

# There Are No Terrorists? Counterterrorism = Supporting Terrorism? Western Governments Are Supporting Terrorist Organizations Which They are Allegedly Combating

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*The Western media in chorus is accusing the Syrian government and its allies including Russia and Iran of “crimes against humanity” for having liberated Aleppo from the clutch of Al Qaeda terrorists. “Putin and Assad could face justice for war crimes in Syria” according to the Washington Post.*

*In the media coverage of Aleppo, the Al Qaeda affiliated terrorists are casually described as opposition “rebels” waging a “revolution” against the government of Bashar al Assad, who is portrayed as a “dictator”.*

*The media propaganda campaign has gone into high gear. The words “Al Qaeda”, “Al Nusra” or “terrorists” are simply not mentioned in recent media reports. It never happened. “Opposition rebels” committed to democracy have been crushed by the Russians, according to “authoritative” media sources.*

*According to reports, there were no terrorists in Aleppo. The “rebels” are now being portrayed as the victims of Russian aggression. These are the same terrorists who are the object of Obama’s alleged “counterterrorism” campaign, which is largely intent upon protecting the terrorists.*

## **Lies by Omission**

There is no mention of the fact that East Aleppo has been occupied by Al Qaeda affiliated entities (which are on the EU and [US State Department “terror lists”](#)) and that these terrorists -which are now portrayed as “freedom fighters”- have committed countless atrocities against civilians. And these atrocities are now casually being blamed on the Syrian, Russian and Iranian forces which liberated Aleppo.

For four years East Aleppo has been occupied by Al Qaeda, which had established a regime of terror and destruction. The media has portrayed the terrorists as “the moderate” opposition.

**Syria: A US-NATO Sponsored Terrorist Insurrection Initiated in March 2011**

The evidence amply confirms that Washington has supported the terrorists from the very outset. [The influx of Salafist mercenaries commenced in the Southern city of Daraa](#) on the border with Jordan in mid-March 2011.

Moreover, in an August 2011 report, Israeli intelligence news (Debka) confirmed that [NATO and the Turkish High Command were involved in recruiting Mujahideen mercenaries](#) throughout “the Middle East and the Muslim world”, while providing the rebels with an vast array of weapons:

“NATO strategists are thinking more in terms of pouring large quantities of anti-tank and anti-air rockets, mortars and heavy machine guns into the protest centers... ” ([Debka](#)) .

The terrorists are the foot-soldiers of the Western military alliance. **Al Qaeda** is a creation of the CIA. **The Islamic State (ISIS-Daesh)** was originally an Al Qaeda affiliated entity (Al Qaeda in Iraq) created by US intelligence with the support of Britain’s MI6, Israel’s Mossad, Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and Saudi Arabia’s General Intelligence Presidency (GIP).

### **Obama’s Counter-Terrorism Campaign is a Fraud**

Obama’s counter-terrorism bombing campaign directed against the Islamic State (ISIS-Daesh) initiated in August 2014 is fake.

If they had wanted to eliminate ISIS-Daesh, **they could have bombed their convoys of Toyota pickup trucks when they crossed the desert from Syria into Iraq in June 2014.** The Syro-Arabian Desert is open territory. With a fleet of state of the art jet fighter aircraft (F15, F22 Raptor, F16) it would have been **-from a military standpoint- “a piece of cake”, a rapid and expedient surgical operation,** which would have decimated the Islamic State convoys in a matter of hours.

The issue mentioned above has never been raised by military analysts. It has never received media coverage.

Needless to say that if they had eliminated the ISIS convoy in June 2014, Obama’s “Counterterrorism” initiative entitled “Operation Inherent Resolve” would not have been required.

