

ORIGINS OF THIS PARTICULAR REFUGEE CRISIS

A VERY BRIEF REVIEW

SHOW MAP OF TURKEY AND SYRIA

WITH THE COLLAPSE OF THE 800 YEAR OLD OTTOMAN EMPIRE AFTER WORLD WAR ONE, THE BRITISH AND FRENCH DIVIDED UP THE MIDDLE EAST (SYKES-PICOT AGREEMENT) AND DENIED ARAB SOVERNITY

A SERIES OF ARTIFICIAL NATION STATE BORDERS: IRAQ, SYRIA, LEBANON, JORDAN PALESTINE., SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT. TURKEY: A SOURCE OF RESENTMENT AND CONFLICT TO THIS DAY. (ERASE SYKES-PICOT BORDERS)

RULERS OF THESE NATION STATES WERE OR ARE GENERALLY AUTOCRATIC AND DICTATORIAL AND ACCEPTED AS ALLIES OF THE US AND BRITAIN. (EXCEPT PALESTINE WHICH WAS REPLACED BY ISRAEL)

SHOW SLIDE OF TURKEY AND SYRIA, IRAQ.

THE US INVADED IRAQ IN 2003 AND OCCUPIED IT UNTIL 2011.

THE US DISMANTLED THE NATION STATE INSTITUTIONS OF THE ARMY AND BAATIS POLITICAL PARTY. THESE WERE SECULAR INSTITUTIONS WITH A NATIONALIST IDENTITY

US REPLACED THIS SECULAR STATE WITH A SECTARIAN STATE RUN BY THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHIA BRANCH OF ISLAM AND SUPPORTED BY THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN. (AL-MALIKI RULED UNTIL AUGUST 2014)

THE US OCCUPATION AND THIS GOVERNMENTAL ARRANGEMENT LED TO ON-GOING CIVIL, TRIBAL AND SECTARIAN BASED WAR PRODUCING DEATH, DESTRUCTION AND REFUGEES.

SHOW MAP OF GREECE

MY WIFE AND I SPENT THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY ON THE GREEK ISLAND OF LESVOS WHICH IS LOCATED ABOUT 5 MILES FROM THE TURKISH COAST. WE WENT THERE BECAUSE WHILE WE WERE IN IRELAND I MET SOME IRISH WOMEN WHO WERE VOLUNTEERING THERE. THEY SAID WE SHOULD COME.

DURING 2015 OVER 500,000 REFUGEES CAME ON RUBBER RAFTS AND SMALL BOAT ACROSS FIVE MILE STRETCH OF THE AEGEAN SEA FROM THE TURKISH COAST TO THIS ISLAND.

SYRIANS, IRAQIS, AFGHANS, PAKISTANIS, IRANIANS.

AT FIRST NO GOVERNMENT, NO UN AGENCY MET THESE REFUGEES. IN FACT THE GOVERNMENT SAID IF YOU GIVE THEM A RIDE TO THE FERRY ABOUT 40 MILES AWAY YOU'LL BE ARRESTED FOR HUMAN TRAFFICING.

BUT, THEN THE RESONDERS ACTED:

GREEK VILLAGERS AND FISHERMEN. THEY DESERVE A NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. THEY MADE THE REFUGEES "VISIBLE" TO THE WORLD.

THEY CREATED A TENT CITY OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE OF MOLIVOS WHERE REFUGEES COULD WARM UP, GET SOME FOOD AND SOME DRY CLOTHES. ALMOST 200,000 REFUGEES PASSED THROUGH THIS TENT CITY IN THE FALL OF 2015.

REFUGEES WOULD WALK 40 MILES OVER MOUNTAIN PASS TO FERRY IN SOUTH.

GREEKS DEMANDED : UNHCR FINALLY STARTED TO PROVIDE BUSES.

THEN "FIRST RESPONDERS" FROM AROUND THE WORLD CAME AND TOOK ACTION.:

VOLUNTEERS CREATED MORE CAMPS AND TENT CITIES.

PROVIDE A WELCOME, CLOTHES, FOOD, CHILD CARE, HEALTH SERVICES,

Registration

CREATED 24 HOUR WATCH CENTERS ON COASTAL CLIFFS TO WATCH FOR BOATS.

BOATS (GREENPEACE, DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS, SPANISH LIFE GUARDS) TO RESCUE REFUGEES IN DISTRESS ON THE SEA.

I WORKED WITH PEOPLE FROM US, CANADA, ENGLAND, GERMANY, DENMARK, SWEDEN, FRANCE, HONG KONG, SINGAPORE, AUSTRALIA, IRELAND. AMAZING PEOPLE OLD AND YOUNG. SOMETIMES I THINK THIS IS THE STORY. THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE.

