

## Saudi support for Daesh Takfiris must stop: Lawyer

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**Press TV:** Who do you think should shoulder the blame for terrorists getting their hands on these sorts of chemical weapons?

**Corrigan:** There's been numerous reports that Daesh terrorists have been receiving support from the Americans getting chemical weapons. There was a WikiLeaks report saying that the Americans facilitated the transfer of sarin gas from Libya to the Daesh (IS) terrorists in Syria itself.

The mustard gas is sort of a very old technology that was used largely in the First World War, which is very painful, very destructive. A lot of people argue that it's a prohibited weapon. The Americans drew a line at one time saying that if any gas was used in an attack, they were going to start bombing the government of Syria.

So sure enough the rebels initiated the gas attack hoping that the Americans would blame the Syrian government, but at least Obama had the sense enough to back off from his first statement which was rather foolish because automatically if you're going to attack the Syrian government [if there is] a gas attack, you are going to get a gas attack, for purposes of getting the Americans to attack the Syrian government not the rebels.

But this case clearly is the rebels that attacked American and Iraqi troops. This policy is quite strange that the Americans are attacking Daesh in Iraq and their supporting the Shia-dominated government but it's the reverse in Syria where at least the CIA is supporting the Islamic rebels and the Pentagon have been supporting the Kurds.

All these different players, even different factions in the United States, ...

Israel, Qatar and Saudi Arabia want to punish Syria, in particular, for not bowing to their dictates with regard to the building of a pipeline through Syria so that they could supply gas to Europe and that thereby at least provide competition or even an alternative to Russian gas which Europe is very much dependent upon.

But clearly, Daesh is desperate, they've used chemical weapons on numerous instances, it's been alleged by observers, it's even been confirmed by the Pentagon and yet this is another incident where the Islamic State is in their desperation using chemical weapons in a desperate attempt to impose their radical Islamic agenda on the area supporting a Caliphate, an extreme Islamic state which in my view is not even Islamic it's something quite different and it's an aberration.

So, here we have this attack going on, I would like to wait until we get final confirmation of what was in fact used, if it was mustard gas that was used, and of course this should keep putting pressure on the Americans to eradicate Daesh and to eliminate their ability to produce any sort of chemical weapons.

Last week reportedly the Americans and coalition airplanes did destroy a factory that was suspected of producing chemical weapons, so they need to keep going on that and to get rid of this Islamic State group in Iraq.

They also need to have a consistent policy with regard to the whole region. When you're pursuing one policy and attacking a group in Iraq but at the same time supporting the same group in Syria, is schizophrenic and crazy and this needs to stop and the Americas need to sit back and take an objective look and they need to put pressure on Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia in particular, to get them to stop funding these groups, because they're getting tanks.

They're getting all sorts of high-tech weapons and that's not happening by itself. ISIS does not have that ability but it's being provided by their supporters and they're getting those weapons ultimately from the West and in particular from the United States and Britain.