



Avichay Adraee, head of the Arab media division of the IDF Spokesperson's Unit, defends the Wahhabi thought against Shia in a video published in Arabic.

It can be seen that the Wahhabi thinking has reached a point where those who help the Qassam Brigades, which are in direct battle with the Zionist regime, are also executed by ISIS for the crime of cooperating with the so-called apostate and polytheist groups. Cases like this clearly show that ISIS, from a military point of view, is completely in the service of the Zionist regime.

#### Disrupting anti-Zionist gatherings

In addition to the above actions, ISIS not only excommunicates anti-Zionist groups under false pretenses but also attacks anti-Zionist gatherings and actually makes the space unsafe for public demonstrations against the Zionists.

For example, while the Iraqi Popular Forces were heading to the Trebil crossing on the Iraqi border for an anti-Zionist rally, ISIS announced an ambush near the town of Kabisa in Anbar. The town is located on the way to Trebil crossing. Since the actions of the Iraqi people were against the Zionists, ISIS made it unsafe to rally.

#### Apologizing to Zionist regime

Among the other pieces of evidence that prove the connection between ISIS and the Zionists and show that from the military point of view, ISIS serves the Zionist goals and does not harm it, is the Israeli Defense Minister's admission that ISIS apologized for the conflict with the Israeli forces. Moshe Ya'alon, former Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Forces and Minister of Defense from 2013 to 2016, announced in a statement that ISIS had "apologized" for engaging with Israel in November 2016. The IDF declined to comment further on the matter.

The British online newspaper The Independent also confirmed this story. It further explained that Moshe Yaalon was referring to an incident in which a group linked to ISIS clashed with Israeli forces in the Syrian Golan Heights the previous November. That area is a rocky plateau in southwestern Syria, part of which was captured by Israel during the 1967 Six-Day War and then annexed in a move never recognized by the international community.

Yaalon made another mention of the story at an event in the northern city of Afula, during which he was being interviewed about Israel's policy toward Syria. According to The Times of Israel, after a brief shootout, the Israeli army attacked the Syrian group of Khalid bin Walid with air strikes and tanks and killed four of them. An army spokesman said at the time that it was the first direct clash between Israeli forces and ISIS militants since the terrorist group opened fire on a military patrol on the Israeli side. Yaalon declined to elaborate on how ISIS apologized to Israel after the attack, and the Israel Defense Forces declined to comment.

Zionist support of ISIS  
Up until here, a set of facts were mentioned that clearly showed that ISIS is at the service of the Zionist regime in the media and on the ground. It was also emphasized that Wahhabism is the main axis and foundation of ISIS.

The following sections seek to show, citing reliable facts, that the Zionist regime supports ISIS back in direct and indirect ways in line with its strategic interests. These indirect ways include the confirmation, promotion, and expansion of the Wahhabi idea by the leaders of the Zionist regime. The direct methods include financing ISIS with ac-

tions such as buying oil from it. These cases will be discussed further.

#### Israel's promotion of Wahhabism

One of the things that confirms the above claim is the spokesman of the Israeli army's all-out defense of Muhammad ibn Abd al-Wahhab and his anti-Shia thoughts. In a video in Arabic, Avichay Adraee advised the Palestinians to learn authentic Islam, the Muhammadan Sharia, and the Sunnah from Ibn Taymiyya and Muhammad ibn Abd al-Wahhab, and not to follow Iran and Shia ideas. He said:

"Islamic Sharia and Prophetic tradition hate Shias. Thus, what heresy do you come up with, and by what right do you follow Iran's terrorism? Blindly following to paint the region in the color of Iran's government. Hamas! You have become like Iranian and Hezbollah mullahs and their ilk. You have officially become a Shia according to the noble prophetic hadith and the principles of the Iranian system. Have you not read the texts of Ahl Zikr from the religious scholars, jurists, and fathers of the sharia of Prophet Muhammad? They clearly warned you and your nation against the danger of becoming Shia in the Iranian model. The Salafism of Imam Muhammad ibn Abd al-Wahhab warned again about the danger of heretics for the religion of Islam: 'Look at the speech of this atheist. You will find him from the speech of Rafidas [Shias]. They are far more harmful to the religion than Jews and Christians.' Don't you understand the danger of Iranians from these words? And do you still follow Iranian Shias? Those who are more dangerous to you than any other human being?"

It is interesting that the issues raised in this speech correspond to the ideological texts and declarations of ISIS leaders. This degree of conformity does not seem to be accidental.

