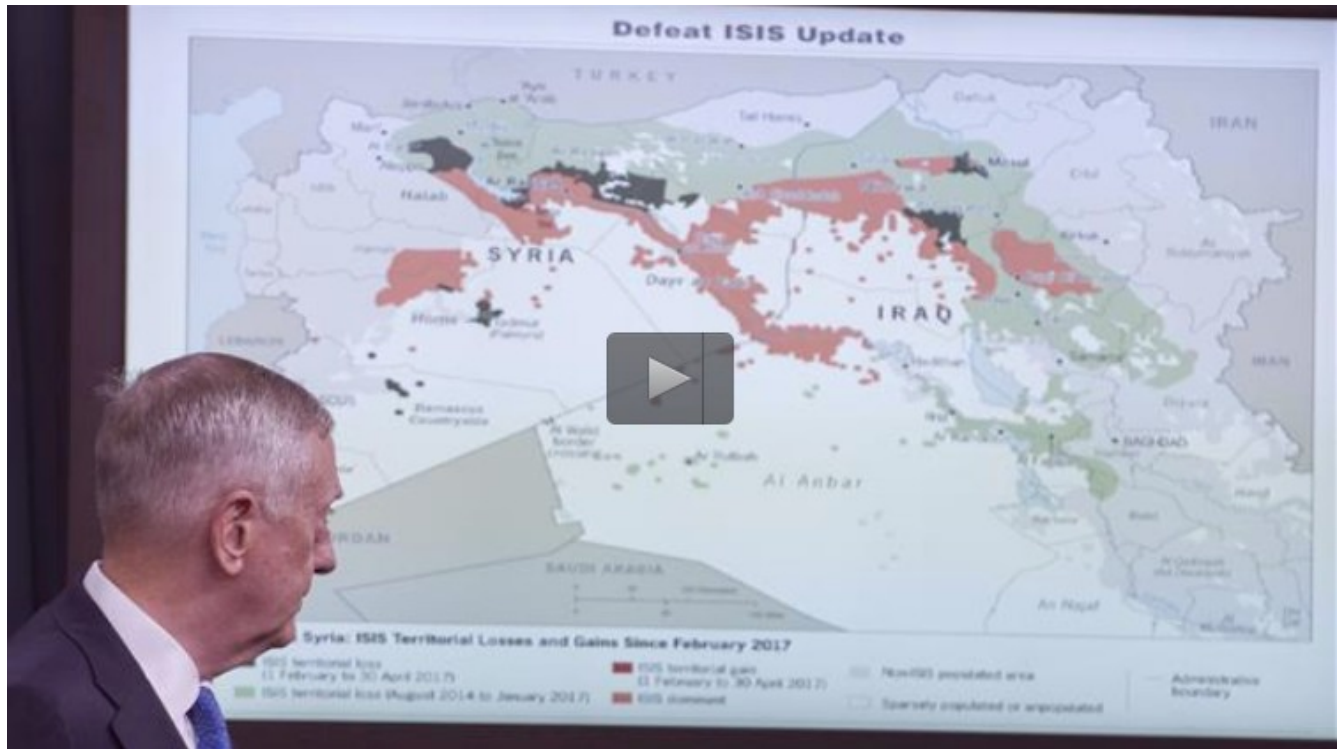


# US trying to affect 'backdoor' regime change in Syria: Analyst

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The United States is attempting to affect a “backdoor” regime change in Syria and bring its own forces to the region, says a political commentator.

Edward Corrigan, an international lawyer in Ontario, Canada, says US support for terrorist groups - including Daesh (ISIS) - in Syria is well documented and is a testament to Washington’s agenda.

“There are a number of documented cases where the United States was caught transferring Daesh leadership from places that were in Syria which were about to fall into the hands of the Syrian army and its allies,” Corrigan told Press TV.

“The United States is actively cooperating with and even supporting ISIS,” he said.

“They claim that they’re fighting ISIS, but they’ve been supporting them with arms and weapons as well as their close allies; the Saudis, the United Arab Emirates, Qataris,” the analyst pointed out.

By doing all this, Corrigan said, the US has been seeking “to bring its own forces into the region and to ultimately destroy Syria and try to affect a regime change through the backdoor.”

“ISIL wouldn’t have existed without the support of the oil-rich [Persian] Gulf kingdoms and also the Americans and the Israelis,” he said. “Large amounts of arms have been found in military bases that were captured from Daesh and its allies.”

A US-led coalition has been conducting airstrikes inside Syria since September 2014 without any authorization from the Damascus government or a UN mandate.

The military alliance has repeatedly been accused of targeting and killing civilians. It has also been largely incapable of achieving its declared goal of destroying Daesh.