

## Is Barack Obama Actually Trying To Help the Islamic State (ISIS) Take Over Syria?

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That headline sounds crazy, right? It must be untrue, right? Well, read on, because you might be absolutely shocked by what you learn. As you will read about below, the Obama administration has used al-Qaeda fighters and other radical Islamic groups in the past to topple governments. And without a doubt, Barack Obama is absolutely determined to oust Syrian president Bashar al-Assad. In fact, he came dangerously close to taking us to war with Syria earlier in his presidency before backing down in the face of overwhelming public pressure. But what Obama wants to do in Syria has not changed, and he is using the same playbook that he used in Libya and elsewhere to get it done.

Of course on the surface Obama has "declared war" on ISIS. He says that we must defeat them in Iraq and in Syria so that the group does not spread. But when it comes to airstrikes, the Obama administration has had an "Iraq first" policy. This has put ISIS on a defensive posture in Iraq, but this has actually encouraged expansion of ISIS in Syria.

ISIS is just following the path of least resistance. Is Obama trying to discourage ISIS from committing troops and resources in Iraq because he actually wants them to focus on taking down the Assad regime in Syria? Is Obama attempting to "herd" ISIS forces toward Damascus? Those are some very important questions. What we do know is that the size of the territory that ISIS controls in Syria has doubled since airstrikes began <u>last summer</u>...

ISIS has almost doubled the land it controls in Syria since the US-led coalition began airstrikes against the extremist group in the summer, a new map has revealed.

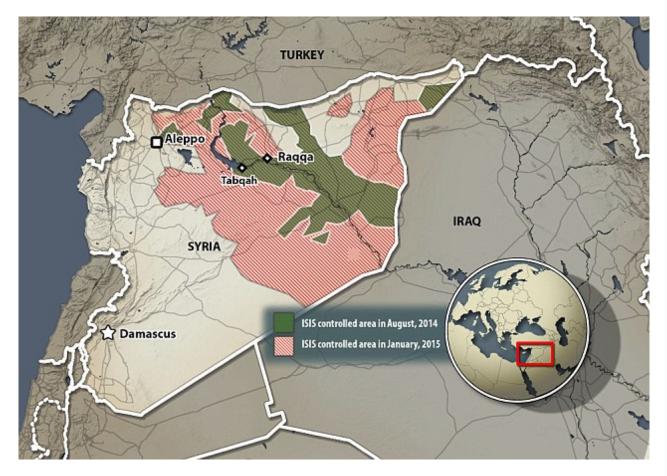
The extremist group has continued to expand its 'caliphate', despite more than 800 airstrikes hitting targets in ISIS-controlled areas since last summer.

The map, created by the Coalition for a Democratic Syria (CDS), shows just how much land has fallen to ISIS – which now has a third of the country under its control.

Before the summer, the militants controlled just half that.

The following is the map that was created by the Coalition for a Democratic Syria. As you can see, ISIS is now much closer to Damascus than when U.S. airstrikes first began...

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And it is funny how the U.S. military keeps making "mistakes" by air-dropping weapons right into the hands of ISIS. The following is just one example of this phenomenon...

An ISIS-associated YouTube account posted a new video online Tuesday entitled, "Weapons and munitions dropped by American planes and landed in the areas controlled by the Islamic State in Kobani." The video was also posted on the Twitter account of "a3maq news," which acts as an unofficial media arm of ISIS. The outfit has previously posted videos of ISIS fighters firing American made Howitzer cannons and seizing marijuana fields in Syria.

ISIS had broadly advertised its acquisition of a broad range of U.S.-made weapons during its rampage across Iraq. ISIS videos have showed its fighters driving U.S. tanks, MRAPs, Humvees.

We have the most sophisticated military on the entire planet and yet we drop weapons into the hands of the enemy by mistake?

Come on.

Meanwhile, Obama and many members of Congress continue to insist that we need to give lots more weapons to the "moderate rebels" in Syria.

But do these "moderate rebels" actually exist?

Ayad Jamal Al-din, a former member of the Iraqi parliament, is skeptical to say the least...

The pressure on the Syrian regime, which is fighting ISIS, must be lifted. They should not try to strengthen the feeble Free Syrian Army [FSA]. There is no FSA. There is ISIS in Syria and Iraq. You cannot fight ISIS in Iraq, yet support it in Syria. There is one war and one enemy.

The U.S. should give up its hypocrisy. People are not brainless. How can it be that a State Department spokesperson talks about Iraq, and then a White House spokesman says: "We must pressure the [Syrian] regime so that it surrenders"? Surrenders to whom? To ISIS. Where is the FSA? There is no such thing. The war is one and the same.

And what the American people are not being told is that these "Free Syrian Army fighters" are <u>continually defecting</u> and joining forces with ISIS...

Up to 3,000 Free Syrian Army (FSA) fighters have defected from the organization and given ba'yah (religious payment; servitude) to the self-proclaimed Caliph of the Islamic State of Iraq and Al-Sham (ISIS), Sheikh Ibrahim Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi, in the Qalamoun Mountains of the Rif Dimashq Governorate – these fighters belonged to multiple brigades that formed the conglomeration of the FSA.

As ISIS continues to spread their presence on the border of Lebanon and Syria, many rebel groups have found this organization more appealing than their predecessors due to their success in eastern and northern Syria. The Al-Qaeda linked Al-Nusra Front (Jabhat Al-Nusra) – who fought ISIS in Deir Ezzor – has seemingly repaired relations in eastern Lebanon and western Syria. The 2 militant groups have been spotted working together during armed engagements with loyalist forces in 'Assal Al-Ward and Rankous.

So when we train "moderate rebels" in Syria, there is a very good chance that they will use that training and the weapons that we give to them to help ISIS take over that nation.

But Obama knows all of this.

He just wants to take down Assad.

And he has used this playbook before. In fact, the Citizens Commission on Benghazi has released an interim report that claims that Obama <u>"changed sides in the war on terror"</u> in 2011 by arming al-Qaeda fighters and helping them take down Moammar Gadhafi...

The Obama White House and the State Department under the management of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton "changed sides in the war on terror" in 2011 by implementing a policy of facilitating the delivery of weapons to the al-Qaida-dominated rebel militias in Libya attempting to oust Moammar Gadhafi from power, the Citizens Commission on Benghazi concluded in its interim report.

In WND interviews, several members of the commission have disclosed their finding that the mission of Christopher Stevens, prior to the fall of Gadhafi and during Stevens' time as U.S. ambassador, was the management of a secret gun-running program operated out of the Benghazi compound.

This is what our government does.

They are not even afraid to use al-Qaeda to achieve their twisted foreign policy goals.

So is Barack Obama actually trying to help ISIS take over Syria?

The evidence is mounting that this is indeed the case, and history tells us that he has done this kind of thing before.

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