

A French Journalist Who Spent 10 Months in ISIS Captivity Reveals What the Jihadists REALLY Want



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Nicolas Hénin, a French journalist who was chained together in underground cells by ISIS in Syria for 10 months as a hostage alongside US journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff who were later beheaded, has not only revealed [his brutal and gruesome ordeal](#) at hands of terror group, he has also described how welcoming refugees is the best strategy against ISIS, how airstrikes against Syria are a trap, how the jihadists want the West to kill Muslims to justify their terror, and how the terrorists can be defeated.

ISIS Wants You To Turn Your Back On Refugees

UNHCR figures show over one million refugees and migrants reached Europe by sea in 2015. But things are different in 2016 with many Western countries planning to close their doors to refugees blaming Muslims for terror attacks on the West. However, Hénin insists:

“Welcoming refugees is not a terror threat to our countries; it’s like a vaccine to protect us from terrorism, because the more interactions we have between societies, between communities, the less there will be tensions. [The Islamic State believes in a global confrontation](#). What they want eventually is civil war in our countries, or at least large unrest, and in the Middle East, a large-scale war. This is what they look for. This is what they struggle for. So we have to kill their narrative and actually to welcome refugees, totally destroy their narrative.”

ISIS Wants You To Not Stop Bombing Syria

US President Barack Obama called the unfortunate shooting at a holiday party, which killed 14 people and injured 22, in San Bernardino on December 2, 2015 as “an act of terrorism designed to kill innocent people” and vowed to continue bombing Iraq and Syria areas held by the Islamic State. But Hénin warns that airstrikes are NOT the answer to combating the Islamic State; in fact, he says, airstrikes against Syria are a trap.

“Airstrikes in Syria, the way they are done, are a mistake.. All of these bombings have a terrible side effect. And basically, we—Westerners, but not only Westerners, also the Russians, also the regime—are pushing the Syrian people into the hands of ISIS. [We are working for them](#). We are recruiting for them.”

ISIS Wants To See You Hate & Kill Muslims

The Charlie Hebdo shooting , the multiple terror attacks on

Paris and the recent Brussels Bombings not only struck at the heart of cosmopolitan Western civilization, it struck at the Western unity, giving Islamophobic elements in both America and Europe an excuse to persecute their own innocent Muslim citizens. That is exactly what the Islamic State wanted.

In an op-ed for *The Guardian*, Hénin explains how we are just fuelling our enemies and fuelling the misery and disaster for the natives, and [why we absolutely must not respond to terror attacks](#) with more violence and hate...

“With their news and social media interest, they will be noting everything that follows their murderous assault on Paris, and my guess is that right now the chant among them will be “We are winning”. They will be heartened by every sign of overreaction, of division, of fear, of racism, of xenophobia; they will be drawn to any examples of ugliness on social media.

“Central to their world view is the belief that communities cannot live together with Muslims, and every day their antennae will be tuned towards finding supporting evidence. The pictures from Germany of people welcoming migrants will have been particularly troubling to them. Cohesion, tolerance – it is not what they want to see.

“Canada withdrew from the air war after the election of Justin Trudeau. I desperately want France to do the same, and rationality tells me it could happen. But pragmatism tells me it won’t. The fact is we are trapped: [ISIS has trapped us](#). They came to Paris with Kalashnikovs, claiming that they wanted to stop the bombing, but knowing all too well that the attack would force us to keep bombing or even to intensify these counterproductive attacks. That is what is happening.”

In a column for the *International Business Times*, Hénin made a very compelling case for why we must not overreact to the acts of terrorism:

Let's start by asking ourselves, what does our enemy want us to do? What reaction would make them happy? The answer is that the Paris attacks were committed because ISIS wants to see us kill Muslims. They want to provoke military escalation in Syria. They want to provoke unrest. They want to provoke confrontations with Muslims from the Western world.

ISIS believes that Muslims have no place in a Western society, and that the two worlds can't coexist. All of their propaganda – based on a corrupted restoration of the 'Muslim pride' – is actually a scam: ISIS wants the West to kill Muslims to justify their war.

ISIS is a terrorist group and we can't reproach them and expect them to shift ideals and act as we do. They can only act by their very definition – to terrorize. They do this to become a part of our political agenda. To make us forget what is fair or moral. To make us have eyes only for them. [Enthralled by their terror campaign, we ultimately act against our own interests, against all logic.](#)

How Can The Islamic State Be Defeated?

“The winner of this war will not be the party that has the newest, the most expensive or the most sophisticated weaponry, but [the party that manages to win over people.](#)”

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