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ABOUT ISIS - US TREASURY DEPARTMENT WANTS TO KNOW HOW IT HAD HUNDREDS OF TOYOTA

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Ed Lewis, Toyota's Washington-based director of public policy and communications said to ABC, that it was impossible to track vehicles that have been stolen, or have been bought and re-sold by middlemen. Toyota claims that many of the vehicles in ISIS videos are not recent models.

Oubai Shahbender, Washington-based advisor to the 'Syrian National coalition' is a fan of Toyota Trucks and declared in April 1, 2014, 'You can absolutely expect for many of those trucks to be mounted with crew-served machine guns or other equipment, military equipment, that the opposition forces have access to. I mean, that's one of the reasons why the Toyota Hilux is such an important force multiplier, because it could be used both for humanitarian purposes and for operational purposes as well.' (PRI)

The official public response of automaker Toyota :

'...Toyota has a strict policy to not sell vehicles to potential purchasers who may use or modify them for paramilitary or terrorist activities, and we have porcedures and contractual commitments in place to help prevent our products from being diverted for unauthorized military use...'

''|However, it is impossible for any automaker to control indirect or illegal channels through which our vehicles could be misappropriated, stolen or re-sold by independent third parties...'

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