

MIDDLE EAST: THE GEO-ECONOMICS OF THE WAR ON SYRIA



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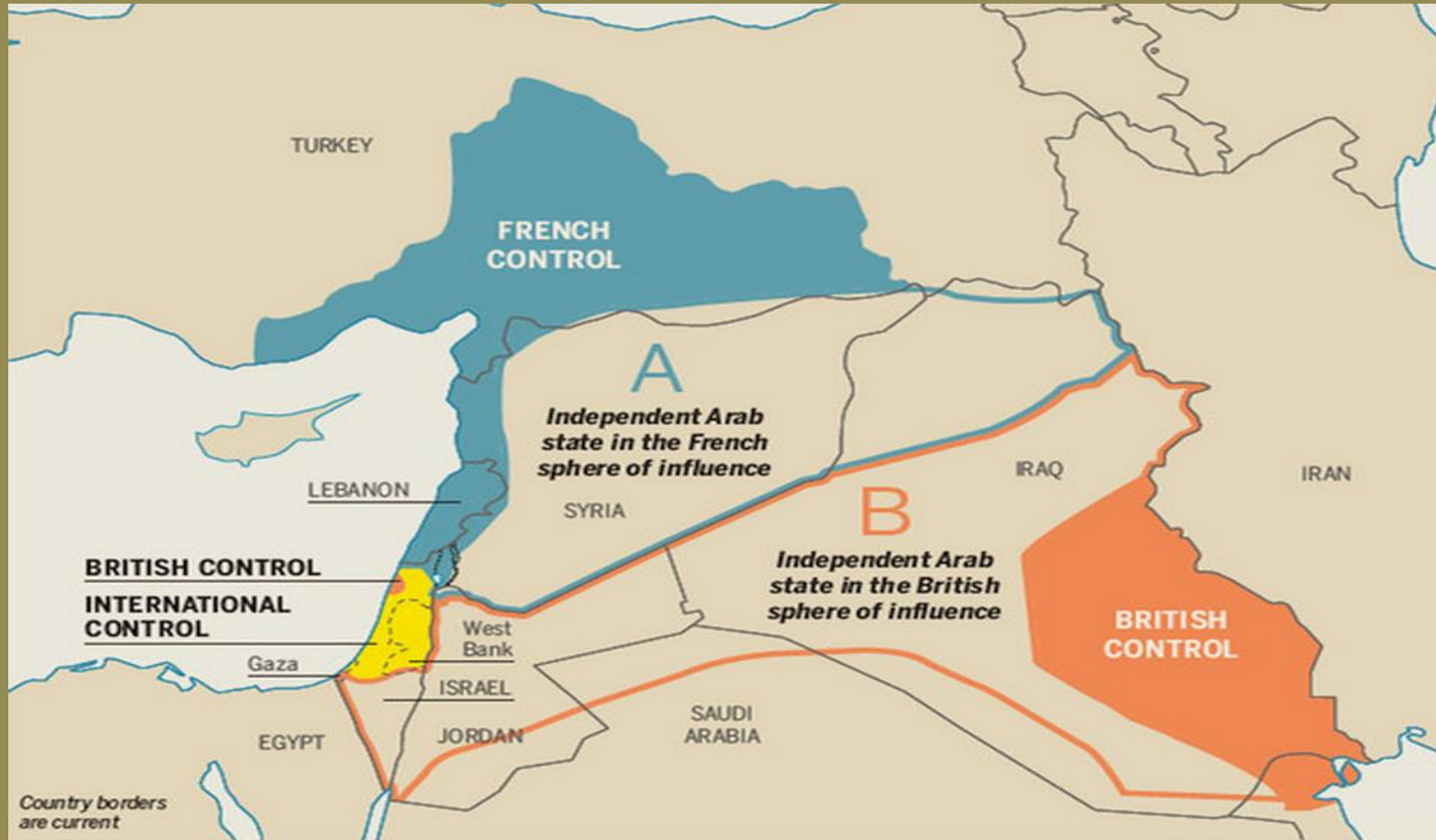
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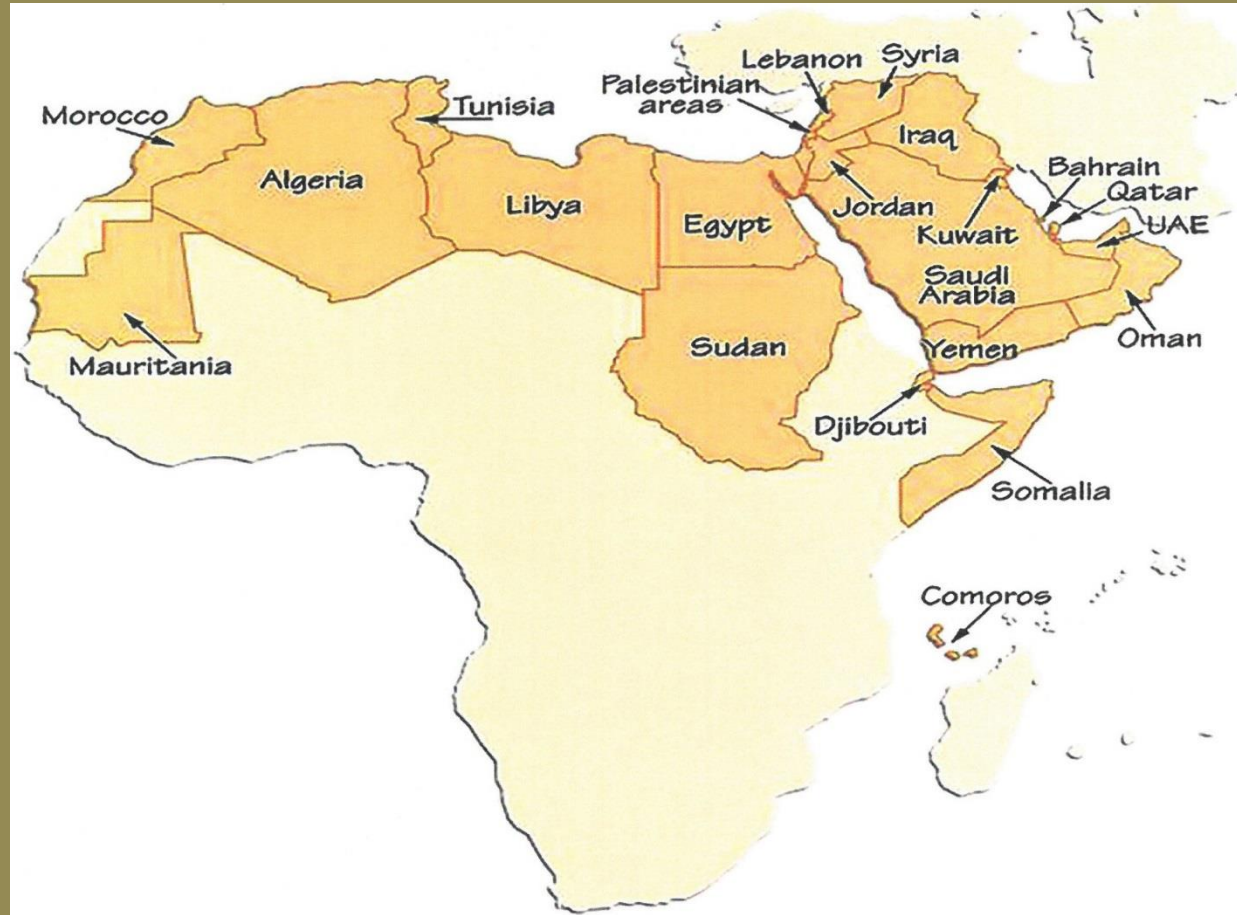
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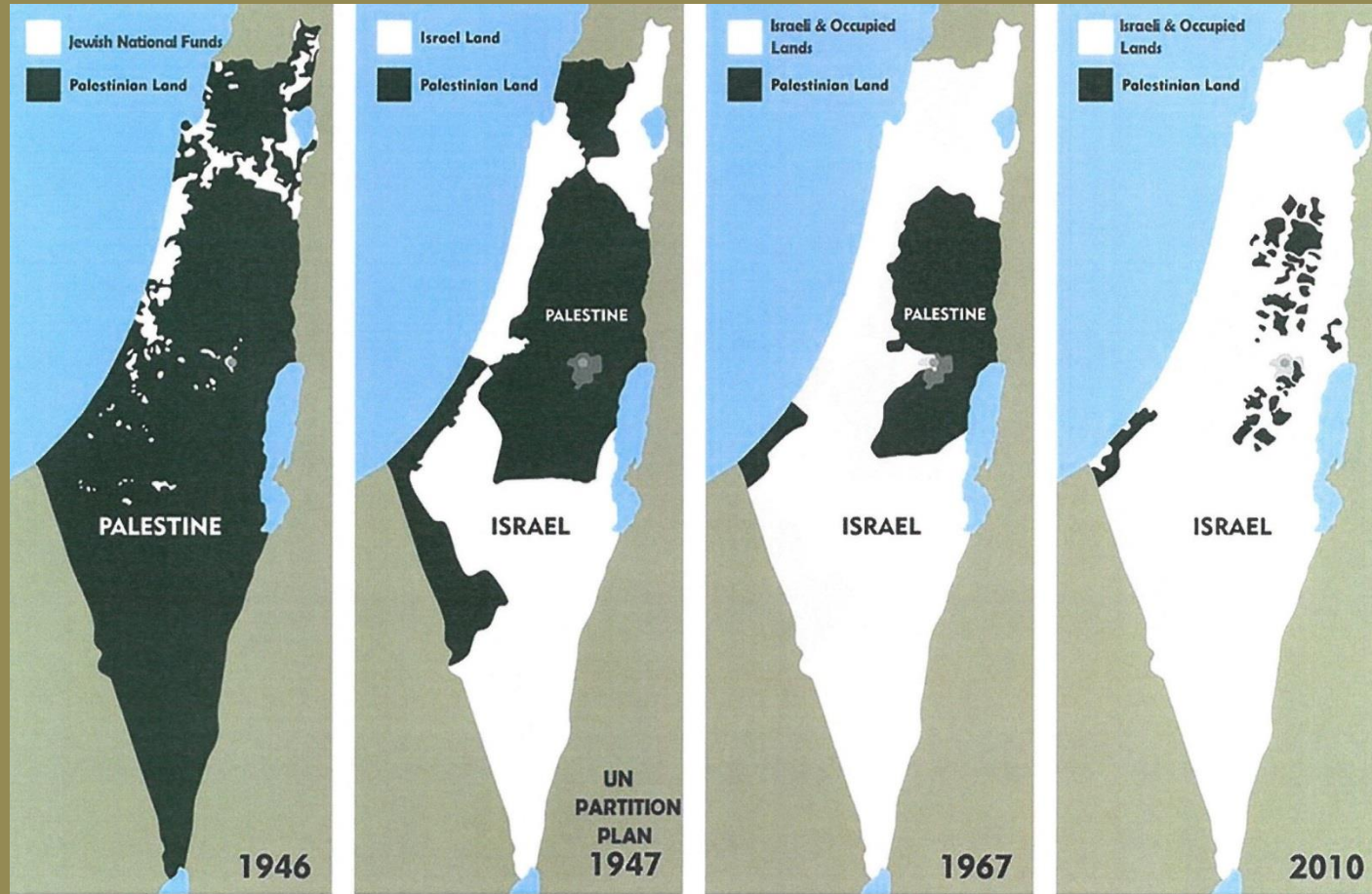
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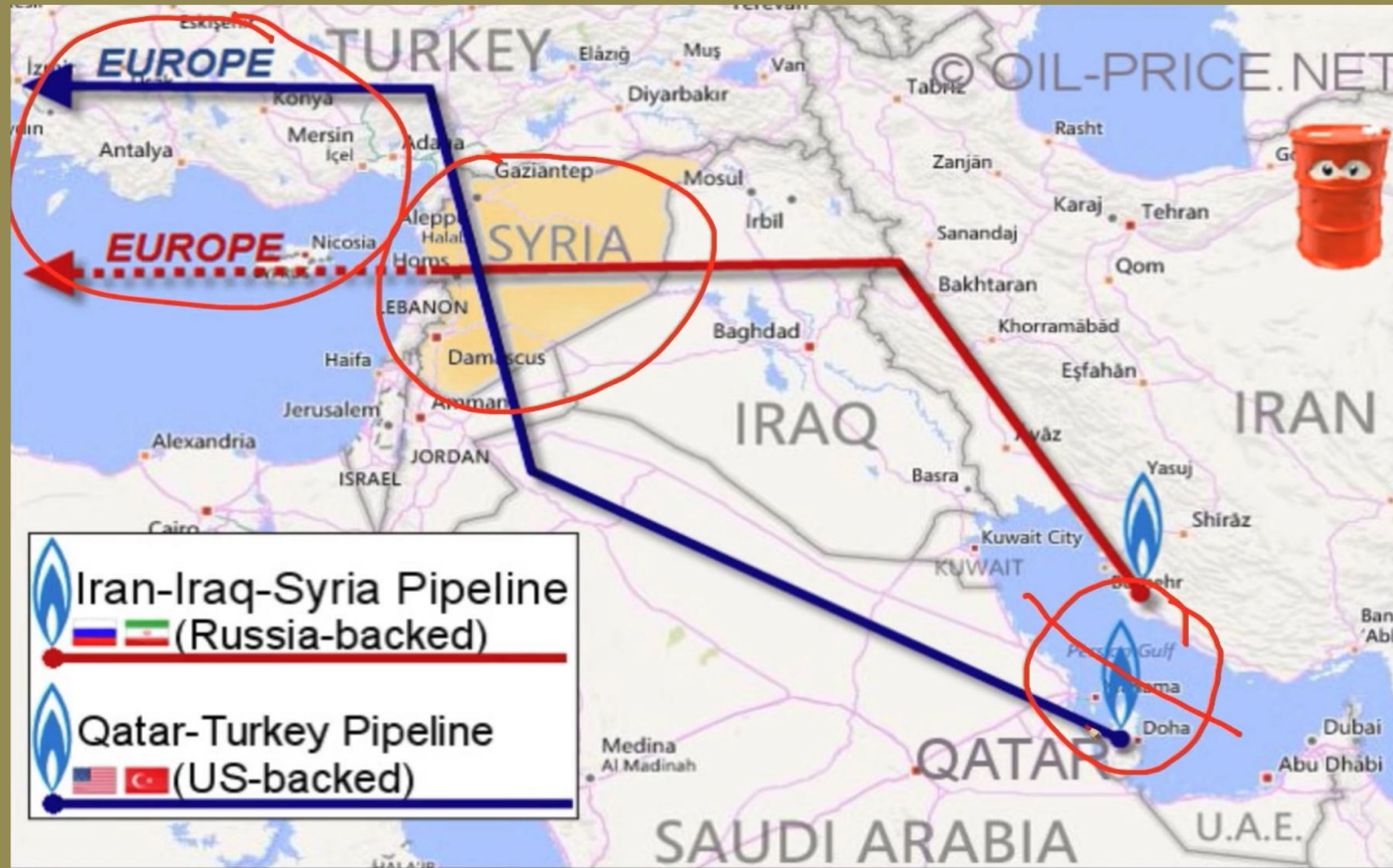
