

ISIS intelligence figure captured by YPG: "things were facilitated by Turkish intelligence"

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Adil Musa Abdouljezar, an ISIS intelligence leader captured by the YPG's Anti-Terror Units (YAT) in August, revealed information about the relationship between ISIS and Turkey in an [interview](#) published by ANHA.

According to the YPG Press Office, Abdouljezar was [responsible](#) for ISIS intelligence operations in al-Bab, Hama, Aleppo, Idlib, Raqqa, Mayadin, Tabqa and Daraa.

He told ANHA that elements of the Turkish state facilitated his travel to Syria, providing him with a forged passport to enter the country. "When we arrived in Turkey, things were facilitated by Turkish intelligence," he said. "They themselves helped us cross into Syria. Many people crossed from Bab al-Salama crossing...without any accountability."

Several local sources throughout 2014 and 2015 reported that jihadists affiliated with

ISIS and other jihadist groups were able to [cross](#) the Turkish-Syrian border with relative [freedom](#).

Abdouljezar also revealed that Turkish intelligence and military forces helped facilitate ISIS attacks abroad by training and supplying militants while they were in Syria. Many observers have taken threats issued by Turkish officials— such as Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s 2017 [warning](#) that “no European in any part of the world [would] walk safely on the streets” if European states did not repair relations with Turkey, or his 2018 comment that France had “no right to complain about any terrorist organization [or] any terrorist attack” if it continued to support the Syrian Democratic Forces— as a suggestion that such collaboration may have occurred.