

# Twenty-six Things About the Islamic State (ISIS-ISIL-Daesh) that the U.S. Government Does Not Want You to Know About

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## Introductory Note

*In recent developments- barely a few days following the reelection of Vladimir Putin (October 17, 2024) five Islamic State gunmen (ISIL) waged a brutal terror attack on Moscow's Crocus City Concert Hall attached to a shopping mall, at the outskirts of Moscow. The attack has resulted in more than 130 deaths.*

*The Islamic State (IS) or the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) which happens to be a creation of the CIA claimed responsibility for the attack.*

*On March 7, 2024, 10 the days before Russia's presidential elections, the US Embassy in Moscow had warned the Kremlin that a terror attack may take place in a shopping mall, within the next few weeks... It also "warned US citizens in Moscow not to visit shopping malls."*

What is the Islamic State (ISIL, ISIS-Daesh)?



*Ask former President Barack Obama who in 2014 ordered a major counter-terrorism operation directed against the Islamic State under the doctrine of Responsibility to Protect (R2P)*

*The counter-terrorism mandate is a fiction. America is the Number One "State Sponsor of Terrorism".*

*The US has supported Al Qaeda and its affiliated organizations including ISIL for almost half a century [since the heyday of the Soviet Afghan war](#).*

*In 2014 President Obama launched a "counter-terrorism campaign" allegedly directed against The Islamic State (ISIL, ISIS-Daesh).*

*It was an outright act of war disguised as a fake counter-terrorism operation.*

*It consisted in providing a justification for the extensive bombing of Iraq and Syria, largely targeting residential areas and civilians.*

*In turn, ISIS-Daesh was covertly supported and funded by the U.S. and its allies including Israel.*

*Israel was directly involved in President Obama's "counter-terrorism" bombing raids directed against Syria, while also supporting Al Qaeda and ISIS mercenaries out of the Golan Heights.*

*Since 9/11, "America's The Islamic State has gone Global".*

The Islamic State is not limited to the the Middle East and Central Asia.

West Africa, Central Africa, Southeast Asia, Western Europe, Russia, Turkey, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, The Philippines, and many more.

There are Islamic State related jihadist networks supported covertly by Western intelligence in all major regions of the World with the exception of Latin America.

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## **26 Things About the Islamic State (ISIS-ISIL-Daesh) that the U.S. Government Does Not Want You to Know About**

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*Going after "Islamic terrorists", carrying out a worldwide pre-emptive war to "Protect the American Homeland" are used to justify a military agenda.*

*The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) is a creation of US intelligence. Washington's "Counter-terrorism Agenda" in Iraq and Syria consists in Supporting the Terrorists.*

*The incursion of the Islamic State (IS) brigades into Iraq starting in June 2014 was part of a carefully planned military-intelligence operation supported covertly by the US, NATO and Israel.*

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## Terrorism”

*The Islamic State is protected by the US and its allies. If they had wanted to eliminate the Islamic State brigades, they could have “carpet” bombed their convoys of Toyota pickup trucks when they crossed the desert from Syria into Iraq in June.*



*The Syro-Arabian Desert is open territory (see map below). With state of the art jet fighter aircraft (F15, F22 Raptor, CF-18) it would have been -from a military standpoint- a rapid and expedient surgical operation*



*It could not have been undertaken without the unbending support of the Western media*

*which has upheld Obama's initiative as a counter-terrorism operation.*

## Twenty Six Things

### THE HISTORICAL ORIGINS OF AL QAEDA

1. The US has supported Al Qaeda and its affiliated organizations for almost half a century [since the heyday of the Soviet Afghan war.](#)

[2. CIA training camps were set up in Pakistan.](#) In the ten year period from 1982 to 1992, [some 35,000 jihadists from 43 Islamic countries were recruited](#) by the CIA to fight in the Afghan jihad.

