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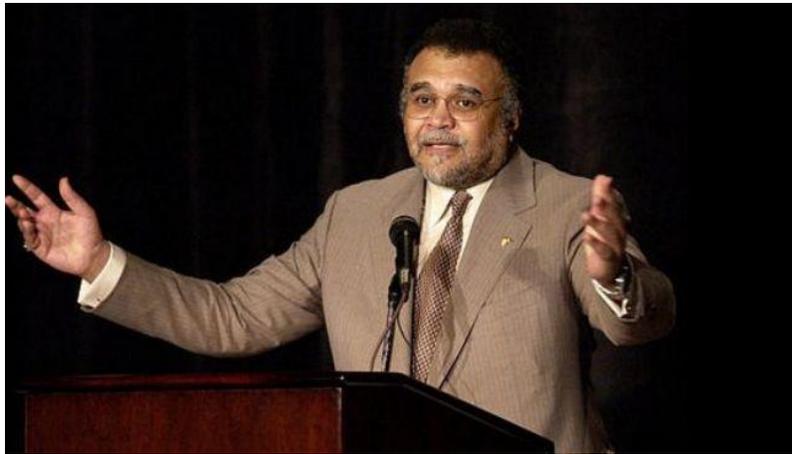
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Saudi spymaster linchpin in CIA-Mossad plots against Syria: Analyst

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A senior political analyst says Saudi Arabia's spymaster Prince Bandar bin Sultan is the linchpin in the "dastardly subterfuges" of the CIA and Mossad against Syria.

"Known as 'Bandar Bush' on account of his close ties with former US President George Bush, the prince-cum-spymaster is widely considered as a linchpin in CIA-Mossad dastardly subterfuges in Syria and Iran and his appointment to such a sensitive position is from an intelligence point of view regarded a strategic step to contribute to the materialization of these sinister plans," prominent political analyst Dr. Ismail Salami wrote in [an article](#) on Press TV website.

“Saudi Arabia has long been working on a plan to overthrow the regime in Syria and sabotage the Islamic Republic through Bandar bin Sultan,” he added.

Salami pointed out that in 2006, Bandar visited Washington a couple of times and discussed the Bush administration’s plan for a new strategy in the Middle East with former Vice president Dick Cheney and Bush’s Deputy National Security Advisor for Global Democracy Strategy Elliott Abrams. The two neocons together with the prince had wrought out a fiendishly meticulous plan to bring about changes to the satisfaction of Washington and the Saudi kingdom. Part of their grand scheme was to bring about regime changes in Syria and Iran and impose a rotten American version of democracy in the two countries. For his part, Bandar had given them assurances that the Saudi monarchy would wholeheartedly favor this plot. To this end, the Saudi Kingdom has since then spent a deluge of dollars on carrying out covert operations in Iran and Syria with the assistance of CIA.

Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz appointed Prince Bandar bin Sultan to replace the sacked Prince Muqrin bin Abdul Aziz as the director general of the country’s main intelligence agency on July 19.

“As time passes and the situation in Syria unravels, the satanic role of Prince Bandar bin Sultan in stoking up chaos in the crisis-ravaged country under the aegis of the Saudi monarchy becomes more crystallized and the thickening plot to overthrow the Syrian regime under the banner of a popular uprising starts to surface,” Salami added.

He noted that the Saudis sought to use the sweeping wave of Islamic Awakening in the region as an opportunity “to accomplish [a] long-entertained plot.”

“With the flourish of Arab Spring in North Africa and the Middle East, Saudi Arabia found quite a good excuse to foment unrest in Syria with the help of the al-Qaeda elements who were readily at its disposal, innocuously attribute it to another popular uprising in the region and pave the ground for a regime change in Syria.”

In pursuit of its objectives, Riyadh has even sought the allegiance of the US and Israeli intelligence agencies “such as Mossad and CIA in order to make sure their modus operandi would raise no suspicions whatsoever,” Salami concluded.