

CIA Asset Joins Islamic State in Libya - Abdelhakim Belhadj Worked with U.S. and NATO to Overthrow Gaddafi

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Abdelhakim Belhadj has reportedly joined forces with the Islamic State, according to the journalist Sara Carter. Belhadj is a former al-Qaeda operative who was a key player in the overthrow of Moammar Gaddafi. He worked directly with the U.S. and NATO.

[Kyle Shideler](#) writes for The Washington Times:

If Belhadj has gone over to Islamic State, it will represent a major boost to Islamic State's efforts to co-opt and bring in Libya's existing jihadist forces under their banner, which now reportedly includes as many as 3,000 fighters. Belhadj's forces play a significant role in the Islamist "Libyan Dawn" coalition (which includes the Muslim Brotherhood and al Qaeda's Ansar al-Sharia), which currently holds Tripoli, and which claims to be the rightful government in opposition to the U.N. recognized government of Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni.

[@SaraCarterDC](#) Would that be the same Abdelhakim Belhadj that [@SenJohnMcCain](#) is so chummy with? Asking for a friend.
pic.twitter.com/BoCWocC4Di

— Patrick Poole (@pspoole) [March 2, 2015](#)

The Islamic State in Libya is based in Derna, a city in the northeast part of the country. In 2001, it represented "one of the greatest concentrations of jihadi terrorists to be found anywhere in the world, and by some measures can be regarded as the leading source of suicide bombers anywhere on the planet," according to [Webster Tarpley](#). It was also "the epicenter of the NATO-backed rebellion," writes [Tony Cartalucci](#). In 2011 Abdel-Hakim al-Hasidi, a leading figure of the Derna jihadists, told the Italian newspaper *Il Sole 24 Ore* he had recruited "around 25" men from the Derna area in eastern Libya to fight against coalition troops in Iraq. [The Telegraph](#) reported on March 25, 2011:

Mr al-Hasidi admitted he had earlier fought against "the foreign invasion" in Afghanistan, before being "captured in 2002 in Peshwar, in Pakistan". He was later handed over to the US, and then held in Libya before being released in 2008.

Abdelhakim Belhadj's links to key neocons (as the tweet above reveals) and Abdel-Hakim al-Hasidi's connection to the CIA-run and Saudi financed war against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan provides further evidence al-Qaeda and its spawn, the Islamic State, formerly ISIS, are intelligence fabrications designed to perpetuate the war on terror and further the geostrategic agenda of the global elite. Belhadj's CIA rendition (with the help of British intelligence) and al-Hasidi's capture by the U.S. reveal both to be intelligence assets. The presence of the Islamic State in Iraq, Syria and now Libya is a key element in the next phase in the war on terror. In late February the Islamic State released a video calling for jihadists from Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Egypt to immigrate to Libya. [Mohammed al-Dairi](#), the Libyan foreign minister, is calling for direct military intervention against the Islamic State. "I ask world powers to stand by Libya and launch military strikes against these groups," he said in February. "This threat will move to European countries, especially Italy."

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