#### Confirmation of Wahhabi ideology

One of the other cases that shows that the Zion-

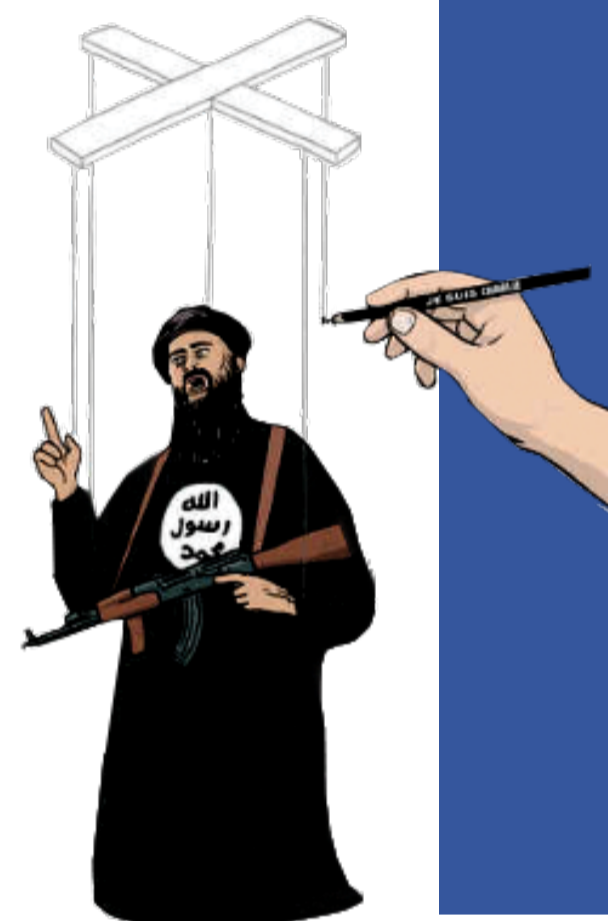
ist regime indirectly defends ISIS and its ideas is the endorsement of ISIS ideology by one of the extremist thinkers of Zionism, Mordechai Kedar. Kedar is an Israeli researcher specializing in the studies of the Islamic world and the Arab world, a professor at Bar Ilan University, and one of the editors and writers of the News-rael newsfeed.

Kedar is a Zionist and has served in the military intelligence department of the Israeli army for 25 years. He also specializes in the field of Islamic groups, political discourse in Arab countries, the Arab press and mass media, and the domestic arena of Syria.

In an interview published a while ago with Abdul Rahman al-Balushi, an apparently Muslim Arab journalist who supports and follows the deviant and takfiri Wahhabi thought, he clearly confirmed the Wahhabi thoughts of the interviewer. He validated the Wahhabi thought and echoed al-Wahhab's labeling of certain groups as polytheists. Since, as stated, Wahhabism and the teachings of al-Wahhab are the main theoretical and practical basis behind the ideology of ISIS, here Kedar is actually confirming ISIS by confirming these foundations. The abridged translation of this interview follows.

The interviewer told Kedar, "The Wahhabi da'wah was a reform movement to eliminate the manifestations of polytheism that spread in that historical period, and Muhammad ibn Abd al-Wahhab was able to publish this da'wah by uniting with Muhammad bin Saud. In fact, Muhammad bin Abd al-Wahhab's dawa was along with Ibn Taymiyya's dawa, and Ibn Taymiyya's dawa was not outside of Ahmad ibn Hanbal's dawa. In contrast to the views of Ash'ari, Sufi, and similar movements, there were issues such as asking saints and righteous people, building graves, bowing and visiting graves, and asking for help and intercession from the dead, which in the Islamic heritage are called polytheism."

Mordechai Kedar, while confirming the above con-



tent, responded, "In the Islamic view, the saints and the righteous are the teachers of the path and tariqa of Sufiyya. But if they are dead, this is Shirk [polytheism]. If someone prays for a dead person and asks him to intercede for people because of their sins and mistakes, this is Shirk in the Islamic view. This is the same as placing a dead person in a higher position than a living person and placing him as a mediator between God and mankind. Undoubtedly, this is Shirk."

#### Israel's financing of ISIS

It is natural that when a movement like ISIS serves the interests of the Zionists like this, the movement of Zionism supports it both indirectly and directly. One of its important and proven backings is the fact that Israel purchased oil from ISIS.

According to the Israeli newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth, Aida Touma-Suleiman confirmed during a Knesset session that Israel bought oil from ISIS: "These links are well documented by the reports of the Israeli cabinet under Benjamin Netanyahu purchasing oil from the Islamic State." She added, "I am against cooperation with extremist and terrorist groups such as ISIS, which massacre people. I am not the only one who knows about Israel's collaboration with ISIS. The United Nations has documented the cooperation of the Israeli cabinet with ISIS."

#### In a nutshell

It can be concluded that the Zionist regime, directly and indirectly, supports ISIS just as ISIS serves the Zionist regime with the purpose of disuniting the Islamic world and furthering Israeli strategic interests in the region. To this aim, the thinkers and leaders of both are also trying to strengthen and spread the ideology of Wahhabism with all their power and propaganda resources.

Any external observer who mulls over the comments and facts raised in this article with an open mind will confirm that there is a close relationship between ISIS and the Zionist regime and that this terrorist group moves entirely to serve the interests of the Zionist regime.



Mordechai Kedar (R) is being interviewed by Abdul Rahman al-Balushi, a supporter of the thought of Muhammad ibn Abd al-Wahhab.