

A COUP D'ETAT BY A GROUP OF MERCENARY HACKERS

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Winston Churchill famously said - when the Germans were about to overrun France on one or other of their invasions - "Gentlemen, do not forget, this is not just about France ... this is about champagne."

A '*Coup*' in France can mean a glass of champagne. A blow. But that is not our subject. We mean Coup d'Etat, putsch, Assisted Regime Change.

The Urban Dictionary: "Coup d'Etat

Seizure of power by an armed entity, usually the army but sometimes the police.

Usually coups are perpetrated in countries with very weak governments, such as in West Africa, Bolivia, or Southwest Asia. They get progressively worse (i.e., more violent, more prolonged, and more repressive) until eventually some junta builds up protection against the next coup. This is what happened in Iraq after 1979; it happened in Syria in 1973; it also happened in Japan in 1607. In other cases, the coup accomplishes its goals (Chile 1973) and retires as a PR move.

Military coups are difficult to pull off and usually are nipped in the bud. Even with foreign assistance, they are hard, because they are a form of high-speed civil war.

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So how does this paper define its subject matter, the Coup d'Etat?

A blow - a knock out blow - against the existing government of a sovereign state. A blow that puts in place a new government. That blow is the work of a group within the existing state government. They are armed & powerful. This bunch, however, are modern. They are going to use hackers.

Putsch? Another word for the same thing. Assisted Regime Change? Perhaps the same thing, but probably very different. Assisted Regime Change can be a euphemism for a Coup or Putsch, or it can be far more insidious.

When a democracy votes it may result in a regime change. It's meant to. What if a super power carries out actions to influence an election that does bring down a regime? What if those actions were not overt? What if those actions were covert or clandestine? What if the good of the people is best served if there is the need for a regime change? What if those actions - albeit covert - were really in the interests of the people? Who says that's so?

One man's Coup leader - a hero - is another's Superpower puppet.
Traitor.

New definition of COUP after working with the Cyber angle

What if the Coup of this century does NOT follow our definition exactly ... that was:

A Coup d'Etat: a secretly prepared but overtly carried out illegal blow to unseat & replace the ruling executive government of a sovereign state, somehow executed by the military or other elite of that state's apparatus or their agents.

What if (because change is the one constant etc) we say:

A Coup d'Etat: a secretly prepared but overtly carried out illegal blow to somehow takeover the ruling executive government of a sovereign state, somehow executed by the military or other elite of that state's apparatus or their agents.

It doesn't have to be replaced. It has to be suborned. I guess that the best example of a suborned government is that of Petain, and Vichy France.

Working Scenario Back Story and Mudmap

1. Historically (19TH C onwards ... the Great Game ...) Russia has always wished to extend its power down into the sub-continent and - therefore - the Gulf.
2. That was the cause of their long alliance with Iran ... All the more so today ... Putin / Turkey / Syria.
3. Russia are now allies of Iran in the Syria Civil War ... despite Iran now being an ally of the USA despite the long standing claims of Iraq that Kuwait has drilled into it's reserves using horizontal drilling.
4. Russia would love Basra. the port of Basra that the British always knew was the key card to the Gulf, but Russia can't have Basra, so they hatch a plan - along with their friends in Tehran - to take Kuwait, the next best thing to Basra.
5. BUT: Not to take Kuwait in the old fashioned sense ... NO invasion ... NO traditional Coup ... instead they decide to take Kuwait by means of a creeping Coup that replaces the machinery of state - what an FSB / KGB Officer would call the apparat - with a cadre of infiltrated apparatchiks ... a group who surround the throne so closely that in effect they tell the throne Do this ... Don't do that ...

6. How to achieve this? The Russians know two things above all else: the people of Kuwait are still grateful to the US and allies for winning their country back from Saddam, and the deep and ancient friendship between the Royals of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait ... through their common tribe as well as everything else.

7. They also know that there is a friendship between the tribe of Kuwait and people of SW Iran. This is documented and crosses or transcends the Sunni / Shia rivalry.

8. Meanwhile ... What do the Saudi's want more than anything else? To know the intent of the enemy commander. In this case that of the Ayatollah of Iran and those around him. This is the great Middle East war of our time: the Sunni Gulf versus the ancient might of Persia ...

9. So the Russians set up a fake agent ... close to the Ayatollah's etc ... so that this agent becomes an asset of the Kuwait intelligence service ... and the Saudi intelligence service love the Kuwaiti's for this ... it is all their dreams come true ...

10. While all this is going on IS have built up a serious chain of terrorist cells within Kuwait. Kuwait is 30% Shia. The IS cells are against them, even though they are also against the normal Sunnis as well ... and to what extent are IS in fact Saudi backed? Big Q??

11. Suddenly a number of things happen. IS jump up in Kuwait fully active ... and do so apparently fully backed by the Saudi's.

