

## **Bombshell: Qatar's Former Prime Minister Says US Funded ISIS**

Qatar's former prime minister has spoken out about how his country worked with Saudi Arabia and Turkey under the direction of the Obama Administration to funnel arms and money to jihadists in Syria.

By Free West Media

Global Research, November 10, 2017

Free West Media 9 November 2017

Region: Middle East & North Africa, USA

Theme: Intelligence, Media Disinformation,

**Terrorism** 

The explosive interview is a "public admission to collusion and coordination between four countries to destabilise an independent state, [including] possible support for Nusra/al-Qaeda," by former Prime Minister Hamad bin Jassim bin Jaber al-Thani.

Al-Thani oversaw operations against Syria on behalf of Qatar until 2013. He confirmed that Gulf nations were arming jihadists in Syria with the approval and support of the US and Turkey:

"I don't want to go into details but we have full documents about us taking charge [in Syria]."

He added that both Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah – who ruled until his death in 2015 – and the United States had given Qatar a leading role in running covert operations for the proxy war in Syria.

"The former prime minister's comments, while very revealing, were intended as a defense and excuse of Qatar's support for terrorism, and as a critique of the US and Saudi Arabia for essentially leaving Qatar 'holding the bag' in terms of the war against Assad.

"Al-Thani explained that Qatar continued its financing of armed insurgents in Syria while other countries eventually wound down large-scale support, which is why he lashed out at the US and the Saudis, who initially 'were with us in the same trench,'" Zero Hedge reported on October 29.

The US officials who were in charge at that time, namely President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton have remained silent about the allegations.

The Qatari bombshell has been ignored by the American mainstream media. In fact, not a single major outlet in the United States ran the story, except the Ron Paul Institute.

In August 2016 Donald Trump accused Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton of being respectively the "founder" and "co-founder" of ISIS. His accusations caused outrage across the media and political world.

Supposedly "neutral" fact-checkers quickly all denounced Trump as "false," (FactCheck.org), flirting with "conspiracy theories," (Snopes) and outright lying as in "pants on fire" (PolitiFact).

But the charge is not new. Money and weapons were being funneled to jihadists when Hillary was Secretary of State in 2012, according to Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) memo, towards the creation of a "salafist principality," that became ISIS in 2013.

In 2015, subject to a FOIA request from Judicial Watch, an August 2012 DIA report was made public. It specified that outside support for jihadist forces fighting against the Syrian government created the "possibility of establishing a declared or undeclared Salafist [radical Islamic terrorist] principality in Eastern Syria".

The money and support to al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI) and the Muslim Brotherhood was exactly what their US handlers had wanted in order to isolate the Syrian regime.

General Michael Flynn, formerly DIA director and former advisor to president Trump, commented that the rise of what became ISIS was not a result of turning a "blind eye" but of a "willful decision" in 2015 already. Flynn told Al Jazeera:

"I don't know that they turned a blind eye, I think it was a decision. I think it was a willful decision."

Meanwhile the "fact-checkers" have all ignored efforts to point out their erroneous "facts" denying the funding of ISIS by the US administration.

Featured image is from Free West Media.

The original source of this article is <u>Free West Media</u> Copyright © <u>Free West Media</u>, <u>Free West Media</u>, 2017

## **Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page**

## **Become a Member of Global Research**

Articles by: Free West Media

**Disclaimer:** The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: <a href="mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca">publications@globalresearch.ca</a>

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: <a href="mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca">publications@globalresearch.ca</a>