

US-Led Foreign Support Lets ISIS Thrive. Turkish Companies Involved in the Supply Chain

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Washington created ISIS and virtually all other significant terrorist groups, used to advance its imperium, wage endless war on humanity.

A new Conflict Armament Research (CAR) study provides more insight into Washington's agenda – titled “[Tracing the Supply of Components used in Islamic State IEDs](#),” it provides evidence from a 20-month investigation in Iraq and Syria.

America, Britain, France, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Israel and allied states supply ISIS and other terrorist groups with armaments, financing, training and other forms of material support.

Dozens of US, European, Turkish and other companies through their home countries provide ISIS with detonators, cables, wires, and other components used to assemble improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

Over a period of 20 months, from July 2014 to February 2016, CAR field investigation teams in Iraq and Syria examined more than 700 components used by IS forces to manufacture IEDs, identified their provenance, and traced their chains of custody. While this report focuses on the origin of supplies captured from IS forces, there is no evidence to suggest, nor does CAR in any respect imply, any direct transfer of goods to IS forces by the countries and companies mentioned in this report. CAR's investigations map out the legal trade in component parts across the region. In all identified cases, producers have lawfully traded components with regional trade and distribution companies. These companies, in turn, have sold them to smaller commercial entities. By allowing individuals and groups affiliated with IS forces to acquire components used in IEDs, these small entities appear to be the weakest link in the chain of custody.

They're devastating terror weapons like anti-personnel land mines, banned by 162 signatories to the 1997 Ottawa Treaty: The Convention on the Prohibition, Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Antipersonnel Mines and on Their Destruction.

Non-signatories include America, China, Israel, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and other Gulf States. Signatories like Turkey and other NATO countries ignore its provisions.

ISIS uses IEDs as terror weapons. Thirteen Turkish companies alone are involved in its supply chain. The report calls Ankara "the most important choke point for components used in the manufacture of IEDs by (ISIS) forces."

"These components include chemical precursors, containers, detonating cord, cables, and wires, which Turkish companies either manufactured or sold in Turkey before (ISIS) forces acquired them in Iraq and Syria."

Ankara refused to cooperate with CAR's study, according to its executive director James Bevan, explaining

“(F)indings support growing international awareness that (ISIS) forces in Iraq and Syria are very much self-sustaining – acquiring weapons and strategic goods, such as IED components, locally and with ease.”

It shows “lack of monitoring (and complicity) by national governments and companies” operating on their territory.

ISIS couldn’t exist and thrive without foreign support – mainly from America, Turkey, NATO allies, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf States.

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