PRESIDENT BIDEN & SECRETARY OF STATE BLINKEN HAVE FAILED TO CONFRONT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

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In 2020, *candidate* Joe Biden promised to "rally the world" to fight "transnational terrorism."

Yet *President* Joe Biden and Secretary of State Antony Blinken have failed to confront and impose sanction/penalties upon Turkey and Azerbaijan for financing, arming, and deploying the most notorious jihadist terrorists/mercenaries.

These include: ISIS, the Hamza Division, Sultan Murad Brigade, Sultan Suleyman Shah Brigade, Al-Amshat Faction, Al-Nusra Front, and many more.

Turkey transported *several thousand members of these organizations* from Syria and Libya to Azerbaijan before and during last year's unprovoked Azerbaijani-Turkish invasion of Armenian-populated Artsakh/Nagorno-Karabagh and Armenia.

One hundred members of Congress, the European Union Parliament, the UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, the United Nations, and leaders such as French President Emmanuel Macron have condemned Azerbaijan and Turkey for this. International media have repeatedly confirmed these terrorist organizations' participation against Armenians.

Armenia has also submitted well-documented letters to the UN that prove the use of terrorists/mercenaries:

1. Dec. 10, 2020. UN No. A/75/644–S/2020/1191

2. March 7-12, 2021. (Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice)

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The Freedom Support Act's Section 907 requires that Azeri aggression against Artsakh/Nagorno-Karabagh result in a cutoff of U.S. military aid to Azerbaijan. Section 907 also says that it can be waived only to *"counter international terrorism."* Yet President Biden and Secretary Blinken just *turned the law upside* down by waiving 907, thus *rewarding* Azerbaijan's aggression and support for terrorism.

Azerbaijan — a 1997 signatory of the United Nations Convention against the Use of Mercenaries — blatantly violated it in 2020. In November, the *UN Working Group on Mercenaries* accused Azerbaijan and Turkey of deploying the terrorist groups cited above. Turkey called the charges "fake news." Azerbaijan denied everything.

Moreover, administrations have not penalized Turkey for its longstanding support for terrorist organizations. President Erdogan's terrorist/mercenary contracting firm, SADAT, is also violating the UN's Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Despite the above, the Biden administration (as did Trump's) has not imposed sanctions on

Azerbaijan and Turkey for sponsoring jihadist terrorists/mercenaries.

MORE EVIDENCE OF TERRORISM

- In January, the U.S. Treasury Department cited Turkey as a financial hub for ISIS. Yet only individuals, not Turkey itself, have been penalized, and the effect has been minimal. Turkey continues to support ISIS and similar terrorist groups.
- Dr. David L. Phillips, a State Department consultant and the Director of Peace-Building and Human Rights at Columbia University's Institute for the Study of Human Rights, oversaw two studies that proved Turkey supports ISIS: ISIS-Turkey Links (2014) and Turkey-ISIS Oil Trade (2016).
- In Turkey: A state sponsor of terrorism? (May 28, 2021) Dr. Phillips documents why the U.S. should officially declare Turkey a *State Sponsor of Terrorism* . ***If a "non-NATO country behaved like Turkey,"*** writes Phillips, "***it would warrant designation as an SST."***
- Ahmet S. Yayla, Turkey's chief of counterterrorism from 2010-13, acknowledged that "Turkey was a central hub for the travel of over 50,000 ISIS foreign fighters, and the ***main source of ISIS logistical materials … making Turkey and ISIS practically allies.***"
- Azerbaijan deployed jihadist terrorists/mercenaries in its war against Armenia in the *early 1990s*, including Afghan Mujahedin, Chechens, Pakistanis, and Turkey's Grey Wolves.

It is a disgrace that U.S. administrations have long shut their eyes to these terrorist evils because Turkey is a NATO member and Azerbaijan has significant gas and oil deposits.

As the 20th anniversary of 9/11 approaches, this White House (like the previous one) has made a mockery of America's *Global War on Terror*, debased U.S. foreign policy, deceived the American people, and endangered American lives, including those of our fighting men and women.
At some point, such conduct becomes American *complicity* with terrorism.

TAKE ACTION

AAHR requests that Americans concerned about terrorism and American principles contact President Biden, Secretary of State Blinken, and Congress.
Please ask them to do some or all of the following (or send them this press release):

- Publicly condemn, deny aid to, and impose tough sanctions upon Azerbaijan and Turkey for using jihadist terrorists/mercenaries throughout the Middle East and Caucasus, especially against innocent parties, including Armenians and other Christians.
- Officially designate both countries *State Sponsors of Terrorism*.
- Insist that the United Nations impose tough penalties/sanctions upon Azerbaijan and Turkey.

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