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The Real Agenda: Syria, Mali and DRC – Terrorism or Resource Wars?

SPEAKERS

Lord Frank Judd, Former Minister for International Development

John Baron, Member of Parliament [tbc]

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DATE & TIME

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Today, we are witnessing dangerously rising violence and tensions in various regions, due to ethnic rivalries, religious conflicts, struggles against dictatorships and major powers' intervention often linked to control of vital resources. The US "Anti-Terrorism" agenda often cloaking hegemonist aims further heightens the global threats.

In Syria the peaceful struggle for democracy descended in to ultra-violent civil war – over 70,000 dead and a million refugees driven into neighbouring states – with the Assad regime battled by western-backed "democrats," Sunni Jihadist extremists backed by Saudi Arabia and Al-Qaeda factions.

France's intervention in Mali against Islamist insurgents must be set in context of US' drive for military and resource control (especially uranium) of the region, sparking Tuareg (Nomadic North African tribe) resistance.

In DRC (Congo), UN and African Leaders struggle to bring peace to a country ravaged by decades of war – over 5 million dead (since 1998) – and interventions to control resources such as copper, coltan and diamonds.

While we cannot correct the failures of the past we can at least learn from them and strive to create a more level playing field for development to prevent atrocities from happening again.

Distinguished speakers will analyse these issues and explore how a more equitable and safer world can be achieved by policies based on UN-centred multilateralism for just and sustainable development and culture of peace.

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