

U.S. Airdrops Weapons to ISIS as Iraqi Army Makes Gains

Airdrop follows "errant" delivery of weapons in October

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Iranian state media claims U.S. military aircraft have once again dropped weapons in areas held by the Islamic State.

Iraqi volunteers fighting against IS in the Yathrib and Balad districts in Iraq's Salahuddin Province reported the air drops.

Iraq claims it now has the upper hand in the battle to regain territory from the terrorist group.

In October a purported errant <u>airdrop of weapons</u> fell into the hands Islamic State fighters outside Kobani in Syria.

In November <u>Iraqi intelligence sources</u> said the U.S. is actively supplying ISIS with weapons.

"The Iraqi intelligence sources reiterated that the US military planes have airdropped several aid cargoes for ISIL terrorists to help them resist the siege laid by the Iraqi army, security and popular forces," a report stated.

"What is important is that the US sends these weapons to only those that cooperate with the Pentagon and this indicates that the US plays a role in arming the ISIL."

The London-based organization <u>Conflict Armament Research</u> previously reported that ISIS fighters are using "significant quantities" of arms including M16 assault rifles marked "property of the US government."

In June <u>Aaron Klein</u>, writing for WorldNetDaily, reported that members of ISIS were trained in 2012 by U.S. instructors working at a secret base in Jordan, according to informed Jordanian officials.

The U.S. does not admit arming and training ISIS terrorists, although General Martin E. Dempsey, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, admitted in testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee that United States' Arab allies in the Middle East fund ISIS.

<u>General Thomas McInerney</u> told Fox News in September that the U.S. "helped build ISIS" as a result of the group obtaining weapons from the Benghazi consulate in Libya which was attacked by jihadists in September 2012.

"We backed I believe in some cases, some of the wrong people and not in the right part of the Free Syrian Army and that's a little confusing to people, so I've always maintained... that we were backing the wrong types," McInerney said.

The U.S. claims it is arming "moderate" mercenaries in Syria to fight against ISIS and the al-Assad government in Damascus despite the fact there are <u>no longer any moderate forces</u> <u>active</u>.

The CIA has shipped weapons to al-Qaeda affiliated groups in Syria since at least 2012, a fact revealed by The New York Times.

The shipments included more than 160 military cargo flights by Jordanian, Saudi and Qatari military cargo planes landing at Esenboga Airport near Ankara and other Turkish and Jordanian airports. An effort to arm al-Nusra – now fully merged with ISIS – and other jihadist groups has been coordinated by American intelligence.

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