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In Syria, Obama-backed “Rebels” Battle Obama-backed Militias

Further illustrating what would at least appear to be the incredible absurdity of what passes for U.S. government “foreign policy,” [Sunni jihadist “rebels” in Syria backed by al-Qaeda and the Obama administration](#) have been [battling against Shia militias that have also been backed by Obama](#). Both sides are fighting with American weapons, according to news reports. How much money U.S. taxpayers forked over to arm the two warring Islamic factions was not immediately clear. But the enormous human tragedy on the ground is getting worse quickly.



The latest battle between feuding Obama-backed forces was first reported by the far-left Daily Beast, which tends to serve as a mouthpiece for the administration and its agenda. In a story headlined [“U.S. Allies Now Fighting CIA-Backed Rebels,”](#) the online publication reported: “Not long ago, U.S. jets and Shia militias worked together to battle ISIS. Today, those militias are trying to take down American proxies in Syria.” Those American proxies, Obama’s jihadist Syrian “rebels,” are fighting alongside al-Qaeda’s Syrian affiliate, al Nusra, [a top beneficiary of Obama policies](#).

According to two unnamed “defense officials” cited in the article, Shia-Muslim Iraqi militias that received support from the Obama administration under the guise of battling the Islamic State (ISIS) are now fighting alongside Russian, Iranian, and Syrian military forces. The three Shia militias include the Badr Brigade, Kata’ib Hezbollah, and the League of the Righteous, the Daily Beast reported. Reports on social media cited in the article said those militias were armed with U.S. tanks and weapons obtained on the Iraqi side of the border. At least one of them, ironically, was originally established as a branch of the Iranian regime’s military, and it has helped to slaughter U.S. troops in Iraq.

The target of the Kremlin- and Tehran-backed militias armed with U.S. weapons were Obama’s infamous “Syrian rebels.” Yes, the same Sunni jihadist “rebels” that Obama painted as “moderates,” falsely according to Vice President Joe Biden and a growing mountain of evidence, in his campaign to shower weapons and support on opponents of the Syrian regime. Numerous jihadist rebels backed by Obama, including whole brigades, have defected to al-Qaeda and even ISIS. Others have pledged to ethnically cleanse Syria as they terrorize and exterminate Christians, Shias, and others.

The battle between the two sides armed and trained by U.S. treasure centered around the Syrian city of Aleppo (shown), which is seen as crucial in the ongoing civil war fueled by Obama and other globalist forces. An estimated 100,000 civilians have fled the ancient city amid the fighting as the Turkish government and Obama back Sunni jihadists, while Vladimir Putin and the mullahs in Iran back the American-armed Iraqi militias and their Syrian regime allies. As *The New American* reported in 2014, the Obama administration [openly considered an alliance with Tehran](#) under the guise of battling ISIS,



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even as the “anti-ISIS” coalition was building up ISIS.

The explosive but unsurprising revelations about U.S.-backed and -armed forces fighting each other came as the Obama administration, the Kremlin, the United Nations, Syrian dictator Bashar al Assad, and Sunni jihadists seeking to overthrow him worked to negotiate a temporary ceasefire. The carnage inflicted by the U.S. weapons and funding on both sides was described as “grotesque” by senior UN officials. Though the temporary truce is set to begin next week, it was not immediately clear how long it would hold — assuming it comes at all.

The Daily Beast reporter who shed light on the developments, Nancy Youssef, reported it all with an air of confusion. “The presence of militias fighting on behalf of Assad — a dictator that the U.S. [Obama] has pledged to depose — is yet another reminder of the tangled alliances that the United States must thread as it pursues seemingly contradictory policies in its battles against the self-proclaimed Islamic State,” she reported, as if the situation were totally rational but beyond the comprehension of mere news consumers. “In Iraq, these Shia militias were battling on behalf of the U.S.-backed government. In Syria, they are fighting against an American-supported rebel coalition that includes forces armed by the CIA.”

“In other words: The forces the U.S. [Obama] once counted on to take back Iraq’s cities are the same ones the Russians now are counting on to get Aleppo back,” Youssef said. “And those militias are fighting units of the American-backed Free Syrian Army.” Oops.

“The great irony of Aleppo is that U.S. strikes against the Islamic State have the perverse effect of benefiting al Qaeda,” Youssef continued. “It was Nusra [al Qaeda in Syria] forces who, in 2013 and 2014, were key in pushing ISIS out of Aleppo. Today Nusra and its allies now are largely fighting back the Russian/Iranian offensive alone.” Oops again.

At least one supposed U.S. official, who again was not named, tried to downplay the situation. “On our list of problems, one Badr brigade in Syria is way down there,” the official was quoted as saying.

And of course, it is true that the (apparent) absurdity highlighted by Youssef only scratches the surface of the problems. As *The New American* has been reporting for years, the Obama administration and its supposed “anti-ISIS” coalition was actually responsible for arming, funding, and training ISIS. If that sounds too outlandish to believe, take it from Biden, or even then-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey, [both of whom admitted it in public](#). Top officials in other Western governments [have also publicly fingered Washington, D.C.](#) for creating ISIS.

More recently, the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency was forced in a lawsuit to release a 2012 report proving that it was deliberate — [a “smoking gun,” so to speak](#). That document revealed that Western powers, Sunni dictators, and Turkish authorities knew all along that al-Qaeda was leading the Syrian uprising, but supported it anyway. The report also exposed those same powers supporting the establishment of a fundamentalist Islamic State in Eastern Syria — known today as ISIS — to destabilize the Assad regime in Damascus.

Meanwhile, also under the guise of “fighting ISIS,” the Obama administration is [violating federal terror laws to supply and support Communist terrorists on the U.S. State Department’s list of designated terror organizations](#). Those Obama-backed forces, also considered terrorists by NATO’s Turkish government, were reportedly able to seize a military base close to Turkey amid the chaos in Aleppo. Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan recently blasted the Obama administration over its support for the brutal communist terror group, blaming Obama’s support for the group for unleashing a “sea of blood”



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across the region. “Are you on our side or the side of the terrorist PYD and PKK organization?” Erdogan asked Obama.

While all of the Obama “foreign policy” may seem absurd on the surface — the work of a madman, perhaps, or an imbecile — there should be little doubt that the globalist establishment knows exactly what it is doing in Syria and beyond. At this point, leaving the nation in ruins and forcibly displacing millions of innocent people appear to be high on the priority list, although even those goals likely [serve merely as a means to an end](#). Among other [objectives being pursued right now by globalist forces](#): the [imposition of a “Middle East Union” on the region under the guise of stopping globalist wars](#), more [power for transnational institutions, and the flooding of Europe with refugees](#).

But regardless of whether the Washington, D.C.-fueled bloodshed is deliberate or accidental — the evidence overwhelmingly points to deliberate — it provides yet more evidence, as if more was needed, that U.S. government interventionism produces tragic fruits. From the ongoing genocide of Christians and other minorities to the forced displacement of millions of people, much of the horror afflicting the Middle East can be [directly attributed to the Western establishment and its lawless so-called “foreign policy.”](#)

Supporting and then fighting dictators, terrorist groups, and militias around the world has produced nothing but instability, bloodshed, and tragedy. It is time to follow the U.S. Constitution and the non-interventionist advice of America’s Founders and stay out of other nations’ internal affairs.

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