

The Islamic State (ISIS) was "Instigated or Created by a Certain Intelligence Agency": Vice-President of Iran

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"Well, I think there's a lot of skepticism about the role of the United States in dealing with ISIS, because the support they initially provided for ISIS in Syria strengthened this group at that time, and then also other reasons to believe this is not a genuine group, it somehow instigated or created by, I don't know, a certain intelligence agency," Ebtekar said when asked about IS during an interview conducted by ABC News.

In October the former Iranian minister of intelligence, <u>Heydar Moslehi</u>, was more direct. He said ISIS was created by "the triangle of Mossad, MI6, and the CIA."

Moslehi said that "dollars from Saudi Arabia and some of the Gulf countries" are responsible for funding the terrorist army.

"The coalition certainly does not want to destroy IS because it needs to use IS for most of its Satanic goals," he added.

His remarks followed those of Iranian Supreme Leader <u>Ayatollah Ali Khamenei</u> who said ISIS and al-Qaeda are the work of "the wicked government of Britain."

In June it was revealed that the U.S. military had <u>trained ISIS members</u> at a secret base in Jordan.

Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, it was reported a number of the purported hijackers were "trained in strategy and tactics" at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida, and the Air War College in Montgomery, Alabama, according to Newsweek.

The U.S. had admitted its allies fund IS. In September the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin E. Dempsey, told the Senate Armed Services Committee: "I know major Arab allies who fund them."

In January said to be a Pakistani commander of IS, Yousaf al Salafi, confessed to law enforcement agencies in Pakistan to getting funds via the United States.

The US has been condemning the IS activities but unfortunately has not been able to stop funding of these organizations, which is being routed through the US. The US had to dispel the impression that it is financing the group for its own interests and that is why it launched offensive against the organization in

Iraq but not in Syria," a source told the Urdu-language Daily Express.

For a detailed explanation of the strategy at work in the Middle East, see our <u>ISIS</u> and the Plan to Balkanize the Middle East.

The ABC interview attempted to delegitimize Masoumeh Ebtekar's remarks on ISIS by noting her association with the Muslim Student Followers of the Imam's Line who took hostages and occupied the US Embassy in 1979.

ABC did not mention the fact the CIA used the embassy as a base of operations in Iran.

As <u>Bruce Schneier</u> and others have noted, the CIA routinely uses diplomatic cover to conduct operations in foreign countries.

"Like the intelligence services of most other countries, the CIA has been unwilling to set up foreign offices under its own name. So American embassies — and, less frequently military bases — provide the needed cover," Schneier writes.

CIA operatives "recruit local officials as CIA agents to supply secret intelligence and, especially in the Third World, to help in the Agency's manipulation of a country's internal affairs."

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