

America's Closest Allies Are Supporting and Funding the Islamic State

Statement of Senator Lindsey Graham and General Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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America's top military official – the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin E. Dempsey – and Senator Lindsey Graham [admitted](#) last September in a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing that America's closest allies are supporting ISIS:

SEN. LINDSEY GRAHAM (R), SOUTH CAROLINA, MEMBER OF ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE: Do you know any major Arab ally that embraces ISIL?

GEN. MARTIN DEMPSEY, CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF: I know major Arab allies who fund them.

GRAHAM: Yeah, but do they embrace them? They fund them because the Free Syrian Army couldn't fight Assad. They were trying to beat Assad. I think they realized the folly of their ways.

4-Star General Wesley Clark – who served as the Supreme Allied Commander of NATO – agrees:

And Turkish politicians [say](#) that the Turkish government is also supporting ISIS. Some also allege that Israel is directly or indirectly [supporting ISIS](#). And see [this](#).

And the U.S. itself has been taking actions that – intentionally or not – [appear](#) to be [strengthening](#) ISIS.

Maybe a good start for defeating ISIS would be to [stop funding them](#) and [their BFFs](#)?

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