

Obama's Coalition Partners Fund the Islamic State

Oct. 12—President Barack Obama has formed a “Coalition of the Willing,” ostensibly, against the Islamic State, at the same time that part of that coalition is financing the IS terrorists.

Moreover, Turkey, a NATO member, is openly abetting IS to block creation of an autonomous Kurdish region in Syria. Turkey has long been battling its own Kurdish minority.

On Oct. 9, Egyptian Foreign Affairs Minister Sameh Shouky met with Gen. John Allen, the American special envoy to the coalition. Shouky stated that Egypt's approach to fighting terrorism in the region is to dry up the finances of “terrorist organizations,” according to *Al Ahram*.

That financing is coming from Saudi Arabia, Qatar, other Gulf States, and Turkey. Lord Dannatt, a former Chief of the General Staff of the British Armed

Forces, told the *Daily Telegraph* on Oct. 5: “It is completely unacceptable that some individuals in Qatar, Saudi Arabia and elsewhere see advantage in channeling large sums of money to the so-called Islamic State.” Dannatt demanded that the U.K. government stop allowing these countries to buy lucrative assets in Britain unless they stop funding terrorism.

Former British Defence Secretary Liam Fox recently wrote in the *Telegraph* that “money has been flowing from rich individuals in the Gulf states, if not their governments,” to IS. The *Telegraph* also cited a recent speech by the former head of Britain's MI6 intelligence service, Sir Richard Dearlove, who cited Qatar and Saudi Arabia as culpable.

The French magazine *Marianne* revealed that certain Turkish banks based in London are funneling funds from private Saudi networks to IS. These banks accept transfers at their London branches from the jihadist financiers in the Gulf States, and then transfer them to front companies in Turkey, which then transfer them to IS. *Marianne* notes that the Turkish authorities have turned a blind eye to the activity.