“Advertisements, paid for from CIA funds, were placed in newspapers and newsletters around the world offering inducements and motivations to join the Jihad.”

3. Since the Reagan Administration, Washington has supported the Islamic terror network.

Ronald Reagan called the terrorists “freedom fighters”. The US supplied weapons to the Islamic brigades. It was all for “a good cause”: fighting the Soviet Union and regime change, leading to the demise of a secular government in Afghanistan.



President Reagan and Mujahideen leaders from Afghanistan

Ronald Reagan meets Afghan Mujahideen Commanders at the White House in 1985 ([Reagan Archives](#))

4. Jihadist textbooks were published by the University of Nebraska. “. [“The United States spent millions of dollars to supply Afghan schoolchildren](#) with textbooks filled with violent images and militant Islamic teachings”

5. Osama bin Laden, America’s bogymen and founder of Al Qaeda [was recruited by the CIA in 1979](#) at the very outset of the US sponsored jihadist war against Afghanistan . He was 22 years old and was trained in a CIA sponsored guerilla training camp.

Al Qaeda was not behind the 9/11 Attacks. September 11, 2001 provided a justification for waging a war against Afghanistan on the grounds that Afghanistan was a state sponsor of terrorism, supportive of Al Qaeda. The 9/11 attacks were instrumental in the formulation of the “Global War on Terrorism”.

## THE ISLAMIC STATE (ISIL)

6. The Islamic State (ISIL) was originally an Al Qaeda affiliated entity created by US intelligence with the support of Britain’s MI6, Israel’s Mossad, Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and Saudi Arabia’s General Intelligence Presidency (GIP), Ri’āsat Al-Istikhbārāt Al-‘Āmah ( رئاسة الاستخبارات العامة ).

7. The ISIL brigades were involved in the US-NATO supported insurgency in Syria directed against the government of Bashar al Assad.

8. NATO and the Turkish High Command were responsible for the recruitment of ISIL and Al Nusra mercenaries from the outset of the Syrian insurgency in March 2011. According to Israeli intelligence sources, this initiative consisted in:

“a campaign to enlist thousands of Muslim volunteers in Middle East countries and the Muslim world to fight alongside the Syrian rebels. The Turkish army would house these volunteers, train them and secure their passage into Syria. (DEBKAfile, NATO to give rebels anti-tank weapons, August 14, 2011.)

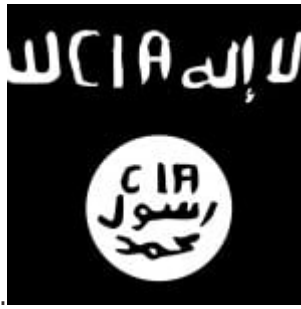
9. There are Western Special Forces and Western intelligence operatives within the ranks of the ISIL. British Special Forces and MI6 have been involved in training jihadist rebels in Syria.

10. Western military specialists on contract to the Pentagon have trained the terrorists in the use of chemical weapons.

“The United States and some European allies are using defense contractors to train Syrian rebels on how to secure chemical weapons stockpiles in Syria, a senior U.S. official and several senior diplomats told CNN Sunday. ( [CNN Report](#), December 9, 2012)

11. The ISIL’s practice of beheadings is part of the US sponsored terrorist training programs





implemented in Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

12. Recruited by America's ally, a large number of ISIL mercenaries are convicted criminals released [from Saudi prisons on condition they join the ISIL](#). [Saudi death row inmates were recruited to join the terror brigades](#).

13. [Israel has supported the ISIL and Al Nusra brigades out of the Golan Heights](#).

Jihadist fighters have met Israeli IDF officers as well as Prime Minister Netanyahu. The IDF top brass tacitly acknowledges that "global jihad elements inside Syria" [ISIL and Al Nusra] are supported by Israel. See image below:

"Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Moshe Ya'alon next to a wounded mercenary, Israeli military field hospital at the occupied Golan Heights' border with Syria, 18 February 2014"



## SYRIA AND IRAQ

14 The ISIL are the foot soldiers of the Western military alliance. Their unspoken mandate is to wreck havoc and destruction in Syria and Iraq, acting on behalf of their US sponsors.

