

## **Turkey Smuggled Sarin Gas to Al Qaeda Terrorists** in Syria? Turkish MP

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Turkey is allegedly complicit in the smuggled use of various types of banned chemical weapons for which the Assad government was wrongfully blamed.

Turkish Republican People's Party (CHP) opposition member Eren Erdem accused Ankara of covering up a major war crime, likely direct high-level involvement in smuggling materials used to make deadly sarin gas to ISIS and other terrorists – US proxy foot soldiers waging war on Syria.

Various attacks occurred. The most notorious targeted the Damascus Ghouta suburb in August 2013, killing and injuring scores of civilians.

At the time, then Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexandr Lubkashevich said

"(w)e're getting more new evidence that this criminal act was of a provocative nature."

"(T)here are reports circulating on the Internet, in particular that the materials of the incident and accusations against government troops had been posted for several hours before the so-called attack. Thus, it was a pre-planned action."

Syria's government had nothing to do with it despite US-led false accusations otherwise.

Under a UN-brokered deal, Syria eliminated its entire chemical weapons stockpile. No evidence indicates it used any toxic agents throughout nearly five years of conflict. Plenty reveals terrorists' use on numerous occasions, sarin and other banned substances.

On December 10, Erdem addressed Turkish parliamentarians, discussing criminal case number 2013/120, opened by Ankara's General Prosecutor's Office in Adana.

# Evidence shows various Turkish nationals were involved in direct dealings with ISIS and other terrorist groups, supplying them with sarin gas.

Recorded wiretapped conversations exposed dealings with Al Qaeda terrorist Hayyam Kasap. <u>RT International</u> interviewed Erdem.

"(t)here is data in this indictment. Chemical weapon materials are being brought to Turkey and being put together in Syria in camps of ISIS which was known as Iraqi Al Qaeda during that time."

"These are all detected. There are phone recordings of this shipment like 'don't worry about the border. We'll take care of it,' and we also see the bureaucracy is being used."

According to Erden, once word got out, 13 arrests were made. Days later, suspects were released, charges dropped – after a new Adana public prosecutor replaced the original one. Individuals accused then moved cross-border unobstructed to Syria.

"The phone recordings in the indictment showed all the details from how the shipment was going to be made to how it was prepared, from the content of the labs to the source of the materials,"

#### Erden explained.

"Which trucks were going to be used, all dates etc. From A to Z, everything was discussed and recorded. Despite all of this evidence, the suspects were released," the case closed, showing high-level coverup, perhaps ordered by Erdogan.

Materials to make sarin gas and perhaps other toxic chemicals moved freely cross-border from Turkey to Syria. Erden indicated a high-level regime coverup, evidence revealing Justice Minister Bekir Bozdag's involvement.

Toxic chemicals were purchased from Europe," he said. US-led Western countries "should question themselves about these relations. Western sources know very well who carried out the sarin gas attack in Syria."

"They know these people. They know who (they) are working with. They know that these people are working for Al-Qaeda...Western (countries) are hypocrites about the situation."

It bears repeating. No evidence showed Syrian use of chemical or other toxic substances throughout years of conflict.

Plenty shows CIA and US special forces train takfiri terrorists in chemical weapons use, perhaps directly supplying them with toxic agents.

Earlier, Saudi Arabia was caught red-handed providing them with chemical agents in containers marked "made in KSA (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)."

In early November, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) experts confirmed terrorists' use of mustard gas and chlorine in Syria with "utmost confidence" – calling perpetrators "non-state actor(s)."

Blaming Assad for incidents of chemical weapons' use is part of the US-led propaganda campaign to wrongfully vilify him.

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