime’s agenda launching into the war in Syria have not met, thus far, its original objectives of dismantling the Iran-Syria-Hezbollah Axis. The UN Security Council Resolution 2254 comes way short of meeting the Saudi Rulers’ objectives of having fuelled the military showdown in Syria to end the Iran-Syria-Hezbollah Axis, especially now that Iran, post the Peaceful Nuclear Deal, is coming out stronger and is being groomed to play a larger role and enjoy a wider influence in the politics and security matters in the Middle East at large.

The sad conclusion, and as the Autocratic Saudi regime and the Assad Dictatorial Regime, along with other Proxies playing to their narrow tunes to preserving their
power seats, the Syrian people are made a destitute lot with 11 million refugees and homeless roaming the earth; more than one million killed, maimed and injured; and, with a great Syrian Civilization lying in Ruins, I wrote, way back, the heart wrenching musing herewith attached that is entitled, “Syria: No Time for Celebration As My Heart Is Heavy,” August 2, 2012.

All those participating in the continuation of the Senseless Syrian Civil War are Assassinating History; All are Culprits in setting back the clock to the future; All are Condemnable Proxies: Heartless and Vicious Inhuman Murderers Right Across the Board.