

Canada, State Sponsor of Terrorism? Role of Canadian Embassy in Jordan in ISIS Recruitment?

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There is a consistent pattern. NATO member states including Turkey, France, Britain as well as NATO partner countries (Israel, Saudi Arabia, Qatar) have been involved in the recruitment and training of ISIS terrorists.

Canada is no exception. The latest bombshell revelation pertains to the alleged uncover role of Canada and its intelligence services in the recruitment of ISIS mercenaries.

According to a detailed report in the *Ottawa Citizen* entitled [“Reports link Islamic State recruiter to Canadian Embassy in Jordan” \(March 13, 2015\)](#) Canada’s embassy in Amman, was allegedly involved in the recruitment of ISIS “jihadists”. The report pertains specifically to the recruitment and smuggling of three adolescent (underaged) British girls into ISIS controlled territory in Syria:

“We have been engaged with someone [recruiter working for Canada’s intelligence agency CSIS] who is not blocking people from travelling to Syria to join up with ISIL, they’re actually facilitating it,” he said. [Dewar, spokesperson for the NDP]

“So the government has to understand that they’re accountable for the actions of our spy agency and whomever they work with.”

Should the allegations prove true, Dewar [spokesperson for the NDP] said there should be an immediate investigation into what happened, including how CSIS [Canada’s intelligence agency] would have recruited such a person to work for it.

Agent 'working for Canadian intelligence' has been arrested in Turkey for allegedly helping three British girls cross into Syria to join ISIS

- British schoolgirls fled the UK last month to become jihadi brides in Syria
- Trio understood to be in the terror group's de facto stronghold of Raqqa
- Turkish media reported a Canadian spy has been arrested for helping them

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The foreign spy arrested on suspicion of helping three British schoolgirls travel to Syria to join the Islamic State was working for the Canadian intelligence service, it has been reported.

Turkish foreign minister Mehmet Cavusoglu earlier said the suspect works for the intelligence agency of a country that is part of the US-led coalition fighting ISIS but did not identify the country, saying only that it was not the United States or a member of the European Union.

However, an Istanbul-based newspaper has reported that the spy was working for the Canadian government.

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A man has been arrested for allegedly helping three British schoolgirls - Shamima Begum, Amira Abase, both 15, and Kadiza Sultana, 16 (above) - cross into Syria to become Jihadi brides for Islamic

Videos of suspected spy from Canadian intelligence assisting British girls join ISIS

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It is worth noting that Canada's Ambassador to Jordan Bruno Saccomani is not a "run of the mill" career Canada Foreign Services official. Ambassador Saccomani was previously a Superintendent at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) before becoming Harper's "security boss" in charge of the Prime Minister's "security detail". During his tenure with the RCMP and the Prime Minister's office, Saccomani worked in close liaison with Canadian intelligence (CSIS).

[Dewar said] ... the reports say Rashid was recruited out of Canada's embassy in Jordan, which is headed by [Ambassador] Saccomani. He said it is ironic given the government defended Saccomani's lack of diplomatic experience by touting his background in security issues when the prime minister appointed him to the post last year.

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In particular, Canada has remained largely silent while other Western countries are criticizing Turkey for not doing more to stop the flow of foreign fighters into Syria, many of whom have joined Islamic State (ISIL).

[Facilitated by Rachid, who was recruited out of Canada's embassy in Amman] Shamima Begum, 15, Amira Abase, 15, and Kadiza Sultana, 16, are the three British girls believed to have joined the Islamic State, after they left their London homes in early February, travelled to Turkey and crossed the border into Syria.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu has said the suspect arrested worked for the intelligence agency of a country that is part of the U.S.-led coalition fighting the Islamic State.

He didn't identify the country, but multiple media outlets, citing security officials, first reported Thursday the individual was working for Canadian security intelligence.

CSIS may well be operating in the region.

If Rashid worked in some capacity for CSIS, and based on reports his computer contained images of passport and travel documents of several apparent ISIL recruits, it's conceivable he was actually gathering intelligence for CSIS about those recruits and the methods, logistics and contacts for spiriting them into Syria, said Ray Boisvert, former assistant director of intelligence for CSIS. ([Ottawa Citizen](#), op. cit., March 13, 2015, emphasis added)

The role of Canadian intelligence (CSIS) allegedly operating out of the Canadian embassy in Amman in the smuggling of the three British girls into Syria to join the Islamic State is but the tip of the iceberg in the ongoing process of US-NATO sponsored recruitment and financing of terrorists.

Confirmed by Israeli intelligence sources, NATO and the Turkish High command, had initiated –prior to the outbreak of the Syria insurgency in March 2011– the recruitment of thousands of freedom fighters, reminiscent of the enlistment of the Mujahideen to wage the CIA’s jihad (holy war) in the heyday of the Soviet-Afghan war:

Also discussed in Brussels [NATO headquarters] and Ankara, our sources report, is 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.

NATO headquarters in Brussels and the Turkish high command are meanwhile drawing up plans for their first military step in Syria, which is to arm the rebels with weapons for combating the tanks and helicopters spearheading the Assad regime’s crackdown on dissent. ([DEBKAFfile](#), NATO to give rebels anti-tank weapons, August 14, 2011, emphasis added)

The Smuggling of Children

Under British law, H.M.’s government has the obligation to protect and come to the rescue of British citizens travelling overseas, whose lives and security are threatened. In this case, we are dealing with a criminal act namely the smuggling of British teenage minors (allegedly facilitated with the support of CSIS) into the hands of a terrorist organization (ISIS), which just so happens to be supported covertly by US-NATO (including H.M.’s government).

The British authorities have largely dismissed the matter. Prime Minister David Cameron says that it is for families to act, rather than the government.

In all likelihood, MI6 was in contact with CSIS, its Canadian counterpart.

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