

U.S./UK Paid “White Helmets” Help Al Qaeda Blocking Water To 5 Million Thirsty Syrians

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The blockade of water from Wadi Barada to 5 million people in Damascus is taking an interesting turn. The U.S. and UK financed White Helmet organization seems to be directly involved in it. This increases the suspicion that the illegal blockade of water to civilians in Damascus is part of a organized campaign under U.S. command. The campaign is designed to block utilities to government held areas as revenge for the liberation of east Aleppo.

As we [described it](#) yesterday:

After the eastern part of the city of Aleppo was liberated by Syrian government forces, the local rebels and inhabitants in the Barada river valley were willing to reconcile with the Syrian government. But the al-Qaeda Takfiris disagreed and took over. The area is since under full al-Qaeda control and thereby outside of the recent ceasefire agreement. On December 22 the water supply to Damascus was suddenly contaminated with diesel fuel and no longer consumable. A day later Syrian government forces started an operation to regain the area and to reconstitute the water supplies.

Photos and a video on social media (since inaccessible but I saw them when they appeared) showed the water treatment facility rigged with explosives. On Dec 27th the facility was blown up and partly destroyed.

The Syrian government is ready to send repair teams to rehabilitate the water flow to the millions of civilians in Damascus. But access to the site is denied and the Syrian army is now trying to push al-Qaeda and its allies away from it.

Curiously some “civil” groups today offered access under several (not agreeable) conditions:

Hassan Ridha @sayed_ridha - [2:10 AM - 3 Jan 2017W](#)

adi Barada statement: we will let teams to fix water spring if SAA-Hezb stop attack, siege lift & monitor ceasefire by intl observers
[attachment]

EHSANI2 @EHSANI22 - [6:43 AM - 3 Jan 2017](#)

Offer by opposition to trade access to water source for #Damascus with halting of military operations by army
[attachment]

Here is the attachment to both tweets. Note who signed it:

بيان رسمي
نحن الفعاليات المدنية و الهيئات الثورية داخل وادي بردى :
نؤكد استعدادنا لتسهيل وصول فريق متخصص من الصليب الأحمر و الامم المتحدة
لمعاينة وضع نبع عين الفيحة و التحفظ على مخلفات و بقايا الصواريخ و الاسلحة
التي تم استهداف النبع بها لتسليمها لاحقا للجنة تحقيق دولية مستقلة،
ونحن مستعدون لمرافقة و مساعدة ورشات اصلاح و صيانة النبع الذي يغذي
مدينة دمشق بمياه الشرب ، على أن يتزامن ذلك بوقف اطلاق النار و الاعمال
العسكرية الهجومية التي تقوم بها القوات الحكومية السورية بمساندة قوات
حزب الله و فك الحصار عن المنطقة و ادخال المواد الغذائية و الأدوية و مواد البناء،
واننا نطالب بمراقبين دوليين لمراقبة عملية وقف اطلاق النار و تسجيل الخروقات
التي تقع من أي طرف . وفقا لقرار مجلس الامن رقم ٢٢٣٦ الصادر بتاريخ
٢٠١٦/١٢/٣١ الذي دعا مجددا الأطراف المعنية إلى السماح للوكالات الإنسانية بالوصول
السريع والامن ودون عوائق في جميع أنحاء سوريا، وعلى النحو المنصوص عليه
في قرارات المجلس ذات الصلة
كما نطالب الأمم المتحدة و مجلس الأمن الدولي وكافة الدول الفاعلة في المجتمع
الدولي بتحمل مسؤولياتهم تجاه أهالي وادي بردى وسكان مدينة دمشق وريفها،
من أجل حماية نبع الفيحة، الذي يغذي خمسة ملايين إنسان بمياه الشرب،
وتطبيق القرارات الدولية الصادرة بهذا الشأن، وتشكيل لجنة تحقيق خاصة على
وجه السرعة لتحديد المسؤول عن قطع المياه، ودراسة الوضع الفني لمضخات المياه
والقيام بإصلاحها وإعادةها للعمل بإشراف الأمم المتحدة

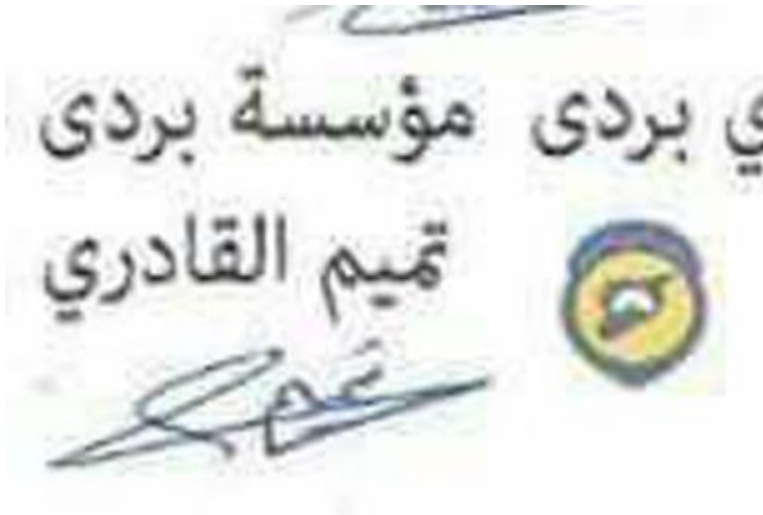
الهيئة الإغاثية في وادي بردى وما حولها الهيئة الطبية في وادي بردى الهيئة الإعلامية في وادي بردى
غان دالاتي د. حسام رجب علي نصر الله

المجلس المحلي في وادي بردى الدفاع المدني في وادي بردى مؤسسة بردى الخير مؤسسة غوث بردى
أحمد صبحه محمد دياب تميم القادري رضوان نصر الله

حرر في ٢٠١٧/٠١/٠٢

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Check the logos of the undersigning organizations You will probably recognize the middle one in the second row. Here it is magnified.



And here is the original of that logo taken directly [from the website](#) of the Syrian Civil Defense organization aka The White Helmets:



SYRIA CIVIL DEFENCE ★ 3

THE WHITE HELMETS

We act neutrally, impartially and for all Syrians

The organizations who make an offer to lift the water blockade of Damascus obviously think they have the power to do so. They then must also be held responsible for keeping the blockade up. They must also have intimate relations with the al-Qaeda fighters who currently occupy the damaged water facilities.

The U.S. and UK government [created and paid White Helmets](#) are “impartially”, “neutrally” and “for all Syrians” blocking the water supply to 5 million Syrians in Damascus. U.S. military and CIA officers [run](#) the “operations rooms” in Jordan and Turkey that direct the insurgency.

This increases suspicion that the blockade is part of an organized response by the enemies of Syria to the recent liberation of east-Aleppo. As noted yesterday:

This shut down is part of a wider, seemingly coordinated strategy to deprive all government held areas of utility supplies. Two days ago the Islamic State shut down a major water intake for Aleppo from the Euphrates. High voltage electricity masts of lines feeding Damascus have been destroyed and repair teams, unlike before, denied access. Gas supplies to parts of Damascus are also cut.

Even after 14 days of water crisis in Damascus the “western” media are not reporting about the al-Qaeda blockade of water for 5 million Syrians. We can be sure that not a word will be written by them about this illegal hostages taking of millions of civilians in Damascus by their favorite propaganda organization White Helmets.

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