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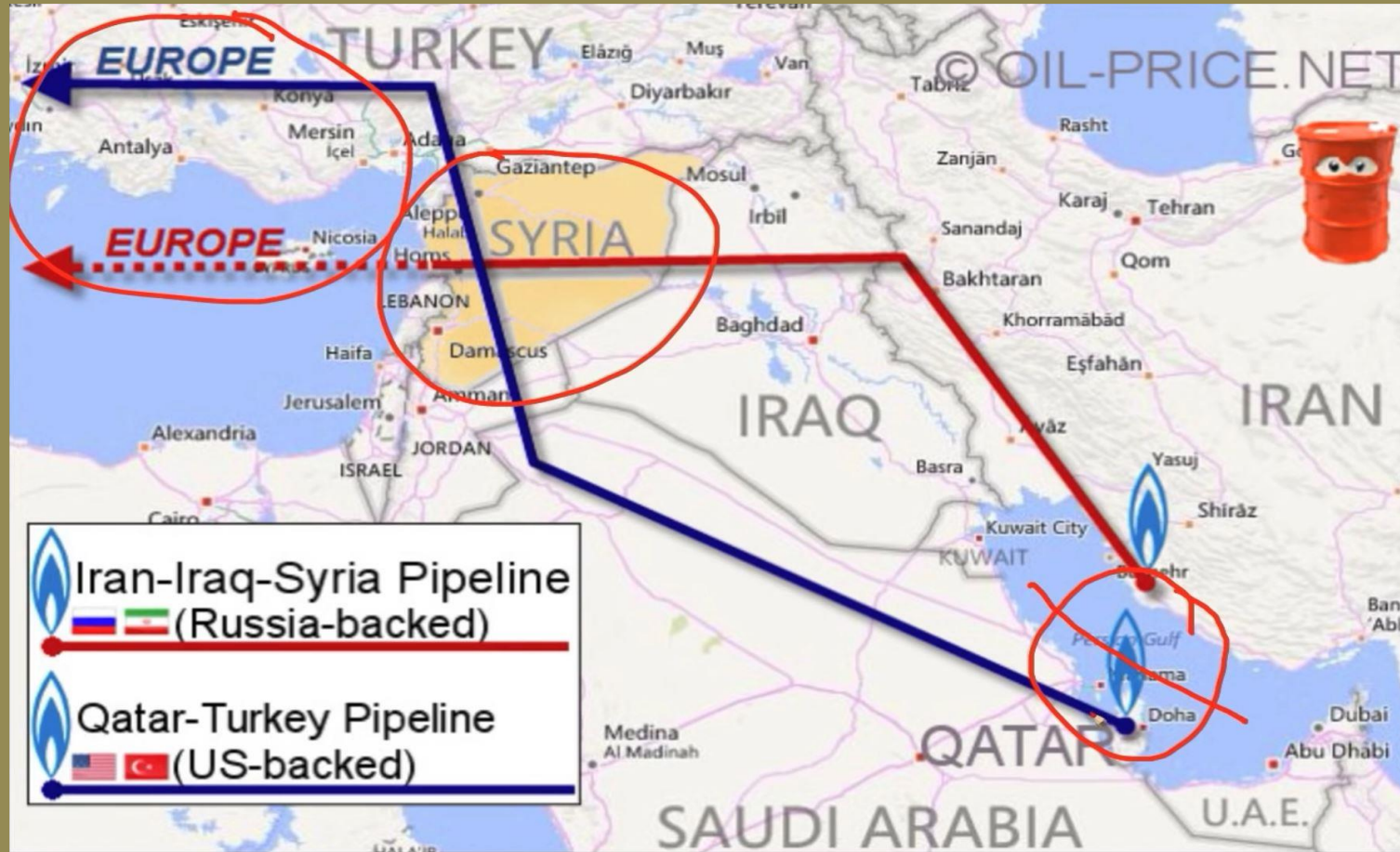
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ISRAEL-TURKEY PIPELINE **DOTTED BLUE** **LINE**



ISRAEL BACKED PIPELINE



Conclusion

- The events in the Middle East since the advent of the 21st century indicate an evolution of geo-economics from the geopolitics paradigm. Geoeconomics is a basic determinant of its cyclical nature of its past, present and future.
- Nations compete for resources on account of others in order to enhance their economic growth and progress and utilize political, social and military means to justify their economic ends.
- The war on Syria like predecessors in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Palestine could be understood more clearly through this model.
- The construction of gas pipelines through Syria from the north dome (Qatar)/south pars (Iran) giant gas field to transport gas to Europe to diversify its gas resources is purported as the most likely real reason for the war.
- The media as well as experts appear to dismiss the Israel, Cyprus, Greece, Turkey, Italy gas pipeline proposal as a viable alternative to Europe and its allies.
- It incorporates relatively more security factors that can satisfy Europe's long-term diversification policy at the least political, commercial and financial risk.
- Israel's involvement in the war on Syria on the side of the US led-Sunni branded coalition-against the Russian-Shia branded coalition is most likely based on its motive to prolong the destabilisation in the region in order to successfully achieve the execution of its gas pipeline.

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