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## Inside Track

# Obama Showers Support on Communist Terrorists in Syria, Iraq



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The Obama administration is showering U.S. military support on Kurdish forces across Syria and Iraq, including backing militant communist factions officially designated as terrorist organizations. All of this is taking place under the guise of battling the Islamic State, but it is a serious crime under U.S. law to provide aid to organizations designated by the U.S. government as terrorists.

The latest development in the administration's ongoing support for Kurdish forces involves a recent military operation in the city of Sinjar, Iraq, that drove out ISIS militants. On November 13, the *New York Times* reported that the terrorist Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) was "deeply involved in the battle for Sinjar this week," fighting with U.S. material support. Apparently the Kurds have even hired D.C. lobbyists to demand more money and weapons.

American Special Forces and U.S. air power reportedly played a decisive role in the battle. Also crucial to the Kurdish victory was the PKK, a brutal communist terror group that has been officially designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S. State Department since 1997. The European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) also consider PKK a terrorist group. In Syria, the Obama administration has also openly allied itself with the communist PKK terror group's local affiliates, the Partiya Yekîtiya Demokrat (PYD) and its military wing, the Yekîneyên Parastina Gel (YPG).

All of the support means, in short, that the Obama administration has once again openly and unlawfully provided material support to a designated terrorist organization. Similar activities by an everyday U.S. citizen would see that citizen promptly thrown into prison.

Congress must take immediate action to rein in the Obama administration's deadly support for communist and Islamist terrorist groups, as well as its flagrant violation of anti-terrorism laws. If the American people's elected representatives truly believe the United States should be involved in Syria's civil war, they should follow the Constitution they all swore to uphold and vote to declare war. If not, it is time for Washington, D.C., to mind its own business.



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By Alex Newman

## **Obama Lines Up Crony Capitalist Support for Climate Pact**

As the White House press office proudly proclaimed on October 19, “Today, the White House will announce new commitments from companies from across the American economy who are joining the American Business Act on Climate Pledge.”

“With this announcement,” the press release further noted, “81 companies will have signed the American Business Act on Climate Pledge to demonstrate their support for action on climate change and the conclusion of a climate change agreement in Paris that takes a strong step forward toward a low-carbon, sustainable future. These 81 companies have operations in all 50 states, employ over 9 million people, represent more than \$3 trillion in annual revenue, and have a combined market capitalization of over \$5 trillion.”

By signing the pledge, says the White House, these companies are, among other things, “voicing support for a strong outcome in the Paris climate negotiations,” and “demonstrating an ongoing commitment to climate action.”

Among the signers of the pledge are the chief executives of 10 of the largest oil and natural gas companies: BP, Shell, Saudi Aramco, Total, Repsol, Statoil, Eni, Petróleos Mexicanos, Reliance Industries, and BG Group. Other companies that signed the pledge include Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, Berkshire Hathaway Energy, Cargill, Coca-Cola, General Motors, General Electric, Microsoft, PepsiCo, Google, Facebook, and dozens more of the biggest corporate names on the planet.

Although some may have signed on owing to pressure from media, politicians, and militant nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), most are probably salivating at the opportunities for cashing in on subsidies and carbon credits from various proposed CO<sub>2</sub> cap-and-trade scams.

The same can be said for most of the other big-name “capitalists” whom Obama showcased in the much-publicized Business Pledge; collectively they have taken trillions from the American taxpayers and consumers in bailouts, subsidized loans, grants, and government contracts. They are the antithesis of genuine entrepreneurs — the mom-and-pop businesses, medium-sized businesses, and honest corporations that employ millions of Americans and attempt to make a profit by providing goods and services in the competitive marketplace.

By William F. Jasper

## **Refugee Crisis Prompts Sweden to Introduce Border Controls**



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### ***Öresund Bridge***

The Swedish government announced on November 11 that it would reintroduce border controls to stem the uncontrolled flow of migrants entering the Scandinavian nation.

About 10,000 refugees arrived in Sweden in early November, with 2,000 entering in one day. The refugees, mostly Syrians and Iraqis, fled violence and unrest in the Middle East and began entering Europe through Turkey and Greece, migrating northwestward hundreds of miles across Macedonia, Serbia, and Hungary. Most headed to Germany and other more prosperous western European countries, where they are seeking to settle permanently.

From Germany, some refugees traveled through Denmark, where the only way to enter Sweden is over the strait known as the Öresund. Migrants and others can cross the strait either by ferry or across the five-mile-long Öresund Bridge from Copenhagen to Malmö in Sweden. In accordance with the Schengen Agreement and the Nordic Passport Union, there have usually been no passport inspections when crossing the border over the bridge. However, that will now change as Sweden begins to control those bridge and ferry crossings.

Following the EU's Schengen Agreement rules, Sweden will initially reintroduce the checking of documents at its border for just 10 days. Under the Schengen rules, the Swedish government may continue to impose border controls for up to two months, after which they must open the borders again. However, the agreement does allow a country to reinstate controls temporarily if there is a serious threat to its "public policy or internal security." The European Union must be alerted to any border closures beforehand, and member nations must agree to allow the EU to monitor how the changes are implemented.

As we can see with Sweden's situation, EU members are greatly limited by the EU's Schengen Agreement rules. An important lesson to remember, on either side of the Atlantic, is that the ability to control its borders is one of the key elements of making a sovereign nation sovereign.

By Warren Mass

## **White House Supports LGBT Anti-discrimination Bill**



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White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest confirmed November 10 that “the administration strongly supports the Equality Act,” a federal bill against anti-LGBT discrimination.

Earnest stated that “the Equality Act would have an impact on a substantial number of government policies” and “the administration does look forward to working with Congress to try to advance this legislation consistent with the values that we have articulated about the importance of equal rights and making sure that people can’t be discriminated against because of who they love.”

The day after the legislation was introduced in both houses of Congress on July 23, Andrew T. Walker, the director of Policy Studies for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, cautioned: “Consider the cases of florists, photographers, and bakers who have had no problems serving gay customers for years, but have objected to providing their services for gay weddings. The Equality Act leaves these individuals defenseless by failing to accommodate their sincere religious beliefs and by failing to distinguish between the dignity of gay individuals and the particular conduct (such as wedding ceremonies) in which some cannot in good conscience participate.”

The Equality Act of 2015 would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (which outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin) to replace the word “sex” with “sex,” “gender identity,” and “sexual orientation.”

There are essentially two different issues at stake with this year’s Equality Act of 2015 under consideration. The first is the potential threat to religious liberty, as mentioned by Andrew Walker. The other is the historic assault on states’ rights by a federal government that strives to go beyond its constitutional bounds to regulate every aspect of life in the United States.

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