ORGANIZATIONS: (BESIDES UNHCR

HELLENIC RED CROSS
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
DANISH RESCUE COMMITTEE
I AM YOU (Norwegian)
SAMARITAN'S PURSE (Franklin Graham)
DIRTY GIRLS OF LESVOS
STARFISH. (MOLIVOS)
SALAAM CULTURAL MISSION (SEATTLE)

WAHA
MEDICIN SAN FRONTIER
SPANISH LIFE GUARDS
GREENPEACE
SWISS

THE CAPACITY OF HUMANS FOR COMMUNITY. A RELATIONSHIP OUTSIDE OF MONEY AND MARKETS.

FROM MYTILENE TO PIRAEUS TO EDOMENI

WALK OR BUS TO A SMALL VILLAGE, EIDOMENI, ON THE MACEDONIAN BORDER.

MACEDONIAN, LIKE OTHER COUNTRIES, SLOWLY CLOSED ITS BORDER DURING FEBRUARY. (ALBANIA, FORMER MACEDONIA, ETC)

THE PORT OF PIRAEUS STARTS TO FILL UP WITH REFUGEES AND ALSO MAINLAND CAMPS. (50,000 OR SO)

STILL IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, THE RATE OF REFUGEES COMING BY RUBBER RAFT TO LESVOS WAS AT A RATE HIGHER THAN 2015.

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THANKS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THE DANGEROUS OIL TRAINS. (RES)
WHEN FIRST RESPONDERS SEE A DANGER, NEED TO TELL THE COMMUNITY
YOU GUYS DID THAT. THANK YOU.

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GREAT
ASYLUM!*

FOR ONE MONTH ON THE ISLAND OF LESVOS, GREECE, I SAW A DANGER
DANGER WAS GOVERNMENTS REFUSING TO SEE/HELP PEOPLE IN NEED,
SPECIFICALLY REFUGEES COMING BY BOAT FROM TURKEY
ESCAPING FROM WAR AND DESTRUCTION IN SYRIA AND IRAQ
CAUSED BY THE VERY NATIONS WHO ARE NOW CLOSING THEIR BORDERS.

I SAW SOMETHING ELSE. AMAZING ACTION TAKEN BY FIRST RESPONDER
VOLUNTEERS, WHO IN THE ABSENCE OF GOVT. ACTION, PROVIDED A
WELCOME, WARM, FOOD, DRINK, CLOTHING, MEDICAL AID, DIRECTION
TO PEOPLE WHO HAD LOST EVERYTHING.

MY CONCLUSION:

IF FIRST RESONDERS ARE NOT THERE TO PROVIDE AID, ACT AS WITNESSES AND
TELL THE BROADER COMMUNITY WHAT IT GOING ON, REFUGEES OR PEOPLE
IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS WILL BE
MET WITH CRIMINAL GANGS AND STATE VIOLENCE.

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE SITUATION ON LESVOS AND WHY REFUGEES ARE
COMIN G THERE. (SHOW GREEK MAP)

ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ (ISI) TO ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA (ISIS)

IN 2003 AL QAEDA CENTRAL SENT IN AN JORDANIAN OPERATIVE (ZARQAWI) TO SET AQI (AL QAEDA IN IRAQ). HE WAS KILLED IN 2006 BY US FORCES ALIGNED WITH SUNNI TRIBAL LEADERS.

DESPITE DEATH HE SET THE TONE.

OFFENSIVE WAR – NO USE OF ELECTIONS OR GRADUAL APPROACH

PRIORITIZES NEAR ENEMY (SHIA /MUSLIM RULERS) RATHER THAN FAR ENEMY
ANTI-SHIA OFFENSIVE. ANTI-MUSLIM OFFENSIVE. VIOLENCE. BEHEADINGS.

MOBILIZE SUNNI IDENTITY AGAINST SHIA RULE. (IRAN, SYRIA, HIZBULLAH)

CREATE ISLAMIC STATE **BEFORE** IMPOSITION OF SHARIA LAW AND DEFEAT OF FAR ENEMY.

MANAGEMENT OF SAVAGERY.

BY 2010 ISI REBUILT ISI AND THEN ANNOUNCED ISIS IN JUNE 2014.

TOOK ADVANTAGE OF RESIDUE FROM US USE OF SUNNIS IN 2006-2008.

MALIKI ALIENATED SUNNIS AFTER US TROOPS LEFT IN 2011

ARAB SPRING TURNED VIOLENT IN SYRIA, MARCH 2011. MOVED INTO SYRIA

BY JUNE 2014 HAD RAQQA IN SYRIA, MOSUL IN IRAQ

6 MILLION PEOPLE. OIL RESOURCES. 2 TRILLION IN ASSETS. \$2.5 ANNUAL REV.