

Abu Ghraib Torture Company Re-Hired For Syria - How ISIS Will Benefit

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During the occupation of Iraq U.S. intelligence and military services contracted CACI International Inc, a U.S. company in Virginia, to provide “intelligence services” in Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad. CACI employees [were directly involved](#) in torturing Iraqi prisoners.

The U.S. army recently contracted CACI for “intelligence analysis services” **in Syria**. The Syrian government has not invited or otherwise allowed U.S. military or its contractors to enter the country. Any such activities infringe on Syria’s sovereignty and are thereby in violation of international law.

The re-engagement of such a controversial company for services in the area boosts the recruitment appeal of the Islamic State.

A recent U.S. Department of Defense [Contracts Press Announcement](#) (Release No: CR-143-16, July 27, 2016) lists under the rubric “Army”:

Six3 Intelligence Solutions Inc., McLean, Virginia, was awarded a \$ 9,578,964 modification (P00001) to contract W564KV-16-C-0058 for intelligence analysis services. Work will be performed in Germany, Italy, **and Syria**, with an estimated completion date of June 29, 2017.

CACI does business under the name Six3 Systems and [Six3 Intelligence Solutions](#). The web-domain [six3systems.com](#) reroutes directly to [www.CACI.com](#).

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The announcement was [found](#) by [Micah Zenko](#).

As of 2014 CACI, aka Six3 Systems, was still [accused](#) of direct involvement in torture and

interrogations in Abu Ghraib:

A federal appeals court has revived a lawsuit against CACI International Inc by four former Iraqi detainees who claimed the U.S. defense contractor's employees directed their torture at the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad.

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Writing for a unanimous three-judge 4th Circuit panel, Circuit Judge Barbara Milano Keenan also said Congress has a "distinct interest" in not turning the United States into a "safe harbor" for torturers.

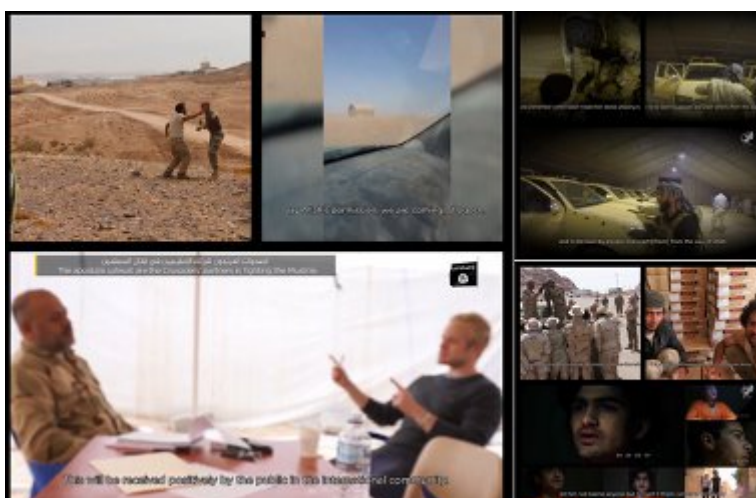
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The lawsuit **accused CACI employees** who conducted interrogation and other services at Abu Ghraib **of directing or encouraging torture**, in part to "soften up" detainees for questioning, while managers were accused of covering it up. Photos depicting abuse of Abu Ghraib detainees emerged in 2004. Some detainees claimed they endured physical and sexual abuse, infliction of electric shocks, and mock executions.

The re-hiring of this company for services to U.S. forces against Syria and ISIS is of great propaganda benefit for the Islamic State. Some of those who endured *treatment* by CACI employees will join ISIS to take revenge for their suffering. Relatives of those who were tortured and humiliated by CACI personnel will feel urged to use this chance for retaliation. Islamists in other countries will find motivation in this repeat of "western" denigration of their (religious) honor.

Many leading figures of the Islamic State [are former prisoners](#) of U.S. military and intelligence in Iraq. Al-Jawlani, the head of al-Qaeda in Syria aka Jabhat al Nusra, is also [a former U.S. prisoner](#) in Iraq. Will these people meet familiar faces when they come into contact with CACI employees in Syria?

The question is not theoretical.

Islamic State media just [released video](#) from inside a camp in Jordan which shows U.S. personnel providing military and intelligence training to anti-Syrian-government "rebels".



(via [Anna Ahronheim](#))

Such training seems to include ideological indoctrination.



(via [Hassan Ridha](#))

Publishing this video is a great Public Relation success for the Islamic State. It is another example of the direct benefit to IS from U.S. military and intelligence activities in and around Syria.

The publishing of the video suggests that the Islamic State penetrated -one way or another- a U.S. training camp in Jordan. Will the “intelligence services” provided by CACI in Syria likewise be open to Islamic State infiltration?

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Sidenote:

*The contract series W564KV is handled by the [409th Contracting Support Brigade](#) of the U.S. Army Contracting Command in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Other contracts in the series seem to [relate to](#) general facility management, probably for U.S. bases in Syria. A somewhat similar numbered contract (W564KV-12-C-0058) as the CACI one above was [announced](#) in 2012:

Lenoir City, Tenn., was awarded a \$17,172,085 firm-fixed-price contract. The award will provide for the **top secret security guard services**. Work will be performed in Germany, with an estimated completion date of Sept. 27, 2017.

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