12. At the same time the Kuwaiti run agent close to the Ayatollah's turns out to be a plant ... deliberately set up by Kuwait to mislead Riyadh ... What?

13. At the same time Iraq (with Baghdad controlled by Tehran, of course) presses its claims: horizontal drilling ! We want our oil back ... or \$B ...

14. Kuwait are now under attack. From Iraq about the oil. From IS about Allah. From the Saudi's for fooling them so badly. AND SO ... in this massive fall out Kuwait turn to their new found and ever willing strong friend: Russia ... and Russia moves in ...

It is hacking and manipulation of IT data that is making ALL this happen ... How? because so much of all this is in fact now IT based: information storage, intelligence analysis and management, social media, The News. You (us) already own the countries entire I.T systems, now its just a matter of pulling the right levers. Corruption, is perfect to bring down the government. Wasting the countries natural resources and all of that.

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1. Introductory Background

In order to avoid being encircled by foreign powers and possible enemies Russia has long sought to establish herself as a Major Power in the Arabian Gulf and the Indian Ocean.

This intent has all the more force when one considers the economic importance of the Gulf to our rivals, the USA and allies, as well as the strategic importance of the Indian Ocean.

Iran has long been our ally and friend, most especially since the Coup of 1941 engineered by ourselves and the British, against the then interest of Nazi Germany.

The Anglo-Soviet Invasion of Iran also known as Anglo-Soviet Invasion of Persia was the invasion of the Empire of Iran during World War II by Soviet, British and other Commonwealth armed forces. The invasion lasted from 25 August to 17 September 1941, and was codenamed Operation Countenance. The purpose was to secure Iranian oil fields and ensure Allied supply lines (see Persian Corridor) for the Soviets, fighting against Axis forces on the Eastern Front. Though Iran was officially neutral, according to the Allies its monarch Rezā Shāh was friendly toward the Axis powers and was deposed during the subsequent occupation and replaced with his young son Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

Our efforts in Afghanistan, mounted from our then controlled state, Turkmenistan, were all a part of this longstanding Russian Grand Strategic desire. The British and then the USA have always fought against this aim of ours, a fight which validates our intent. They are afraid of a Russia that can exercise her power in the Arabian Gulf / Sub-continent of India / Indian Ocean theatre.

Following the invasion of Iraq by the US and its allies in 2003 - and the subsequent events in the region - it has become all the more imperative that Russia takes the steps needed to defend herself.

The ideal for Russia would be the control of Basra as a military and commercial port. Basra - as the British always knew - is vital to the control of the Arabian Gulf. That is why the British always tried to hold on to Basra. Since Basra is impossible without risking all out war with the USA the control of Kuwait and of the Straights of Hormuz will be enough.

The latter is already achieved by our allies Iran.

Therefore, this paper outlines a plan whereby Russia can take control of Kuwait, thus achieving a major step towards her Grand Strategy for the Middle East and Indian Ocean theatres of operations.

2. The Aim

Russia's Aim is to capture and hold full control of the mechanisms of power of Kuwait.

3. Plan: General Outline

The plan is that over as many years as it takes Russia will befriend the rulers of Kuwait. This friendship will become stronger as other friends of Kuwait fall away. In the end Russia achieves her aim. Russia will be the only friend, and the only actual military ally when all else have failed.

Russia will then control Kuwait. The Russian aim will have been achieved.

Since these rulers of Kuwait are traditional friends and allies of both the ruling family of Saudi Arabia, that of Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud and of the USA and allies - especially the UK of which Kuwait was a Protectorate until 1961 - this will be hard. All Kuwait still hold dear the memory of the USA and allies rescuing their country from the invasion by Iraq of August 1990.

However, we should also keep in mind that before the Iraq invasion Kuwait was the most pro USSR country in the Gulf region, and was the portal for all Gulf states to stay in good contact with Russia. There is a historic background to our plan.

Therefore Russia must be clever. We befriend Kuwait gently. Over time Russia takes her time. We support Kuwait whenever we can.

At the same time we set into action *maskirovka* operations that will alienate Kuwait from her friends. These operations terminate with a crisis, at which point Russia steps in to rescue her friend, and new and close ally. D DAY.

All of these operations must be clandestine in the true sense. They are covert. They will always be denied. 'Plausible deniability' is essential in every action at every stage. As much as possible these operations will be carried out using IT hacking and deception. By that means deniability is more easily achieved.

While as much activity as possible is cyber there will be a cocktail of hacking, cyber, misinformation and hard acts of violence. Such a cocktail will give the most effective result.

Highlight of this color denotes those points in the attack to be carried out by hacker / cyber war ops.

4. DAESH

An IS splinter group will be brought in to being by us. Twenty to one hundred men will be a good strength. They will be part Kuwaiti and part Iraqi. On behalf of the Caliphate they claim money from Kuwait for oil stolen by Kuwait's slant drilling across the Iraq border at the Rumaila field.

