

## Obama Formally Approves Arming Terrorists in Syria

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They've been armed with heavy weapons from America and its rogue allies all along - on the phony pretext of supporting nonexistent "moderate rebels."

All anti-government fighters are cutthroat killers, death squad terrorists, largely recruited from scores of countries – armed, funded, trained and directed by CIA operatives, US special forces and their NATO counterparts.

Russia/US talks in Geneva on removing all terrorists from Aleppo reflect the latest US deception. Obama has no intention of abandoning his naked aggression on millions of Syrians.

He's already responsible for displacing half the population internally or abroad, along with massacring over half a million mostly civilian men, women and children, injuring countless others, traumatizing an entire nation to advance America's imperium and satisfy his blood lust.

A White House press release announced his intention to continue aggression on Syria on the phony pretext of "combat(ting) terrorism."

On December 8, a so-called Presidential Determination said:

"I hereby determine that the transaction, encompassing the provision of defense articles and services to foreign forces, irregular forces, groups, or individuals engaged in supporting or facilitating ongoing US military operations to counter terrorism in Syria, is essential to the national security interests of the United States."

Syria is Obama's war, flagrantly violating international, constitutional and US statute laws. Obama lied claiming "authority vested in me as president by the Constitution and the laws of the United States..."

Fact: Only Security Council members can declare war – not Congress, presidents or anyone else. Nations may only attack another in self-defense, or in case of imminent threat when SC members authorize it. Anything else is naked aggression.

Russia is systematically betrayed every time it negotiates with Washington. Deceit is its longstanding practice. Upcoming Geneva talks on Aleppo are certain to go the same way.

Russia, Syria and allied forces should focus solely on smashing all anti-government forces

infesting Syria, not wasting time and energy dealing with Washington – knowing the outcome in advance, maybe a chance for change under Trump, never while Obama and his neocon infested administration remains in power.

The 1976 Arms Export Control Act (AECA) lets presidents authorize arms and munitions sales solely for legitimate self-defense, no other purpose.

It requires presidents to report to Congress on any violations. America consistently sells weapons and munitions for war-making against nations posing no threat.

It doesn't combat terrorism. It created and support elements acting as imperial foot soldiers. AECA waivers flagrantly violate the letter and spirit of the law – notably when based on a Big Lie.

Separately, reports indicate advances by Syrian and allied forces in eastern Aleppo left only around seven square km still in terrorists' hands.

Despite a temporary halt in military operations so civilians can leave safely for government controlled areas, liberating Aleppo entirely is expected in days.

Miles to go remain in the struggle to free Syrian entirely from its US-supported terrorist threat.

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