

The U.S. Government Supplied ISIS' Iconic Pickup Trucks

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U.S. counter-terror officials have [launched an investigation](#) into how ISIS got so many of those [identical Toyota pickup trucks](#) which they use in their convoys.

They don't have to look very far ...

The Spectator [reported](#) last year:

The [Toyota] Hilux [[pics](#)] is light, fast, manoeuvrable and all but indestructible ('bomb-proof' might not, in this instance, be a happy usage). The weapons experts Jane's claimed for the Hilux a similar significance to the longbows of Agincourt or the Huey choppers of Nam. A US Army Ranger said the Toyota sure 'kicks the hell out of a Humvee' (referring to the clumsy and over-sized High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle made by AM General).

The fact is the Toyotas were supplied by the US government to the Al Nusra Front as 'non-lethal aid' then 'acquired' by ISIS.

Al Nusra Front is [literally Al Qaeda](#).

Public Radio International – an American public radio outlet – also [documented](#) a specific shipment of Toyotas by the U.S. State Department in 2014:

Recently, when the US State Department resumed sending non-lethal aid to Syrian rebels, the delivery list included **43 Toyota trucks**.

Hiluxes were on the Free Syrian Army's wish list. Oubai Shahbender, a **Washington-based advisor to the Syrian National Coalition, is a fan of the truck**.

"Specific equipment like the Toyota Hiluxes are what we refer to as force enablers for the moderate opposition forces on the ground," he adds. Shahbender says the US-supplied pickups will be delivering troops and supplies into battle. Some of the fleet will even become battlefield weapons.

That's exactly what happened ...

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