This group also represents the dissenting interest of the stateless Bidoon people (150,000 or so ... 10% of the Kuwaiti population).

Russia will clandestinely set up, train, equip and sustain this splinter group. It will in fact exist, albeit very small.

The group will wage cyber war against Kuwait, although this will always be kept in check. We do not want to show our hand too early.

Some terrorist actions of this group will be real. They will be up to IS's high standards of nastiness. The operations of this group build slowly, leading in to the crisis ... thence to D DAY.

This splinter group will be penetrated by Kuwait intelligence. This penetration will be achieved by a number of means: spies and technical intercept.

However, this penetration will be fake, a *maskirovka*, set up by us, Russia, and by the splinter group itself.

The fake intelligence that will come out of the IS splinter group will slowly build a false picture that the group is strongly backed by Saudi Arabia. That Saudi Arabia are in fact attacking Kuwait.

5. MISRULE: Misfortune, incompetence, corruption and mis-rule

Misfortune, incompetence, corruption and mis-rule. In the process Kuwait are robbed and defrauded of Billions of US \$ worth of money and oil. This is achieved by offshore and implicating \$\$ transfers from private and commercial banks.

These actions will be undertaken by our own cyber / hacking teams, but they will be made to look like the work of the Saudi backed IS splinter group described above.

The actions of this sub-operation will build slowly, leading into the crisis and then D DAY.

6. POISONED INTELLIGENCE

We, Russia, will feed into the Kuwait Intelligence Service an intelligence circuit that penetrates Iran's Intelligence service and military. This will be high level and of great value. Kuwait will feed it to the Saudi's.

At the right time - as the crisis and D DAY come closer - the Saudi's discover that this intelligence circuit is a dangerous fake, and that the Kuwaiti's must have known that.

7. THIEVES: oil & oil revenue stolen from Saudi Arabia and Iraq

The theft of oil and oil revenue from Saudi Arabia and Iraq by any possible means will be carried out in such a way that it must be Kuwait doing the stealing.

This will primarily be a hacking operation. The blame will be laid to the door of Kuwait.

8. FALSE CYBER: acts of cyber warfare against Saudi Arabia and Iraq

These will be carried out by our Russian teams but they will be clumsy, and leave the traces of their being the work of Kuwait.

8. SPIRAL

This downward spiral - leading into civil war and mutiny - that coordinates with but is not a part of the IS splinter group activities.

- setting up of NGO's in Kuwait and overseas that demand human and civil rights etc etc for Kuwait
- there is as a result civil disorder. This disorder builds. At all times paid agitators raise the temperature of such actions
- false flag operations on social media and the internet as a whole intensify emotions and manipulate the situation
- Kuwait Security Forces (KSF) over react. This is ensured by having paid agitators amongst the KSF
- over reaction sparks further action, and that brings about terrible over reaction once more ... the downward spiral accelerates ... civil insurrection is now rampant
- as background to this civil insurrection there are border and terrorist incidents. There is insurgency and terrorism. There are acts of sabotage, actual and virtual
- at some point there is a mutiny of KSF
- mutiny is suppressed by other parts of KSF and thus civil war has begun. Of course, within both parts of the KSF in this fight there are paid agitators. They are there to ensure we achieve what we want
- the losing part of KSF in this civil war will be that part which the world has been led to believe are the 'good' part
- their requests for assistance, will lead to the welcome assistance of Russian, when it comes

The above subordinate operations [DAESH - MISRULE - POISONED INTELLIGENCE - THIEVES - FALSE CYBER] all contribute to SPIRAL. They build slowly, then combine to create the D DAY brought about at the end of SPIRAL.

9. D DAY

SPIRAL leads to and ends with D DAY. The other subordinate operations have also slowly built to this point.

Just at the moment that the civil war between the two different parts of KSF - the mutineers and the mutiny suppressors - has become serious, and the world sees what is at stake, then the crisis is there. It is D DAY.

- shut down all communications, internal and external, civil and government.
- shut all phone exchanges, cell phone masts and switches, international voice and data gateways
- shut all internet and 'bomb out' all computers
- shut down all radio, TV and press
- close airport, ATC and airspace
- close port and sea movements
- close banks (domestic & international), ATM's, credit transaction, on line banking etc
- shut power generation so that there is no electricity or natural gas supply
- sabotage high tension power lines and drain transformers of cooling oil
- close down all petrol stations
- close public water supply
- close traffic management computers

10. DESIGNATE

This sub-operation is concerned with the selection and preparation of a new Head of State and his supporting Ministers and staff.

Factors that must be taken into account here include the following. That there is a tribal connection to Iran that crossed the Sunni divide Shia. It should be possible to find such a person who is or becomes a full Russian agent.

11. POST

This sub-operation is concerned with the ways in which our power over Kuwait is to be exercised once the above operations have taken place and Russia is in charge.