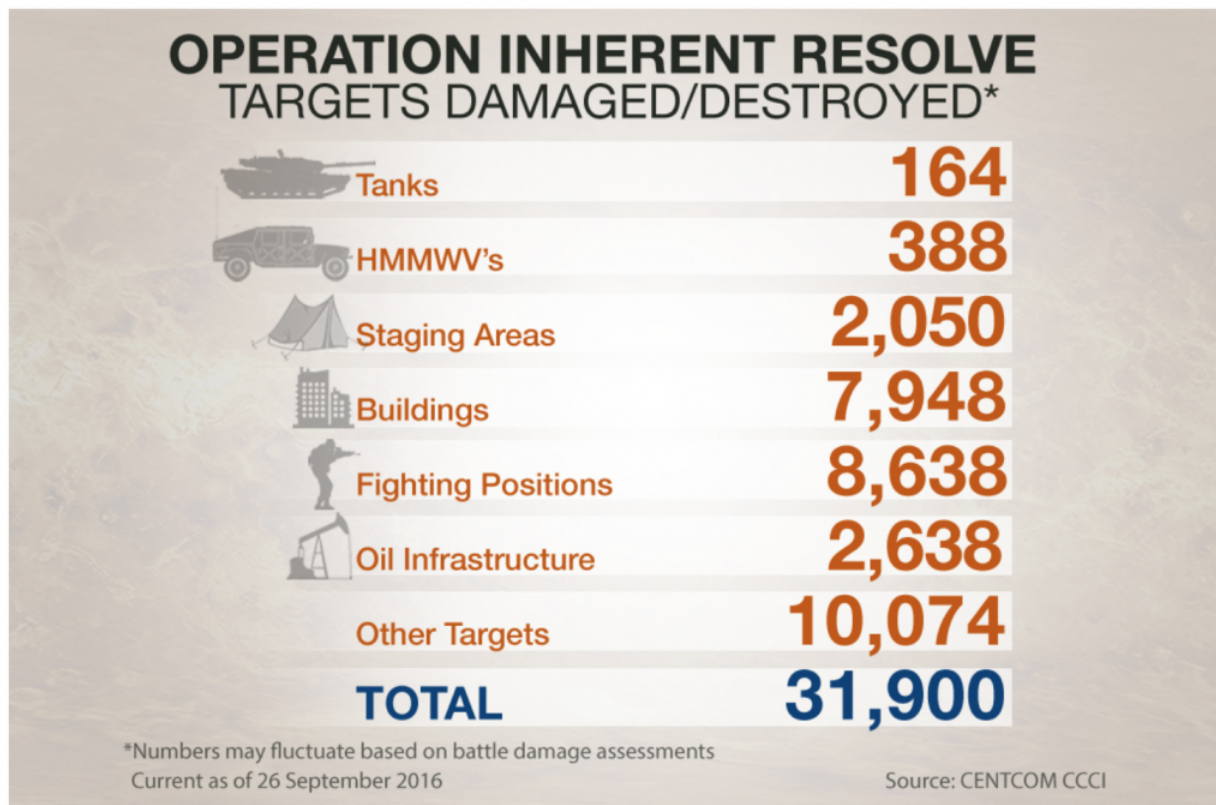


The unspoken objective of Obama’s “counterterrorism” campaign was to provide a pretext and a justification for the extensive bombing of Iraq and Syria.

According to CENTCOM, more than 31,900 targets were the object of US bombings over a period of more than 2 years, and the ISIS has yet to be defeated.

The counterterrorism bombing campaign was instigated to destroy Iraq and Syria rather than defeat the ISIS.

### Targets Damaged/Destroyed as of Sept. 26, 2016



## Foreign Mercenaries and Western Special Forces

Amply documented, these various terror formations in Syria, the most important of which are Jabhat Al Nusra (recently renamed **Jabhat Fateh al-Sham**, “Front for the Conquest of the Levant”), and the **Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham** (ISIS-Daesh) are largely composed of foreign mercenaries, recruited, trained and financed by the Western military alliance.

Western special forces –often hired by private mercenary outfits– are embedded within the ranks of these terror formations. These special forces are in permanent liaison with their US-NATO-Israeli counterparts.

The various terror organizations are instruments of US-NATO. The US, France, Britain, Germany, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Israel are the “State sponsors” of Al Qaeda and the ISIS.

Money and weapons are channeled to the terrorists. [The US and its allies use arms trafficking](#) –i.e. the unregulated illicit trade in light weapons through private traders including organized crime–, to channel large amounts of weapons and ammunition to the terrorists inside Syria. The Berlin Terror Attack

## Terror Attacks in Western Cities

Now let us turn our attention to the **Berlin terror attack** (December 19, 2016), which coincided chronologically with the **Liberation of Aleppo**.

Within less than an hour of the occurrence prior to the conduct of a police investigation, the Western media in chorus concluded without a shred of evidence that ISIS-Daesh was behind the attack.

This is the “authoritative report” of the Washington Post:

