



Pentagon Is Manipulating Paperwork to Hide Trail of Weapons to Rebels and Terrorists in Syria

New report confirms the Pentagon continues to ship massive amounts of weaponry, up to \$2.2 billion in value, to dealers in Syria, and the Pentagon is scrubbing its paper trail. It is common knowledge that the weapons procurement program is tied to East European organized crime. -GEG

A new [bombshell joint report](#) issued by two international weapons monitoring groups Tuesday confirms that the Pentagon continues to ship record breaking amounts of weaponry into Syria and that the Department of Defense is scrubbing its own paper trail. On Tuesday the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) and the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN) produced conclusive evidence that not only is the Pentagon currently involved in shipping up to \$2.2 billion worth of weapons from a shady network of private dealers to allied partners in Syria – mostly old Soviet weaponry – but is actually manipulating paperwork such as end-user certificates, presumably in order to hide US involvement.

The OCCRP and BIRN published [internal US defense procurement files](#) after an extensive investigation which found that the Pentagon is running a massive weapons trafficking pipeline which originates in the Balkans and Caucuses, and ends in

Syria and Iraq. The program is ostensibly part of the US train, equip, and assist campaign for the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF, a coalition of YPG/J and Arab FSA groups operating primarily in Syria's east). The arms transfers are massive and the program looks to continue for years. According to [Foreign Policy's \(FP\)](#) coverage of the report:

The Department of Defense has budgeted \$584 million specifically for this Syrian operation for the financial years 2017 and 2018, and has earmarked another \$900 million of spending on Soviet-style munitions between now and 2022. The total, \$2.2 billion, likely understates the flow of weapons to Syrian rebels in the coming years.

But perhaps more shocking is the following admission that Pentagon suppliers have links with known criminal networks, also from [FP](#):

According to the report, many of the weapons suppliers – primarily in Eastern Europe but also in the former Soviet republics, including Kazakhstan, Georgia, and Ukraine – have both links to organized crime throughout Eastern Europe and spotty business records.

The sheer amount of material necessary for the Pentagon program – one ammunition factory announced it planned to hire 1,000 new employees in 2016 to help cope with the demand – has reportedly stretched suppliers to the limit, forcing the Defense Department to relax standards on the materials it's willing to accept.

It is likely that the organized crime association is the reason why the Pentagon has sought to alter its records. In addition, the sheer volume of weaponry continuing to ship to the Syrian battlefield and [other parts](#) of the Middle East

means inevitable proliferation among unsavory terror groups – a phenomenon which has already been [exhaustively documented](#) in connection with the [now reportedly closed CIA program](#) to topple the Syrian government. The associations and alliances among some of the Arab former FSA groups the DoD continues to support in the north and east remains fluid, which means means US-supplied weapons will continue to pass among groups with no accountability for where they end up.

One of the authors of the OCCRP/BIRN report, Ivan Angelovski, told Foreign Policy that, “The Pentagon is removing any evidence in their procurement records that weapons are actually going to the Syrian opposition.” The report is based on internal US government memos which reveal that weapons shipment destination locations have been scrubbed from original documents.

[Balkan Insight](#), which is hosting the original investigative report: “Seven US procurement documents were whitewashed to remove reference to ‘Syria’ after reporters contacted the Pentagon to enquire about whether the exporting countries – Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Ukraine and Georgia – had been informed of the destination.”

The fact that *Foreign Policy*, which is the foremost establishment national security publication in the world, would admit that the Pentagon’s Syria weapons procurement program is tied to East European organized crime is itself hugely significant. At this point the evidence is simply so overwhelming that even establishment sources like FP – which itself has generally been pro-interventionist on Syria – can’t deny it.

FP further reports that the Pentagon program “appears to be turbocharging a shadowy world of Eastern European arms dealers.” And adds further that, “the Pentagon is reportedly removing documentary evidence about just who will ultimately be using the weapons, potentially weakening one of the

bulwarks of international protocols against illicit arms dealing.”

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Benghazi Security Contractors Say US State Department Silenced Them

Jerry Torres, CEO of Torres AES, which supplies security for US embassies across the world, and a Torres employee, Brad Owens, say that their bid for the contract to protect the US Embassy in Benghazi was rejected in favor of a small Welsh security contractor who hired local guards and did not arm them. It was as though there was a deliberate attempt to strip the embassy of effective protection. Torres said that the State Department told him not to speak to the media or any officials related to the Benghazi program. The people who made the devastating decisions during the Benghazi attacks are still in control over security for embassies. -GEG

A State Department security contractor says that it was asked to provide security at the U.S. consulate in Benghazi after a rival company failed

to do the job, just 12 days before the terror attack of Sep. 11, 2012, which claimed the lives of four Americans.

Torres Advanced Enterprise Solutions, a large, Virginia-based security and private military contracting firm, told Breitbart News that the State Department approached the company less than two weeks before Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans were brutally murdered.

