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The following is the report of our source (1104) about the method of the Algerian
Armed Islamic groups to obtain money and weapons.

Kindly, look into...with appreciation

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Sources of arming the armed groups

Iran is considered one of the most important countries that finances the armed groups in Algeria through its embassy, the cultural legation and some Iranians living outside.

First, our sources confirm that the most important point to finance the Armed Islamic Groups with money to buy weapons is the Iranian Embassy in Damascus; the embassy plays the role of the mediator between the Iranian authorities and the Armed Islamic Groups in Algeria.

Syria knows very well that there are a lot of Algerians visiting the embassy, but Syria never interfered, the thing that upset

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the Algerian authorities, which asked Damascus two years ago , through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its embassy in Damascus, to expel the Islamic Algerians living in Syria. The authorities also asked Syria to extradite some Islamic Algerians to Algeria, but Syria refused the request under the pretence that all Islamic Algerians living in Syria or visiting it did not violate the limits of entertainment and they did not violate the laws of the country.

Under the insistence and importunity of the Algerian authorities, Syria was forced to expel some of the suspected Islamic names in Damascus, and the others stayed

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The Iranian Cultural Center in Damascus, near "Al-Marjah" Square, plays the same role too; where some Islamic persons visited the center from different Armed Islamic organizations (The Islamic Army for Salvation, the Armed Islamic Group)
From Damascus, the network ramifies toward Europe in the following countries:

- ❖ Germany
- ❖ Belgium
- ❖ France
- ❖ England
- ❖ Morocco

Second, Germany comes after Damascus

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In Germany, Some Iranian personages supervise regular meetings with the Armed Islamic Group, and some money deliverance operations are carried out there too.

As to weapon purchase, it is done through:

France and Belgium, smuggled later through Morocco.

Third, Morocco spared no effort to exert pressure on Algeria to stop supporting the Western Sahara; one of the most important pressures is receiving tens of Iranians to hold meetings with the Armed Groups in Morocco. To guarantee the success of contact operations

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between the Iranians and the Algerians, Iran opened a cultural center in Wajdah City, although there are no Iranians in that Moroccan city.

Our sources confirmed that weapons are delivered from Iran to the above-mentioned center in Wajdah city directly, where some Algerian armed members are trained to use the weapons smuggled later through the borders.

Fourth, what is happening in the eastern borders

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with Tunisia and Libya arouse the suspicions about the possibility of smuggling weapons through that side that extends to 1000 km; especially the tough desert area between Libya and Algeria.

A number of armed engagements took place between the Algerian border observers and some unknown armed groups.

The Iranian embassy in Tunisia tried to play a suspicious role, but the good relations between Tunisia and Algeria prevented

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Tunisia to be a weapon crossing point to Algeria. Nevertheless, the questions remained posed, especially with the existence of the adept Iranian Diplomat Mr. "Sa'idi", who is considered the joint between the Iranian Embassy in Tunisia and every Algerian and Arab visits the country. Mr. Sa'idi is fluent in Arabic, but we don not have proofs on his engagement with the Algerian armed groups.

The Libyan role remains suspicious,

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especially if we take into consideration the mass migration and escape of some Islamic group members through the common borders to Libya, which allowed them to live on its ground. However, their role and their conditions remain unknown.

As a reminder, Sheikh "Ali Taskhiri," a well-known Iranian personage, is considered one of the Iranian personages that has a vast knowledge in the Algerian file, and he has a big role in bringing tens of Algerians to study

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in Iran since 1979.

We have no information about his recent role, because he kept himself out of sight, maybe due to illness.

We should also take into our consideration the successive visits of some Islamic group members to Iran, especially in the last years.