By Anthony Faiola, Souad Mekhennet and Stefano Pitrelli December 23 at 2:50 PM

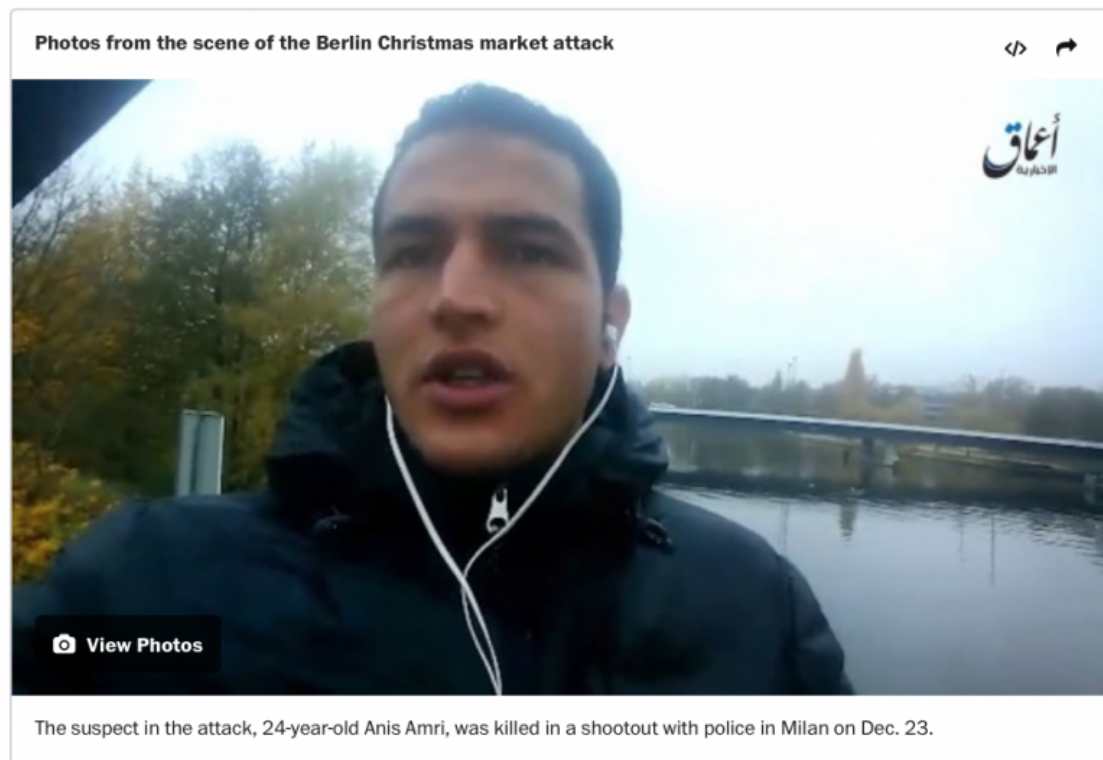
BERLIN — On a drab, graffiti-sprayed square on the outskirts of Milan, two Italian police officers — one of them a trainee — spotted a suspicious young man with a backpack. It was 3:15 a.m. Friday. A thief? Possibly. They pulled him aside for an identity check.

The officers did not know that the man had already fled hundreds of miles across the heart of Europe, evading an international dragnet. They confronted the 24-year old, who — using street slang Italian picked up in Sicilian jails — insisted that he was a traveler from Italy’s deep south.

They told him to empty his backpack. Instead, Italian officials say, he pulled a gun.

Anis Amri, a self-proclaimed soldier of the Islamic State, rapidly shot one officer in the shoulder before ducking behind a car.

“Poliziotti bastardi!” — police bastards! — Amri shouted.



The second patrolman — trainee Luca Scatà, now an instant national hero — fired back, killing the suspect.

The “self proclaimed soldier of the Islamic State” is dead. And dead suspects do not talk.

That seems to be a pattern in most of the alleged ISIS terror attacks in Western cities. Moreover, the alleged suspect was on the radar of the German police and intelligence.

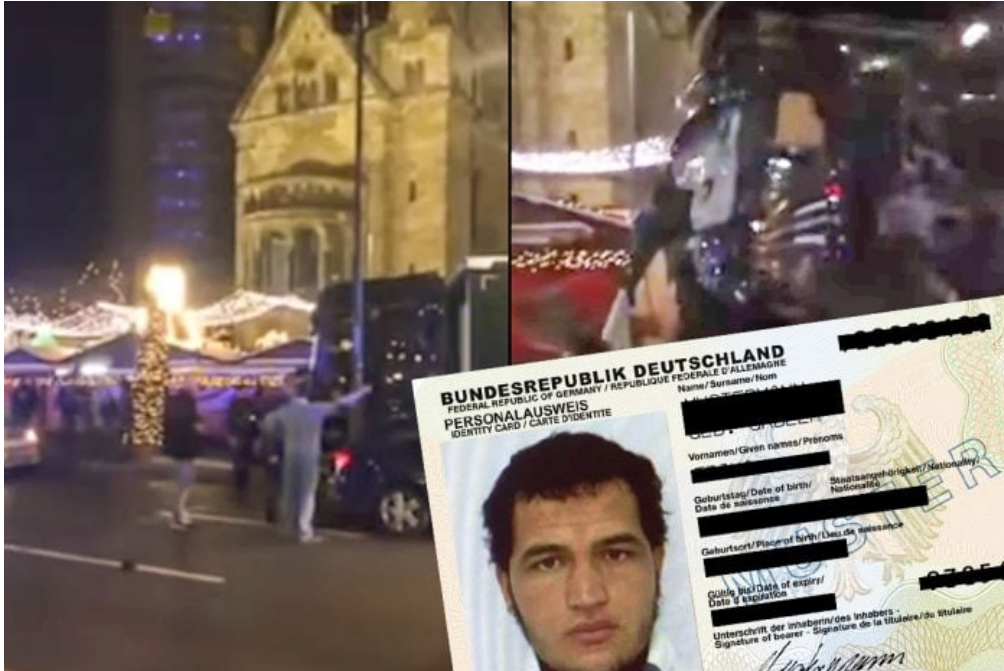
“The shootout would end the violent arc of Amri’s life, marking another salvo in a relentless new wave of Islamist terrorism in Europe that has vexed the ability of nations to thwart it. ([Washington Post](#), December 23, 2016)

