

IMPEACHMENT URGENT!

## New Evidence Arises on Obama Gun-Running to Syria

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Jan. 28—Recent developments in Turkey, combined with earlier intelligence, establish without any doubt that President Barack Obama has been involved in running weapons from Libya to Turkey, dating to before Sept. 11, 2012, and that those weapons were transferred to al-Qaeda in Syria with the aid of Saudi Arabia and Turkey. Moreover, these developments have placed an ally of Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Yasin Abdulla al-Qadi, a Saudi businessman suspected of funding al-Qaeda, at the center of the operation.

Obama's policy of allying with and supporting British terrorist assets led directly to the murder of U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other American personnel in Libya in Benghazi on Sept. 11, 2012, and is responsible for the ongoing terrorist assault on Syria, which threatens to provoke a larger war, even World War III. This policy, as Lyndon LaRouche asserted in a press conference prior to Obama's re-election, *demand*s that the President be impeached for acts of treason (giving aid and comfort to the enemies of the nation) against the United States.

The new evidence below, much of which is centered on Obama's close ally, Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan, underscores the urgency of that action.

### 'Humanitarians' Run Guns

On Jan. 14, 2014, offices of the Turkish Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH), an Islamic charity supported by the ruling Muslim Brotherhood Justice and

Development Party of Prime Minister Erdogan, were raided by counter-terrorism police, nearly two weeks after police detention of an IHH truck carrying ammunition and weapons, on Jan. 1, at the Syrian border.

The raids in six provinces across Turkey resulted in the arrest of two senior al-Qaeda operatives, including Ibrahim Sen, allegedly a top al-Qaeda leader in the Middle East, and Halis Bayancuk, said to be in charge of the al-Qaeda network in Turkey.

The truck that was stopped on Jan. 1 was escorted by Turkish intelligence officers. When the local police found weapons in the vehicle, they were instructed by the Muslim Brotherhood governor of the state where the incident occurred (Hatay) to stop the search and let the truck drive away. Afterward, the governor removed a number of police officers in retaliation for their participation in stopping the truck. A deputy chairman of the opposition CHP party submitted a parliamentary inquiry: "Is it true, as claimed, that the regional director of the IHH and a member of the MIT [Turkey's national intelligence organization] were on the truck?"

The involvement of the IHH with the al-Qaeda-affiliated Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG) predates the drive to overthrow Qaddafi in Libya, itself the precursor to the attempt at overthrowing Assad in Syria, and suggests that the overthrow of Assad was planned even in advance of the initiation of the drive to overthrow Qaddafi.

The IHH was behind the "Free Gaza" flotilla of

ships which was stormed by Israeli troops in May 2010 in international waters. The IHH is the owner of the *Mavi Marmara*, the vessel on which nine Turkish citizens were killed “execution style” by Israeli troops. According to MSNBC, these nine persons had, reportedly, been targeted because they were opposed to the Turkish Muslim Brotherhood’s participation in the war on Syria which was to begin in 2011.

### Turkey’s Role in Benghazi

Now the story gets even more interesting: Spanish journalist Daniel Iriarte reported in the Spanish daily *ABC* on Dec. 17, 2011, that when he was in Syria working on an article on the Free Syrian Army, he met Mahdi al-Harati, who had been second in command to LIFG emir Abdelhakim Belhadj, head of the Tripoli Military Council (TMC). Al-Harati stepped down as deputy commander of the TMC to go to Syria to join the fight against Assad. This followed a trip Belhadj had made to Turkey in November 2011, to arrange for the shipment of arms and fighters to Syria. Al-Harati told Iriarte that he had participated in the Free Gaza flotilla aboard the *Mavi Marmara*.

Al-Harati added: “I was wounded on the *Mavi Marmara* and spent nine days in an Israeli prison.” Other unconfirmed reports indicate that Belhadj was also on the ship.

On March 29, 2011 the Turkish publication *Today’s Zaman* ran an article titled, “Turkey Will Run Benghazi Airport,” in which it quoted Prime Minister Erdogan that “Turkey will take over the running of the airport in Benghazi to facilitate the transport of humanitarian aid to Libya in an agreement with NATO. Erdogan said Turkey agreed to undertaking three assignments concerning Libya within NATO. Participation in the enforcement of the no-fly zone and the help of Turkish naval forces in the corridor between Crete and Benghazi are the two other assignments in addition to the running of the airport in Benghazi.”

