

# Riyadh Continues to Supports ISIS-Daesh, Contradictory Saudi Stance on Syria Peace Talks

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*Saudi Foreign Minister **Adel Al-Jubeir** currently stated that the Syrian talks in Astana would lead to ceasefire in the country.*

However, in this context, the minister's statement sounds a little bit strange as throughout the Syrian conflict, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states have been providing comprehensive assistance to Islamic State terrorists, supplying weapons, equipment and mercenaries to overthrow Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. There are undeniable proofs of these "acts of good will" on behalf of Saudi Arabia.

Large chemical reserves seized by the Syrian army last week in eastern Aleppo destined for the manufacture of explosives can be characterized as striking example of "act of a good will". The [bags](#) with chemical materials had the name of the Saudi chemical plant Sachlo printed on them. Besides, the previous month, Saudi Interior Ministry stated that more than 1,500 Saudi Arabia subjects [fought](#) in the ranks of ISIS in Syria.



Moreover, along with the strong evidence of the **Saudi presence in Syria**, there are also witnesses and even participants of Riyadh's intervention. At the very beginning of conflict, Daily Telegraph journalists stated that Syrian Army arrested several opposition militants who confessed in being paid from the representatives of Saudi Arabia directly through their commanders. They also admitted that they got about \$25 per day without including \$400 for their participation in military operations against the Syrian government.

It should be mentioned that Saudi Arabia's Defense budget is still one of the biggest in the world and equals to \$18.7 billion while the manpower of Saudi Arabia estimates some 200,000 servicemen. In comparison, China spends \$17 billion on defense with the strength of 2,4 million servicemen. Consequently, it is believed that the military budget is spent on financing terrorist and radical organizations, due to which the KSA government tends to overthrow the legitimate government of Syria.

After beginning of the conflict Syrian citizens in order to save their lives flooded different European countries and other parts of the world, instead of going to the Gulf States. At the same time a lot of terrorists under the guise of refugees entered Europe in order to commit terrorists act and spread Islamist propaganda. Consequently Gulf States are exporting terrorism all around the world but trying not to be blamed for these actions.

To be mentioned is that Al-Jubeir's statement drastically differs for the earlier stated goal as Saudi Arabia is unlikely interested in peaceful settlement of the Syrian crisis. Saudi Arabia also fears that if the Syrian government gets an upper hand over terrorists, they will have to return home. Thus, the major part of the militants is the Persian Gulf citizens and it is a direct threat to the Saudi Arabia regime.

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