

# PROOF THAT TURKEY COLLABORATES WITH ISIS

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**Camil Bayik:** The attacks by IS against Kobani helped elucidate two things. One was whether Turkey's collaboration with IS is continuing or not. The other is whether the peace process is continuing in the north or not. What emerged is that Turkey is continuing its relations with IS and that Turkey will not solve the Kurdish problem in the north. Because a Turkey that supports IS attacks against Kobani, that seeks to depopulate Kobani and lobbies for the establishment of a buffer zone cannot sever its ties with IS. Because if it did so IS would expose all of Turkey's dirty laundry, and document the links between them.

**AZ:** *Are you able to prove that these links exist?*

**CB:** Before IS attacked Kobani, Turkish officials contacted the YPG official responsible for Kobani. They warned him that should the YPG attack the Shah tomb that Turkey would retaliate in kind. I repeat, they said this before we were aware that IS would attack. Isn't this strange?

Second, two days after the campaign against Kobani started, a Turkish train stopped at an Arab village near Tell Abyad border gate and unloaded weapons and ammunition that were taken by IS. There are eyewitnesses to this transfer. And during this period the hostages affair is supposedly resolved. ✘

These events are all interlinked. Turkey then opens the Mursitpinar border gate with Kobani just as IS fires Katyusha rockets at Kobani and surrounding villages to sow panic among the people. Turkey opens the border gate on the third day of the attack so that the people can flee to Turkey. This is what IS wants as well. This proves the collusion between them. Because Turkey has long wanted the establishment of a buffer zone. Its aim is to prevent the Kurds in Rojava from winning a formal status. By emptying Kobani and provoking a mass exodus of people, Turkey can then claim before the international community that its own security is at stake and set about establishing a buffer zone.

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