

## President Obama Again Visiting Saudi Monarchs - Stop!

ISIL claims responsibility for the recent terrorist attacks on Paris and Brussels. **Who's responsible for ISIL?**

### Funding and Feeding Terrorists

At 53 minutes into his speech at the Harvard Kennedy School, 2 October 2014, Vice President Joe Biden dropped a bombshell. He stated clearly that US allies Turkey, Saudi Arabia and the Emirates are arming and funding the terrorists Al Qaeda, Nusra and ISIL that the US is supposedly fighting around the world. **Regional allies, he said, were the US's largest problem in the devastating war in Syria.** <<http://www.hks.harvard.edu/news-events/news/articles/joe-biden-forum-event>>

It didn't take long for the Administration to force Biden to apologize for telling the truth: The Saudi kingdom is aiding, abetting and providing weapons to the terrorists that US and European governments claim they are trying to eradicate. But it's important to recognize that **ISIL and Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula did not exist until the U.S. invaded Iraq in 2003 and delivered that country into chaos and desperation.**

### Madrasas

The Saudi royals have exported their brand of religious extremism around the world through schools called Madrasas. **These schools promote violence against nonbelievers.** "One could reasonably argue that the House of Saud is simply a more established and diplomatic version of ISIS. It shares the extremist Wahhabi theo-fascism, the lack of human rights, intolerance, violent beheadings etc. — but with nicer buildings and roads. **If ISIS were ever to become an established state, after a few decades one imagines it might resemble Saudi Arabia.**" <[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dr-yousaf-butt/saudi-wahhabism-islam-terrorism\\_b\\_6501916.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dr-yousaf-butt/saudi-wahhabism-islam-terrorism_b_6501916.html)>

### Yemen

Saudi Arabia's devastating war on Yemen is another disgrace in the United States-Saudi alliance. With no legal basis for its war support, U.S. agencies provide Saudi bombers targeting information and other intelligence. Saudi Arabia's invasion has exacerbated that civil war. It has already "displaced 2.3 million people, left 5,700 dead, among them 2,500 civilians." Bombs that include internationally outlawed cluster bombs made in the USA have caused two thirds of the deaths. **Saudi-piloted, made-in-the-U.S.A.**

jet bombers have targeted multiple hospitals. The vast majority of the population requires assistance and medical supplies. "The United States fears that 14.4 million Yemenis are at risk of "severe hunger." How does the US respond? By selling \$1.3 billion more weapons to the Saudi royals. <[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/adil-e-shamoo/the-saudi-slaughter-in-ye\\_b\\_9281112.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/adil-e-shamoo/the-saudi-slaughter-in-ye_b_9281112.html)>

### Human Rights

While U.S. officials criticize and oppose Sharia law, that's what the Saudi absolute monarchs practice. Freedom of speech and press don't exist. **Beheadings and crucifixion await those who criticize the royals, death for other nonviolent offenses.** It's well known that Saudi women are not allowed to drive. Beyond that, women of any age must get permission from a male guardian - father, uncle, cousin, husband, or son - to shop, to study, what to study, register to vote, apply for a passport, to work, marry, divorce. Part of her salary goes to the guardian. Courts deal with the guardian, not the woman. Women must wear the hijab. Non-Sunnis are legally discriminated against.

### Arms Export Control Act

Despite Saudi massive internal human rights violations and support for terrorists, the U.S. continues to sell advanced weapons to Saudi Arabia - \$90 billion worth between 2010 and 2014, a profit bonanza for the Military Industrial Complex. The Saudi royals pay cash. **Although U.S. law states, "a principal goal of the foreign policy of the United States shall be to promote the increased observance of internationally recognized human rights by all countries," the Saudi monarchs get a pass.** <<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/22/2304>>. A lawsuit in Canada attempts to stop that government from selling arms to the Saudis over human rights violations. Netherlands lawmakers passed a resolution to ban further arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the European Union Parliament passed a similar but non-binding resolution. **Why not the U.S.A.?** <<https://theintercept.com/2016/03/29/growing-international-movement-seeks-to-place-arms-embargo-on-saudi-arabia/>>

**President Obama is preparing his second trip this year to Saudi Arabia on April 21. Contact the White House, write a letter to the editor, demonstrate, protest. NO TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA! End the U.S. cozy relationship with the Saudi tyrants!**

