

Israel Supports Islamic Terrorists

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Israel claims that it's in a mortal struggle with Islamic terrorists ...

But as we reported last year, the Israeli military has [admitted](#) to supporting Syrian Islamic jihadis. And [see this](#).

Last week, Daily Mail journalists embedded with Israeli troops [reported](#):

Almost every night, Israeli troops run secret missions to save the lives of Syrian fighters, all of whom are sworn enemies of the Jewish state.

Analysts suggest the Jewish state has in fact struck a deadly 'deal with the devil' - offering support to the Sunni militants who fight the Syrian ruler Assad in the hope of containing its arch enemies Hezbollah and Iran.

Many of the casualties rescued by Israel belong to Salafist groups Some may be members of Jabhat al-Nusra, a Syrian group affiliated to Al Qaeda that has kidnapped scores of UN peacekeeping troops in this area, and has massacred Christians deeper in Syria.

In the three years that Israel has been running these operations, it has saved the lives of more than 2,000 Syrians - at least 80 per cent of whom are male and of fighting age - at a cost of 50 million shekels (£8.7 million).

'Above all, Israel wants to prevent Hezbollah from gaining control on the other side of the border,' said Michael Stephens, Research Fellow for Middle East Studies at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI).

'The Sunni militants are fighting Hezbollah, so for now they share the same objectives as Israel. That's why we're seeing this odd cooperation between people who would be enemies under any other circumstances.

Significantly, an Israeli spokesman confirmed that no medical support has been provided to any militants from the Shia alliance.

'From an Israeli viewpoint, it's a case of my enemy's enemy is my friend,' said Kamal Alam, research analyst at RUSI and an expert in Syrian affairs.

'There is no one they can trust in the Syrian quagmire, but if you get rid of Hezbollah, that's the end of Iran in the region. Israel's main aim has to be to eliminate Hezbollah - and whoever takes on Hezbollah is an uneasy but necessary ally.

'In giving medical support to these fighters, Israel has done a deal with the devil.'

Indeed, Israel has made no secret of the fact that it [prefers ISIS and Al Qaeda to the Iranian backed terrorist groups](#) Hamas and Hezbollah:

In September 2013, Israeli Ambassador to the United States Michael Oren, then a close adviser to Prime Minister Netanyahu, told the Jerusalem Post in [an interview](#): "The greatest danger to Israel is by the strategic arc that extends from Tehran, to Damascus to Beirut. And we saw the Assad regime as the keystone in that arc. ... We always wanted Bashar Assad to go, we always preferred the bad guys who weren't backed by Iran to the bad guys who were backed by Iran." He said this was the case even if the "bad guys" were affiliated with Al-Qaeda.

In June 2014, Oren expanded on this thinking at an Aspen Institute conference, extending Israel's preference to include even the hyper-brutal Islamic State. "From Israel's perspective, if there's got to be an evil that's got to prevail, let the Sunni evil prevail," Oren [said](#).

But it's not just Iran or Shias ... Israel [decided long ago to break up Syria and Iraq](#) into numerous mini-states. And Israel wants a compliant government in Syria to [allow its pipelines to win out over competing pipelines](#).

No wonder the [Israeli air force has bombed](#) near the Syrian capital of Damascus, and attacked agricultural facilities and warehouses (the Syrian government is the main opponent of ISIS in Syria).

We [noted](#) last year:

The Times of Israel [reported](#) Wednesday:

A Free Syrian Army commander, arrested last month by the Islamist militia Al-Nusra Front, told his captors he collaborated with Israel in return for medical and military support, in a video released this week. Read more: Syrian rebel commander says he collaborated with Israel.

In [a video](#) uploaded to YouTube Monday ... Sharif As-Safouri, the commander of the Free Syrian Army's Al-Haramain Battalion, admitted to having entered Israel five times to meet with Israeli officers who later provided him with Soviet anti-tank weapons and light arms. [Safouri was abducted by the al-Qaeda-affiliated Al-Nusra Front](#) in the Quneitra area, near the Israeli border, on July 22.

“The [opposition] factions would receive support and send the injured in [to Israel] on condition that the Israeli fence area is secured. No person was allowed to come near the fence without prior coordination with Israel authorities,” Safouri said in the video.

In the edited confession video, in which Safouri seems physically unharmed, he says that at first he met with an Israeli officer named Ashraf at the border and was given an Israeli cellular phone. He later met with another officer named Younis and with the two men’s commander, Abu Daoud. In total, Safouri said he entered Israel five times for meetings that took place in Tiberias.

Following the meetings, Israel began providing Safouri and his men with “basic medical support and clothes” as well as weapons, which included 30 Russian [rifles], 10 RPG launchers with 47 rockets, and 48,000 5.56 millimeter bullets.

Also on Wednesday, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency – a [97-year old Jewish wire service](#) –[reported](#):

A senior employee of the Dutch Justice Ministry said the jihadist group ISIS was created by Zionists seeking to give Islam a bad reputation.

Yasmina Haifi, a project leader at the ministry’s National Cyber Security Center, made the assertion Wednesday on Twitter, the De Telegraaf daily[reported](#).

“ISIS has nothing to do with Islam. It’s part of a plan by Zionists who are deliberately trying to blacken Islam’s name,” wrote Haifi

In March, Haaretz [reported](#):

The Syrian opposition is willing to give up claims to the Golan Heights in return for cash and Israeli military aid against President Bashar Assad, a top opposition official told Al Arab newspaper, according to a report in Al Alam.

The Western-backed militant groups want Israel to enforce a no-fly zone over parts of southern Syria to protect rebel bases from air strikes by Assad’s forces, according to the report.

Perhaps that’s why ISIS, Al Nusra and the other Islamic terrorists in Syria haven’t tried to lay a glove on Israel?

This isn’t an isolated dynamic ...

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- Israel has admitted that it has a long history of carrying out false flag attacks ...

where its soldiers [dress up as Arab terrorists](#)

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