The CNN’s report concludes that the ISIS was behind the attack because the ISIS affiliated Amaq News Agency “released a statement saying that Monday’s attack was carried out by a ‘soldier of the Islamic State’”.

## The I.D. Card of the Alleged Lone Perpetrator

It is worth noting that the I.D. Card of **Anis Amri** was found inside the truck 24 hours “after” the conduct of a thorough police investigation of the wrecked truck. And immediately Amri was identified as the perpetrator of the terror attack.

Was his I.D card belatedly “found” or was it “planted” under the driver’s seat of the lorry?



This is not the first time that [the I.D. card or passport of an alleged terror suspect is “left behind”](#).

**Said Kouachi**, one of the alleged perpetrators of the Paris Charlie Hebdo January 2015 attack “reportedly” also left his I.D card behind, in his brother’s abandoned getaway car (see image right).

## On the Radar of the Police and Intelligence Agencies



Most of the alleged terror suspects involved in recent attacks (Paris, Brussels, Nice) were on the radar of the police and intelligence agencies.

Moreover, it is worth noting that **Amedi Coulibaly**, principal suspect of the January 2015 Paris Charlie Hebdo terror attack who was shot dead at the kosher grocery store in

Vincennes on January 9, had been invited in 2009 to a meeting at the Elysée Palace with (former) president Nicolas Sarkozy.

**What was the real purpose of his meeting behind closed doors** with an acting head of State?

Is it relevant? Nobody bothered in the French media to ask Nicolas Sarkozy to clarify the nature of his meeting with Coulibaly.



**“The Terrorists R Us”,**

The fundamental question which the media fails to address is **who is behind ISIS-Daesh?** Who are the “State sponsors” of the Islamic State?

The unspoken truth is that several Western governments are supporting the terror organizations which they are allegedly combating.

The US counter-terrorism coalition is intent upon supporting and protecting the terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

It’s a diabolical agenda. The governments of the countries whose citizens are the victims of terror attacks are supporting ISIS-Daesh.

“You are either with us or with the terrorists”, said George W. Bush in an address to the US Congress in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks. Western leaders are so to speak “with themselves as well as with the terrorists”.

Most people in Western countries are unaware that their own governments are supporting and funding the terrorists.

When France provides (covert) military aid to both the Libya Islamic fighting Group (LIFG)

and ISIS-Daesh in Syria, does this not suggest that the French government might at some future date be “held accountable” for the terror attacks in Paris and Nice (allegedly carried out by the ISIS), which have resulted in the deaths of innocent civilians?

Germany sells large amounts of weapons to Turkey and Saudi Arabia which in turn provide military aid to Al Qaeda and the Islamic State. Does this not signify –to put it mildly– that Angela Merkel’s government should take “some responsibility” for the Berlin terror attack allegedly conducted by ISIS-Daesh?

Combating ISIS on the one hand, Supporting ISIS on the other hand? A criminal undertaking.

### **Western Governments are State Sponsors of Terrorism**

Despite the evidence, it is very difficult for people to accept the fact that their own government is supporting terrorism.

Most people will dispel this as an impossibility. But it is the forbidden truth.

The established consensus is that the role of a government is to protect its people. That myth has to be sustained.

The media’s role is to ensure that the truth does not trickle down to the broader public. If that were to occur, the legitimacy of Obama, Hollande, Merkel, et al would collapse like a deck of cards.

## **Opposition parties condemn German defence plan with Saudi Arabia**



Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen with her Saudi Arabian counterpart, Mohammad bin Salman Al Saud, in Riyadh. Photo: DPA.



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