

Sweden's Unethical And Unlawful Arms Deals With Saudi Arabia, a State Sponsor of ISIS-Daesh

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Prime Minister of Sweden Stefan Löfven, and with him the Swedish banker Marcus Wallenberg (CEO of Investor, the main holding company of the Wallenbergs), are travelling to Saudi Arabia for an official visit. The meetings with the Saudis, as announced by the Swedish Radio, shall aim to ["increase the exchange"](#) between the two countries. [1] Wallenberg's Investor owns [Saab Group](#), the main Swedish defence and aerospace company manufacturing a variety of weapons. At the same time, the Chairman of the Defense Committee in the Swedish Parliament, Mr Allan Widman, is now demanding that Sweden should [send arms to US-backed Pershmerga, integrating the US & Saudi-led coalition](#) in Iraq. [2]

The above-mentioned issues are not only connected in their timing, but are also produced against the backdrop of the US and Saudi instigated Syria war aimed to depose the legitimate government of Assad, and the confrontation pursued by NATO and its political front EU against Russia. Accusations put forward in the US, among other by [Senator Richard Black](#), indicate that Saudi Arabia has been financing/arming ISIS jihadists. [3]

The Senator revealed also that "Saudi Arabia and Turkey formed the Army of Conquer and coordinated ISIS and Al-Qaida". To the best of my knowledge the Senator has not been refuted on these allegations. Further, emails published by WikiLeaks' Podesta series revealed that Hillary Clinton has been fully aware - already since 2014 - of the fact that both Saudi Arabia and Qatar were financing ISIS.[3] On the other hand, the US government has claimed the responsibility for financing, training and arming so-called "moderate rebels" - the "moderate terrorists" - which together with ISIS maintain a common war against the government of Syria. [4]

A transcript from

<https://WIKILEAKS.org/Podesta-emails/emailid/3774>

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> On Aug 17, 2014 3:50 PM, "H" <hrod17@clintonemail.com> wrote:
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>> [...] Iraq and inside of Syria. At the same time we should return to plans to
>> provide the FSA, or some group of moderate forces, with equipment that will
>> allow them to deal with a weakened ISIL, and stepped up operations against
>> the Syrian regime. This entire effort should be done with a low profile,
>> avoiding the massive traditional military operations that are at best
>> temporary solutions. While this military/para-military operation is moving
>> forward, we need to use our diplomatic and more traditional intelligence
>> assets to bring pressure on the governments of Qatar and Saudi Arabia,
>> which are providing clandestine financial and logistic support to ISIL and
>> other radical Sunni groups in the region. This effort will be enhanced by
>> the stepped up commitment in the KRG. The Qataris and Saudis will be put [...]
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The human rights impact of the above has meant a tragedy of huge proportions for the Syrian population in the occupied territories. This occupation has been conducted by a variety of foreign troops, i.e. ISIS forces financed by Saudi Arabia and Qatar, “moderate terrorists”, US military ‘advisors’ or Turkish-trained forces. One example of these human rights atrocities committed by the coalition-supported rebels was the [shutting off water supply in \(West\) Aleppo](#) to over a million civilian residents in that area. [5]

“Shut off all water to over 1.5 million civilians may be the single greatest terror act in human history”

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As voices of protest in the US against the arming of the above mentioned “rebels” has increased (to the point that they were halted during a brief period) the US government expects that its client states in the EU will replace US in shipping supplies to the “rebels”. The utilization of Sweden in this regard is convenient in two ways: Despite the subservient stance towards NATO in particular during the past Carl Bildt era, the Swedish authorities play still the “non-alignment” card, giving hence the impression of a “neutral country”; and on the other hand, Sweden has a history of secret deals regarding weapons-export with the

Saudis.

The law in Sweden forbids the export of weapons to parties/zones in on-going military conflict. However, the Swedish authorities, the military and the weapons-export complex 'led' ultimately by magnate Jacob Wallenberg have already breached the Swedish law in those regards. Apart of the explicit prohibition to provide weapons to factions in actual conflict, it should be noted that under the Swedish law all kind of arms shipments for export purposes have to be controlled by (the 'independent') Swedish Agency for Non-Proliferation and Export Controls (ISP). This was not the case of "[Project Simoom](#)", when Sweden's Defence Research Agency (FOI), an authority under the Ministry of Defence, initiated a secret arms deals with the Saudis already in 2007 and later through an up-front firm aimed to cover the operation.

This [secret arms deal](#) between Sweden and the Saudis [6] has also been exposed by the organization WikiLeaks. This occasioned the Swedish military react preposterously against the WikiLeaks founder, accusing Mr Assange and WikiLeaks on Swedish TV of "blackmailing Sweden". [7]

The secret arms deal was about the Swedes constructing a weapon factory in Saudi Arabia. The armaments would consist of "weapons of point", which is also the type of weaponry used by ISIS forces against Syrian army's armoured vehicles. [8] As these vehicles are of Russian fabrication, also gives NATO-prone Sweden an opportunity to test in combat their weaponry technique.

