



Leaked Pentagon Documents: The US Government Finally Admits That the People They Armed in Syria Have Committed Genocide

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Monday night, the US House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to declare that Islamic State is committing genocide against Christians and other minority groups in Iraq and Syria.

In a unanimous 393-0 vote, the House resolution comes just days before the State Department is legally mandated by Congress to determine whether Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS/ISIL) persecution of minorities in Iraq and Syria – Christians, Yazidis, Sunni Kurds and Shiite Muslims – constitutes genocide, reports [RT](#).

“What is happening in Iraq and Syria is a deliberate, systematic targeting of religious and ethnic minorities. Today, the House unanimously voted to call ISIS’s atrocities what they are: a genocide. We also will continue to offer our prayers for the persecuted,” House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin; left image) said in a statement.

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— Paul Ryan (@SpeakerRyan) [March 15, 2016](#)

According to [RT](#), the persecution of Christian minorities in Syria and Iraq has resulted in quickly dwindling numbers. There are roughly 300,000 Christians remaining in Iraq compared to 1.4 million in 2003, according to the UK-based NGO Aid to the Church in Need. In Syria, there are now 500,000 Christians, compared to over 1.25 million in 2011.

Christianity could essentially disappear from Iraq within five years, the report argued, and the religion could face a similar fate in other Middle Eastern countries.

Now that the United States officially recognizes the acts of ISIS as genocide, what do we do next?

Well, the next logical step is to stop them. However, in order to do so, we must first understand where they came from.

As Americans cower in fear over the perceived threat from men, women and children

attempting to escape ISIS from war-torn Syria, the majority of people are ignoring the reason there are refugees in the first place.

The US created and funded the terrorist regime in Syria that would be used to destabilize the region and create a specific advantage for American interests over China and Russia.

Prior to 2012, ISIS, as we know them, did not exist. So how did this unknown group of psychopathic killers gain such notoriety so quickly?

Leaked Pentagon documents and [News Anchor Ben Swann](#) from WGCL Atlanta, explain exactly what happened.

A plan to create and arm an active resistance to the Assad regime was put in place four years ago, and the result was a radical group of jihadists who, in turn, morphed into ISIS, all thanks to the United States.

These leaked Pentagon documents are not the only evidence that the United States created and aided ISIS either. Just last year, renowned journalist Seymour Hersh interviewed members of the DoD who confirmed the establishment knew about the monster they were creating but chose to conveniently ignore it. According [to the report](#):

Lieutenant General Michael Flynn, director of the DIA between 2012 and 2014, confirmed that his agency had sent a constant stream of classified warnings to the civilian leadership about the dire consequences of toppling Assad. The jihadists, he said, were in control of the opposition. Turkey wasn't doing enough to stop the smuggling of foreign fighters and weapons across the border. 'If the American public saw the intelligence we were producing daily, at the most sensitive level, they would go ballistic,' Flynn told me. 'We understood Isis's long-term strategy and its campaign plans, and we also discussed the fact that Turkey was looking the other way when it came to the growth of the Islamic State inside Syria.' The DIA's reporting, he said, 'got enormous pushback' from the Obama administration. 'I felt that they did not want to hear the truth.'

But that's not all. When Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter [testified](#) in a [hearing](#) before the Senate Armed Services Committee in December concerning the U.S. strategy for fighting ISIL, his inept attempt to keep knowledge of the ISIS oil convoy under wraps backfired in a most comical way. John McCain addressed the Defense Secretary in a state of facetious disbelief about the US-allowed and Turkish-protected oil routes from which ISIS earned a large portion of their funding:

"Secretary, you may want to correct the record. We all knew those fuel trucks were moving back and forth. We've seen them. We knew it. The decision was not made by the White House to attack them. I think you may want to correct the record," he added, "because I certainly knew."

But it doesn't end there either. The US foreign policy of destabilizing the Middle Eastern region over past decades has led to resentment and hate toward the West. Subsequently,

ISIS has no problem filling its ranks with the family members of the victims of the West's brutal oppression in the region. As we reported last year, the United State's foreign policy of drone warfare, killing thousands of children, has [created a million Osama bin Ladens](#).

Veterans are also coming forward to confirm this notion. Saying he had "helped create ISIS," an Iraq War veteran and US Marine bravely spoke out on his role in stoking the ISIS wildfire.

Former Marine Vincent Emanuele's acknowledgment of responsibility comes in an article that was [posted](#) on TeleSUR's English website, in which he hoped to answer the often raised question of "Where did ISIS come from?"

"I saw my fellow Marines kill innocent people, torture innocent civilians, destroying property, mutilating dead bodies, running over dead corpses, laughing and photographing people while doing so," he said. "For me it was very simple. I sat there in Iraq and I asked myself 'How would I behave?' 'What would I think if I was in the shoes of the Iraqi people?'"

"I vividly remember the marines telling me about punching, slapping, kicking, elbowing, kneeing and head-butting Iraqis. I remember the tales of sexual torture; forcing Iraqi men to perform sexual acts on each other while marines held knives against their testicles, sometimes sodomizing them with batons," wrote Emanuele.

"I knew what I was seeing was wrong, I knew it was immoral, I knew it was unjust, I knew it was illegal," said Emanuele, "and I knew that we would pay severe consequences in the form of the blowback as we are seeing with groups like ISIS. I knew those things were going to happen back then just from being a self-conscious person."

Only through educating ourselves and others about who is behind this theater of constant war and terror, will we ever begin to stop it. Please share this article with your friends and family so that they may see through the smoke and mirrors that is the military industrial complex.

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