This is significant because, as documented by the UN Panel of Experts on Libya, during 2011, shipments of weapons were made by plane from both Qatar and the UAE to Benghazi, despite the existence of a no-fly



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*Partners in crime: President Obama and Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan (left) are supporting British terrorist assets who were involved in the murderous attack on the Benghazi compound on Sept. 11, 2012.*

zone to enforce the UN embargo of weapons shipments to Libya. Turkey controlled the airport on behalf of NATO, and was responsible for enforcing the no-fly zone. Furthermore, the fact that Turkish naval forces patrolled the sea lanes from Benghazi explains why the Libyan-flagged ship *al-Entisar*, and undoubtedly other ships, were able to sail unmolested to Turkey while carrying weapons, in 2012 after the overthrow of Qaddafi.

During 2011, the IHH had set up offices in Benghazi, and then later in Misrata. In fact, the Turkish consul in Benghazi, Ali Davutoglu, and the National Transitional Council of Libya, presented Rafet Aydogdu, the IHH coordinator in Libya, with a certificate of appreciation for the foundation’s efforts in Libya. Davutoglu, as the Turkish Consul in Benghazi, served directly under Turkish Consul General Ali Sait Akin, who met with U.S. Ambassador Stevens just prior to the Sept. 11, 2012 attack, in which Stevens and the three other Americans were killed.

These developments in Turkey reveal that weapons were shipped to Benghazi by Qatar and the UAE with Obama’s approval under the watchful eye of Turkey, which controlled the airport in Benghazi. Then, after the overthrow of Qaddafi, weapons were shipped from Benghazi by the al-Qaeda-affiliated Libyan Islamic Fighting Group led by Abdelhakim Belhadj, to al-Qaeda in Syria, through the Erdogan-supported IHH.

According to the report issued on March 9, 2013 by the UN Panel of Experts to the president of the UN Security Council, the fishing boat *al-Entisar*, registered in Libya, sailed from Benghazi to Iskenderun, Turkey, where it docked on Aug. 25, 2012. The panel further reported: “The loading port was Benghazi, the exporter the national committee for the support and relief of displaced people, a relief organization based in Benghazi, and the consignee the IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation, an Islamic relief organization based in Turkey.”

### **The Syria Connection**

On June 18, 2013, Reuters published an interview with Abdul Basit Haroun, a member of the February 17th Brigade, which was charged with defense of the Benghazi mission. Haroun admitted that he was responsible for shipping weapons on the *al-Entisar* to Turkey, which were destined for Syria; that he traveled with the shipment on the *al-Entisar*, and that he went with the shipment over the Syrian border to ensure it reached its destination.

According to Reuters on Aug. 1, 2012, sometime in early 2012, or perhaps earlier, Obama signed a Finding that permitted the CIA and other U.S. agencies to provide support to the Syrian opposition. The news agency added that the U.S. was collaborating with a secret command center operated by Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar, near the Syrian border, in Adana, Turkey.

On March 24, 2013, the *New York Times* reported that Qatar and Saudi Arabia had been shipping military materiel via Turkey to the Syrian opposition since early 2012. American officials have confirmed that senior White House officials were regularly briefed on the shipments.

Now Yasin Abdullah al-Qadi enters the picture, linking the current Obama operation back to an individual suspected of involvement in Sept. 11, 2001.

In connection with the investigation currently being conducted in Turkey, of gun-running to Syria, involving the IHH and the MIT, an arrest warrant was issued for al-Qadi, who is a close ally of Erdogan and frequently visits Turkey. Al-Qadi’s assets were ordered frozen following 9/11/2001 by the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control; al-Qadi was suspected of being a funder of al-Qaeda, at the center of the operation running weapons from Libya and elsewhere through Turkey to Al-Qaeda in Syria. And although he has since been de-listed as a terrorist

in several European countries, he remains a “Specially Designated Global Terrorist” under U.S. law. On March 19, 2012, Judge John D. Bates in the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia dismissed al-Qadi’s 2009 lawsuit to have himself de-listed.

Al-Qadi is also a named defendant in the suit brought by the families of the victims of 9/11. Although that suit was dismissed in 2010, it was reinstated on appeal in 2013, and al-Qadi was named as a defendant who was allegedly “one of al-Qaeda’s chief global financiers.” Al-Qadi, as alleged in the 9/11 suit, co-founded the Muwafaq Foundation for the purpose of “serving as a vehicle for funding and otherwise supporting terrorist organizations, including al-Qaeda.” The co-founder was Khaled bin Mahfouz, who was the president and CEO of National Commercial Bank, which ran an aviation division that operated in the United States. The plaintiffs allege that al-Qadi “ran the Muwafaq Foundation from 1992 until approximately 1997 with \$15 to \$20 million of his own money.”

Erdogan’s relationship with al-Qadi and al-Qadi’s suspected role in funding al-Qaeda terror have long been known.