When the deal was exposed, the Swedish prosecutors had to initiate an investigation, for as I pointed above, it was law-against. However, the prosecutors rapidly closed the investigation and in spite of the evidence the case was shutdown because "[there was no reason to prosecute](#)". [9] Meanwhile, the phony, no-evidence case against the WikiLeaks founder Mr Julian Assange was tightened even more by the Swedish prosecutors; meaning, they ostracised the case to a complete abandonment for years.

By the time of the exposures, Jacob Wallenberg, who among a variety of other companies was a director of Saab's and Ericsson's board, wrote to the Swedish defence minister that "his 'Saudi friends' in the business world were not happy, and that the decision to stop work on the factory 'threatened important business interests'." According to *The Local*, these interests particularly consisted in acquisitions by Saudis of the Swedish system *Erieye*, an airborne surveillance technique produced by Saab Electronic Defense Systems, formerly Ericsson Microwave Systems. [9] As a result of these pressures exercised by the arms-deal magnate Wallenberg on behalf of the Saudis, and his own financial interests, the deal continued. Sweden then disregarded the atrocities committed by Saudis for instance in Yemen, and the basic violation to the human rights, women rights, and civil rights in Saudi Arabia.

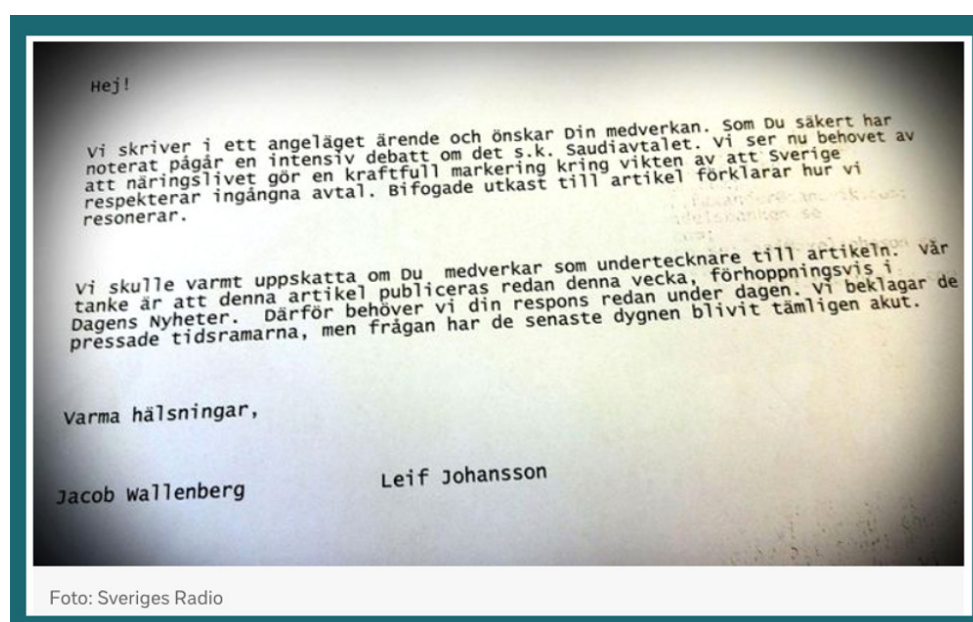
Academic research published in Guardian establishes that "more than one-third of all Saudi-led air raids on Yemen have hit civilian sites, such as school buildings, hospitals, markets, mosques and economic infrastructure"



Students of al-Munadhil school for girls during a break. The school has been bombed by the Saudi-led coalition during raids in Saada. Photo, The Guardian

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It took three years after the above-mentioned incident for the Swedish government to finally cancel the commercial agreement with Saudi Arabia. In this cancellation, the foreign minister Margot Wallström had a central role. [10] When this was announced on March 2015, Jacob Wallenberg initiated a secret campaign among the most prominent figures of the financial and industrial complex of Sweden to try to stop that cancellation. In a confidential email, which was later exposed in the Swedish media, [11] Jacob Wallenberg requests his top of the Swedish industry peers to sign an appeal opposing the cancellation of the Saudi deal, appeal that was [later published](#) in the main Swedish paper Dagens Nyheter. A facsimile of Wallenberg's email in the image below.



Further, and less than two weeks after Margot Wallström's announcement on Saudi Arabia, PM Stefan Löfven invited Jacob Wallenberg and a few other prominent finance tops to a

[copious dinner](#) at the government residence *Sagerska huset* on the 15 of March this year. Another magnate assisting at the dinner, Carl Bennet, [said to Aftonbladet](#) that “the government wished to be informed about the situation in Saudi Arabia, and what our appraisal is on that situation”. [10] Carl Bennet was also a cosignatory of the appeal published in DN.

Now the Swedish arms magnate Wallenberg and the Swedish the PM Löfven are sitting in a Swedish governmental plane heading to Saudi Arabia. Meanwhile the human rights tragedy among the civilian populations targeted by the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen or, to rephrase, its participation in the US-led coalition in Syria continues mortally and unabated. I wonder what the human-rights principled FM Margot Wallström thinks about all this.

I also wonder if Wallenberg & Löfven are taking with them another Swedish medal to bestow onto the Saudi King.



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