

Establishment Media Moves to Debunk ISIS CIA Asset Story - Dismissed as “Snowden Hoax”

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Last month [Time Magazine](#) posted an article refuting the claim ISIS — now the fully militarized Islamic State — is an intelligence operation.

The article by [war propagandist](#) Aryn Baker states “conspiracy theories are nothing new in the Middle East.” Baker squarely places responsibility for the declared conspiracy theory on Iran. According to Baker, the Iranians claim the ISIS offensive currently underway in Iraq is “part of a U.S.-backed plot to destabilize the region and protect Israel.”

Baker reports IRNA and the Tehran Times believe NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden was responsible for uncovering details about operation Beehive, also translated as Hornet’s Nest, which is described as a joint U.S., British and Israeli effort to “create a terrorist organization capable of centralizing all extremist actions across the world.”

Baker concludes there is no evidence within the Snowden trove of any such plot. She chalks the accusation up to another baseless internet rumor. “Yet Iranian government officials and independent analysts in Iran alike cited IRNA’s report as definitive proof of ISIS’s American and Israeli origins,” she writes.

Evidence of IRNA and the Tehran Times, however, making the claim is suspiciously absent. “Regrettably, not knowing the date of IRNA’s scoop, or being able to view its text online, complicates investigation,” writes [Alan Kurtz](#).

Kurtz traces responsibility for the “Snowden Hoax” to a German website, [www.shababek.de](#), and Kareem al-Baidani. A photo of al-Baidani is used on the Facebook page of [Abosamir Albaidani](#), identified by Kurtz as “an Iraqi Shiite writer based in Munich, Germany” who may or may not be associated with an al-Alam television show, Iraq Today. Al-Alam is an Arabic news channel broadcasting from Iran by the state-owned media corporation Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting.

The story was picked up by Iran’s Fars New Agency (FNA) and subsequently posted across the internet. It was also cited in a story posted by [Infowars.com](#).

Glenn Greenwald and others state there is no evidence in the Snowden cache that ISIS is linked to the CIA, Mossad or any other intelligence agency.

Greenwald posted the following on his Twitter account today:

Edward Snowden’s ACLU lawyer on the online claim that Snowden said the Mossad created ISIS <https://t.co/jtQ6YiY50S>

— Glenn Greenwald (@ggreenwald) [August 13, 2014](#)

Greenwald points to Ben Wizner, a lawyer with the ACLU, who retweets spy novelist Jeremy Duns. Duns provides a link to the Kurtz blog post claiming to document the “Snowden Hoax” and a lack of definitive evidence connecting ISIS to the CIA or Mossad and pointing back to Iranian propaganda.

[@jeremyduns](#) FYI... The [#Snowden](#) Hoax: How a Lie Traveled Around the World Before the Truth Could Get Its Boots On <http://t.co/fASFlcEX2F>

— Shrill Brigade (@ShrillBrigade) [August 10, 2014](#)

Great forensic look at chronology and impact of the Snowden-says-Mossad/CIA-are-behind-IS hoax: <http://t.co/k2wSWzXhLB> via [@ShrillBrigade](#)

— Jeremy Duns (@jeremyduns) [August 10, 2014](#)

“The validity of the document,” we wrote on July 19, “cannot be verified due to the exclusivity of the Snowden cache. Cryptome sent a letter to various sources in possession of the documents, including The New York Times, Washington Post, The Guardian, Barton Gellman, Laura Poitrias, Glenn Greenwald, ACLU, EFF and others demanding an accounting. The allegation about ISIS and al-Baghdadi, however, pairs up with other information demonstrating ISIS is an intelligence asset.”

The remainder of our July 19 article lays out broad strokes demonstrating that ISIS is indeed a military and intelligence asset.

The putative (and mercurial) leader of ISIS, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was reportedly a “civilian internee” at Camp Bucca, a U.S. military detention facility near Umm Qasr, Iraq. [James Skylar Gerrond](#), a former U.S. Air Force security forces officer and a compound commander at Camp Bucca in 2006 and 2007, said the camp “created a pressure cooker for extremism.”

“Circumstantial evidence suggests that al-Baghdadi may have been mind-controlled while held prisoner by the US military in Iraq,” writes [Dr. Kevin Barrett](#).

In July [Nabil Na'eem](#), the founder of the Islamic Democratic Jihad Party and former top al-Qaeda commander, told the Beirut-based pan-Arab TV station al-Maydeen all current al-Qaeda affiliates, including ISIS, work for the CIA.

In June a Jordanian official told [Aaron Klein](#) of WorldNetDaily ISIS members were trained in 2012 by U.S. instructors working at a secret base in Jordan. In 2012 it was reported the U.S., Turkey and Jordan were running a training base for the Syrian rebels in the Jordanian town of Safawi.

“Key members of ISIS it now emerges were trained by US CIA and Special Forces command at a secret camp in Jordan in 2012, according to informed Jordanian officials,” writes [William Engdahl](#). “The US, Turkish and Jordanian intelligence were running a training base for the

Syrian rebels in the Jordanian town of Safawi in the country's northern desert region, conveniently near the borders to both Syria and Iraq. Saudi Arabia and Qatar, the two Gulf monarchies most involved in funding the war against Syria's Assad, [financed](#) the Jordan ISIS training."

A scripted "geopolitical struggle between the US and Russia" is "the objective of leading neo-conservatives in the CIA, Pentagon and State Department all along," Engdahl continues. "The CIA transported hundreds of Mujahideen Saudis and other foreign veterans of the 1980s Afghan war against the Soviets in Afghanistan into Chechnya to disrupt the struggling Russia in the early 1990s, particularly to sabotage the Russian oil pipeline running directly from Baku on the Caspian Sea into Russia. James Baker III and his friends in Anglo-American Big Oil had other plans. It was called the BTC pipeline, owned by a BP-US oil consortium and running through Tbilisi into NATO-member Turkey, free of Russian territory."

The history of the CIA's involvement in terrorist activities — in Bosnia as well as Chechnya and other former Soviet states — is well-known to historians. It is however ignored by Time Magazine and its groomed propagandists. The Snowden cache may indeed not contain a reference to the CIA, Mossad and ISIS. On the other hand, because the documents are closely held, as Cryptome argues, we will not know this for sure until they are made public.

Simply attributing the linkage to perennial enemy Iran and media pariah Infowars.com — and dismissing a possible linkage out of hand as a hoax — will not hide the fact the CIA, Mossad, British intelligence, et al, have all specialized in creating terror groups and have used these to gain geopolitical advantage, as they are now attempting to do with a putative ISIS domestic terror threat and renewed military activity in Iraq.

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