



New anti-NSA "scoop" targets Israel

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The latest "scoop" from Glenn Greenwald is that the NSA has been "targeting" innocent Palestinians. They turn out to be terrorists. This story, on top of his previous report about NSA surveillance of radical Muslims, demonstrates that his agenda is serving the interests of the enemies of America and Israel.

No wonder the source of the documents, NSA defector Edward Snowden, is in Moscow.

This is the second phony "scoop" in a row.

In the first case, one of the "innocent" Muslims reported to have once been under NSA surveillance turned out to be a representative of a Muslim Brotherhood off-shoot. Another was linked to a terrorist financing case.

Snowden's mouthpiece Greenwald has been basking in the glow of receiving various journalism prizes, including a Pulitzer. But his latest escapades may finally alert the press and the public to his real objectives. He is not a journalist but a propagandist for anti-American causes.

In this latest case, Greenwald's public relations firm breathlessly trumpeted the news on Monday that "In an exclusive dispatch published this morning, The Intercept reveals top-secret documents from the Edward Snowden archive [that] detail how the NSA has provided financial assistance, weapons, and signals intelligence (SIGNIT) to Israel – enabling attacks on its neighbors, including those on Gaza."

The "neighbors" turned out to be Hamas terrorists.

The Intercept is Greenwald's new media venture, funded by billionaire eBay founder and French-born, Iranian-American Pierre Omidyar.

What the documents show is that the NSA and Israel have been cooperating to identify terrorists. This is precisely what they should be doing.

The headline, "Cash, Weapons and Surveillance: the U.S. is a Key Party to Every Israeli Attack," appears over Greenwald's latest story.

This is only a big deal if you're someone like Glenn Greenwald, who thinks it is inappropriate for

governments of the Free World to protect their own people.

Greenwald, an American, doesn't live in the United States; he lives in Brazil with his homosexual lover. He speaks openly of reducing America's influence in the world, and once described the 9/11 attacks as "minimal" compared to the violence he believes America is carrying out in the world.

Greenwald is quoted as saying, "[t]he new Snowden documents illustrate a crucial fact: Israeli aggression would be impossible without the constant, lavish support and protection of the U.S. government, which is anything but a neutral, peace-brokering party in these attacks. And the relationship between the NSA and its partners on the one hand, and the Israeli spying agency on the other, is at the center of that enabling."

Greenwald says it is Israeli "aggression" to defend itself from terrorism.

Although Greenwald insists that innocent Palestinians have been targeted, his own reporting discloses that the NSA and the Israeli signals intelligence unit (ISNU) have shared information with "the Palestinian Authority Security Forces."

Clearly, therefore, the target of this intelligence activity is Hamas, the designated terrorist group behind the latest rocket attacks against Israel. Until recently, the Palestinian Authority was at odds with Hamas over representing Palestinians.

Greenwald discusses another "top-secret document" that he says deals with a 2009 cooperative effort, code named "YESTERNIGHT," by the NSA, GCHQ (the British Government Communications Headquarters), and ISNU. Greenwald says this "cooperative surveillance-sharing relationship" with Israel coincided with the 2009 "Cast Lead" armed conflict with terrorists in Gaza.

Again, Greenwald seems to be alarmed that the U.S. and Israel would cooperate against terrorism.

If Greenwald continues with these kinds of dispatches, it could lead to a reevaluation by the media of what his real agenda is, and why Edward Snowden picked him as an outlet for the classified documents he stole from the NSA before he fled to Russia.

We called them "Pulitzer Prizes for Espionage" when Greenwald and his associates received journalism prizes for regurgitating Snowden's documents.

Nevertheless, some on the right have joined with the left in hailing the work of Greenwald and Snowden. The libertarian Cato Institute just published a three-page interview with Greenwald in its July/August 2014 Cato Policy Report.

Cato, which opposes a strong U.S. foreign policy, calls Greenwald's NSA disclosures "explosive," which is true in the sense that the communications intelligence agencies of countries like the U.S. and Israel have been hobbled by the publicity given to the stolen documents he

received and publicized.

Although Snowden has been charged with espionage and theft of classified documents in the U.S., former Rep. Ron Paul wants Obama to give him clemency.

Greenwald could be charged as a co-conspirator in the case. But The New York Times sees things differently and has just run a flattering profile of Greenwald titled, "A Web Guerrilla Breaking News From the Jungle." Not surprisingly, Greenwald uses the opportunity to praise his billionaire financier, saying he now has "the kind of funding" that he needs to make a difference in the world.

Edward Snowden and his Russian host, Vladimir Putin, are also grateful.