

Joel Rosenberg interview with FOX News anchor Shannon Bream April 17,2017

Bream: President Trump taking military action against Syria after what he calls years of Failed attempts to change President Assad's behavior. Joining us now Nationally syndicated radio talk show host Dana Loesch and best selling author Joel Rosenberg who was at the White House this week for the meetings with Egypt's President. We are going to start with Joel 'cause I want to talk about your somebody that knows this region more than anyone I know, you live in the region. What does this now do with the strikes on Syria?

Rosenberg: Yeah well first of all it was not at The White House it was a private meeting with Al Sissi. But separately this is s a huge moment for The President because you cannot allow as a superpower...you cannot allow a terror state to use weapons of mass destruction to kill children or anybody so you have a situation where the world's only superpower has been AWOL for the last eight years. We drew a red line on chemical weapons and we bailed, so The President has to re-assert American authority but this has to be the beginning of a process. Its not clear whether he has a strategy or sort of goals yet. He needs to develop them and start a systematic process in Syria.

Bream: Can you give us a sense of how the Syrian people and people in the region are feeling? There are so many outside actors with the Russians, the Iranians and the U.S.

Rosenberg: Well you can sum this up in one word: Suffering. The people of Syria are being slaughtered by Assad with Putin's assistance, with Iran's assistance. Slaughtered. We are talking about a half million people dead, millions upon millions are running for their lives. Yeah we live in Israel and its surreal. We have a border with a genocidal country, but the rest of our neighbors are deeply concerned. King Abdullah was just here in Washington, he is calling for the removal of Assad. President El Sissi was interesting because he has not called for the removal of Assad but he clearly wants to work with the President, that's what he told us in this

meeting. And he said I want to work against radical Islamic terrorism and we need a strong Egyptian and Sunni alliance against these type of threats.

Bream: Alright I want to bring Dana in as well. I mean politically Dana where do you think this has the greatest impact...this President appears rather decisive when it counts.

Loesch: And I think Shannon that is the big takeaway with this and I think even some of Trump's detractors were actually really surprised last night by the swiftness of this action. And I think it does show a level of decisiveness that we have not seen in the past eight years. It shows that Trump is willing to enforce Obama's red line. Remember Obama drew the red line in the sand and nothing really came of that and I think it's amazing optics that he's having dinner down in Maro Lago and having dinner with Xi Zhong Ping and all of this was taking place and then he bids him good night and then this is everything that's happening the rest of the evening and this morning so it shows that he can multitask but really he's enforcing Obama's red line. Now I know that Congress is going to debate whether or not they are going to need to have an authorization to continue further although everything that we've been hearing Shannon I know you spoke with Ambassador John Bolton earlier who said this was a one-off, pin prick designed to send a message not just to Assad but also to Russia, also to North Korea, also to a lot of these other players who thought they would have been able to skate by over these past eight years. Well it shows now that there is someone new in The White House. The Obama era of foreign policy is over and I think a lot of people in The United States are quite pleased with that.

Bream: Alright Dana Loesch thank you very much. Joel by the way your latest trilogy of books, the latest is Without Warning. If folks want to understand this region better they'll....

Rosenberg: Its Syria and chemical weapons its just uncanny and scary.

Bream: Allright Joel thank you very much

Rosenberg: Thank you.