15. US Senator John McCain has met up with jihadist terrorist leaders in Syria. (see picture right)



16 The Islamic State (IS) militia, which is currently the alleged target of a US-NATO bombing campaign under a “counter-terrorism” mandate, continues to be supported covertly by the US. Washington and its allies continue to provide military aid to the Islamic State.

17. US and allied bombings are not targeting the ISIL, they are bombing the economic infrastructure of Iraq and Syria including factories and oil refineries.

18. The IS caliphate project is part of a longstanding US foreign policy agenda to carve up Iraq and Syria into separate territories: A Sunni Islamist Caliphate, an Arab Shia Republic, a Republic of Kurdistan.

#### THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM (GWOT)

19. “The Global War on Terrorism” (GWOT) is presented as a “Clash of Civilizations”, a war between competing values and religions, when in reality it is an outright war of conquest, guided by strategic and economic objectives.

20 U.S. sponsored Al Qaeda terror brigades (covertly supported by Western intelligence) have been deployed in Mali, Niger, Nigeria, the Central African Republic, Somalia and Yemen.

These various affiliated Al Qaeda entities in the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa and Asia are CIA sponsored “intelligence assets”. They are used by Washington to wreck havoc, create internal conflicts and destabilize sovereign countries.

21 Boko Haram in Nigeria, Al Shabab in Somalia, [the Libya Islamic Fighting Group \(LIFG\)](#) (supported by NATO in 2011), [Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb \(AQIM\)](#), [Jemaah Islamiyah \(JI\)](#) in Indonesia, among other Al Qaeda affiliated groups are supported covertly by Western intelligence.

22. The US is also supporting Al Qaeda affiliated terrorist organizations in the Xinjiang Uighur autonomous region of China. The underlying objective is to trigger political instability in Western China.

Chinese jihadists are reported to [have received “terrorist training” from the Islamic State](#) “in

order to conduct attacks in China". The declared objective of these Chinese-based jihadist entities (which serves the interests of the US) is to establish a Islamic caliphate extending into Western China. ([Michel Chossudovsky, America's War on Terrorism, Global Research, Montreal, 2005, Chapter 2](#)).

## HOMEGROWN TERRORISTS

23 The Terrorists R Us: While the US is the unspoken architect of the Islamic State, Obama's holy mandate is to protect America against ISIL attacks.

24 The homegrown terrorist threat is a fabrication. It is promoted by Western governments and the media with a view to repealing civil liberties and installing a police state. The terror attacks by alleged jihadists and terror warnings are invariably staged events. They are used to create an atmosphere of fear and intimidation.

In turn, the arrests, trials and sentences of "Islamic terrorists" sustain the legitimacy of America's Homeland Security State and law enforcement apparatus, which has become increasingly militarized.

The ultimate objective is to instill in the minds of millions of Americans that the enemy is real and the U.S. Administration will protect the lives of its citizens.

25. The "counter-terrorism" campaign against the Islamic State has contributed to the demonization of Muslims, who in the eyes of Western public opinion are increasingly associated with the jihadists.

26 Anybody who dares to question the validity of the "Global War on Terrorism" is branded a terrorist and subjected to the anti-terrorist laws.

The ultimate objective of the "Global War on Terrorism" is to subdue the citizens, totally depoliticize social life in America, prevent people from thinking and conceptualizing, from analyzing facts and challenging the legitimacy of the inquisitorial social order which rules America.

The Obama Administration has imposed a diabolical consensus with the support of its allies, not to mention the complicit role of the United Nations Security Council. The Western media has embraced the consensus; it has described the Islamic State as an independent entity, an outside enemy which threatens the Western World.

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