Blue Mountain Group, the small Welsh security contractor to which the State Department initially awarded the contract over Torres's bid earlier in the year, was allegedly failing on the job.

Torres, which is owned and operated by U.S. Special Forces veteran Jerry Torres, was initially denied the contract. Before Benghazi, Torres had provided armed guards for the United States embassies in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the world. Blue Mountain, which is based in Wales, was apparently largely unknown in private contracting circles that were hired to work for the United States until the fateful attack on September 11, 2012.

"If we had been awarded that contract to protect the embassy compound in Benghazi, those men would still be alive today," Bradley Owens, the political affairs officer for Torres told Breitbart News.

Owens said that on August 12, 2012 – just six months after Blue Mountain won the State Department contract for Benghazi – State Department official Jan Visintainer asked Torres's director: "Hey, can Torres perform in Libya?"

Owens added:

We were asked 12 days before the attacks if we can come in and take over security. So they knew it wasn't safe. Wait, it gets worse. We, of course, said yes. I got an email from our

director of operations. We were going to rent a compound that was half a kilometer from the compound in Benghazi.

We were going to have a six-man team on the ground that were all ex-pat. And because of the work we were doing in Libya pre-and-post the war, we had a lot of friends who were Libyan and who knew how to fight.

John "Tig" Tiegen, one of the CIA contractors that responded to Benghazi, and co-author of [13 Hours: The Inside Account of What Really Happened in Benghazi](#), [told](#) Fox News that the at least four of the local Libyans who attacked the U.S. consulate included guards working for Blue Mountain.

"Many of the local Libyans who attacked the consulate on the night of Sept. 11, 2012, were the actual guards that the State Department under Hillary Clinton hired to protect the consulate in Benghazi," Tiegen told Fox News last year. "The guards were unvetted and were locals with basically no background at all in providing security. Most of them never had held a job in security in the past."

In addition, Owens told Breitbart News that the Blue Mountain contractors guarding the consulate were armed with batons. "The security situation had deteriorated, so the Benghazi contract never should have been an unarmed contract."

Owens said that he told the State Department that it would take 30 days for the company to arrive on the scene and be ready to perform. "They would have had to end the contract [with Blue Mountain] and give it to us. It would have taken us a month to get set up."

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AG Sessions Has A Disgusting 'Reason' for Not Prosecuting Hillary Clinton

Judge Napolitano says that US Attorney General Jeff Sessions refuses to prosecute Hillary Clinton, despite ample evidence of her guilt, because politicians rarely go after their predecessors because they do not want their successors to come after them. [There may be an additional reason that no one wants to think about, and that is the possibility that Sessions is a mole who is beholden to the Clinton political machine.] -GEG

During a Tuesday appearance on Fox Business Channel's "Varney & Co.," legal analyst Judge Andrew Napolitano told Stuart Varney that he's disappointed in his "friend" Attorney General Jeff Sessions for refusing to prosecute Hillary Clinton.

Napolitano told Varney "there's ample evidence of her guilt," in connection to her private email investigation.

The Trump supporting Fox contributor then gave Varney an explanation as to why Sessions refuses to go over Clinton.

[Fox Business Channel](#) reports:

A Maryland judge has order an investigation into three lawyers who reportedly helped Hillary Clinton delete her private emails.

[...]Napolitano sees criminal charges against Clinton as unlikely at this point.

“The government has chosen not to prosecute. [Attorney General] Jeff Sessions, the Justice Department, can investigate, indict and prosecute, but they choose not to do so,” he said.

Napolitano disagreed with the decision not to prosecute, telling Varney, “I think it’s a terrible decision not to prosecute. They should prosecute Mrs. Clinton because there’s ample evidence of her guilt, and they should prosecute anybody that destroyed evidence in a criminal investigation.”

[...]According to Napolitano, the culture in government is holding back Sessions from pursuing an investigation against Clinton.

“It’s an institutional culture in government,” he said. “We don’t want to go after our predecessors because we don’t want our successors to come after us.”

On Monday, the Maryland state bar was ordered by County Circuit Court Judge Paul F. Harris Jr. to investigate the lawyers who assisted Hillary Clinton with deleting her private emails.

[Washington Times](#) reports:

Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Judge [Paul F. Harris Jr.](#) said the complaints lodged against [David E. Kendall](#), [Cheryl Mills](#) and Heather Samuelson were egregious and the state bar couldn’t dismiss them as frivolous.

“There are allegations of destroying evidence,” Judge [Harris](#) said at a hearing Monday morning.

He said the state’s rules require the bar to conduct investigations no matter who raises the complaint and can’t

brush aside accusations.

The judge made the announcement a day before [Mrs. Clinton](#) releases her latest book, "What Happened," and begins a monthslong book tour attempting to explain how she lost an election she thought she had secured.

If Judge James E. Boasberg has his way, details of Hillary Clinton's email investigation by the FBI will see the light of day. The U.S. District Judge isn't buying the FBI's claim that a "lack of public interest" justifies withholding the documents.

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