### **‘Follow the Money’**

On April 2, 2004, under the headline “Terror Probe Follows the Money,” the *Wall Street Journal* reported that in 1998, al-Qadi transferred \$1.25 million from his Geneva bank account, through an associate, to an alleged al-Qaeda front company in Turkey, known as Maram. This money went to an Islamic school in Yemen. Maram was founded in December 1996 as an Istanbul travel agency by Mamduh Salim, who, as of 2004, was in U.S. custody and under indictment by the Justice Department as the former chief financial officer of al-Qaeda. Salim is accused of helping to direct the bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998.

The school in Yemen was founded by Sheikh Abdul Mejid al-Zindani, the head of the Yemen Muslim Brotherhood, who fought alongside Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan.

On Dec. 19, 2002, ABC News reported that two veteran FBI investigators were told by their superiors to call off an investigation of al-Qadi, which they were conducting in Chicago. They had found that some of the money for the 1998 attacks in Kenya and Tanzania came from al-Qadi, and that he was one of 12 Saudi

businessmen suspected of funneling millions of dollars to al-Qaeda. All had extensive business and financial ties in Chicago where al-Qadi lived from 1979-81, a period which coincided with a visit made by Osama bin Laden himself to Chicago in 1979. One of the things the FBI agents were investigating is the fact that al-Qadi helped fund Ptech, a Boston software firm in 1994.

Ptech was paid by the Federal Aviation Administration to find weaknesses in the FAA's response plans for terrorist events over U.S. airspace. The Ptech team was given access to every process and system in the FAA dealing with crisis response protocols. This work was overseen by Hussein Ibrahim, Ptech's vice president and chief scientist. Ibrahim was an executive of BMI, Inc., and served as vice president, and then president, of BMI, Inc. from 1989 to 1995. BMI, Inc. was a Sharia-compliant investment bank based in New Jersey, which al-Qadi helped to fund around 1986, and which was suspected of financing the embassy bombings in Africa.

In addition to the FAA, Ptech worked with other U.S. government agencies, including the White House,

Congress, Army, Navy, Air Force, NATO, FBI, U.S. Postal Service, Secret Service, the Naval Air Systems Command, IRS, and the Department of Energy. Ptech's software was running on the critical systems responding to the 9/11/2001 attacks.

On Jan. 24, 2008, *Forbes* magazine quoted Erdogan on his close relationship to al-Qadi. "I know Mr. al-Qadi," Erdogan told a local television news station in July 2006. "I believe in him as I believe in myself." *Forbes* also reported that al-Qadi was not just a friend of Erdogan, but was close to a group of Islamic businessmen and politicians around Erdogan.

An August 2006 *Wall Street Journal* article reported that al-Qadi was a major and early investor in BIM, a food retailer founded by the brothers Aziz Zapsu and H. Cuneyd Zapsu. H. Cuneyd Zapsu is Erdogan's close personal aide, commonly referred to as the "shadow foreign minister" or "Erdogan's right hand."

The Dec. 26, 2013 issue of the Turkish publication *Today's Zaman*, ran an article entitled "Yasin al-Qadi and the Erdogan Family." The article reports that "Last June Mr. al-Qadi and his close associate Qutb were involved in a traffic accident in Istanbul and taken to a hospital. When they had the traffic accident, the prime minister's chief of security was with them in the same car. More importantly, the prime minister's son, Bilal Erdogan, was the first person to visit them in the hospital and cleaned the hospital records of the fact that they had had an accident while the prime minister's chief of security was with them.

"Even the pro-government *Star* daily confirmed an allegation that al-Qadi had met with the MIT chief. After the meeting, they returned to Istanbul and were involved in the traffic accident while Prime Minister Erdogan's chief of security, Ibrahim Yildiz, was with them in the car."

Here we have a suspected Saudi financier of al-Qaeda meeting with the head of Turkish intelligence (MIT) accompanied by Prime Minister Erdogan's chief of security.

Where is the outcry from Congress? Where is the outcry from NATO, of which Turkey is a member? Does anyone think that Obama does not know what his good friend and partner in crime, Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan, has done and is doing? Could this be among the reasons that Obama, like Bush before him, has refused to declassify the 28-page chapter of the Joint Congressional Inquiry into 9/11 which deals with Saudi Arabia?



## The Al-Qaeda Executive

Financed and deployed by the British-Saudi Empire, al-Qaeda has been protected by the Obama Administration to accomplish the Empire's global war. In this feature [video](#), LaRouchePAC documents President Obama's use of the al-Qaeda networks to overthrow Qaddafi in Libya, and to carry out bloody regime-change against Assad in Syria, by the same forces who attacked the U.S. consulate in Benghazi.

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