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LOKALIZATZIYA: DAGESTANI JAMAAT IN ISIS TO OPEN RUSSIAN STORE IN RAQQA

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Russian-speaking jihadis from a Dagestani-led jamaat that is part of the Islamic State of Iraq and as-Sham are building a Russian-speaking “Univermag” store and school in Raqqa.

[Abu Hanif's jamaat](#) — (in)famous for its leader's former association with Abu Banat, the Dagestani jihadi [who filmed himself](#) beheading a priest and who is currently [in prison in Turkey](#) — is part of ISIS and is based in Raqqa.

The group [previously reported](#) that it had opened a pre-school for Russian-speaking children in Raqqa.

Abu Hanif's jamaat now claim to have opened a "Univermag" — a department store (though the photos show what looks more like a grocery store with empty shelves, perhaps it is trying to emulate the Soviet era?) — with Russian-speaking staff as well as a media office and the school. It appears that Abu Hanif and his jamaat are not very interested in learning Arabic and shopping in Syrian-run local stores.

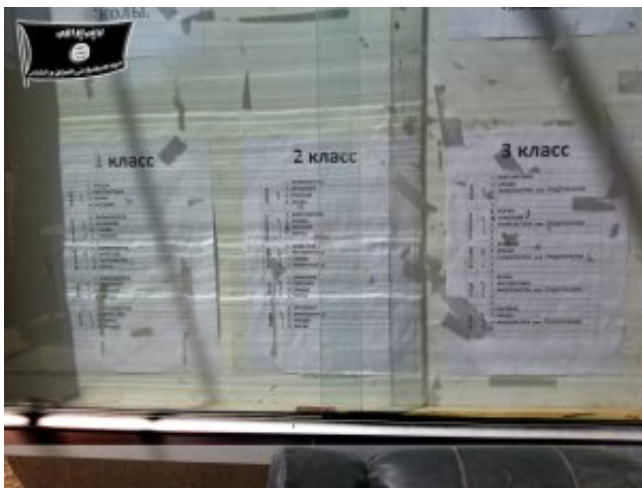


The "Univermag". Perhaps Abu Hanif will adopt the Soviet system and make shoppers stand in line three times – once to choose the product and get a ticket, once to pay for the item and get a receipt, and once to receive the item from a totally different counter.

Did this inspire Abu Hanif:



Joking aside, Abu Hanif's jamaat have also posted images of the timetable of the Russian school. We can see that Class 2 will study the following topics:



Sunday:

Phys. Ed.

Arabic

Russian

Quran

Monday:

Math

Akida

Russian

Quran

Tuesday:

Arabic

Math

Akida

Phys. Ed.

Wednesday:

Arabic

Russian

Akida

Quran

Thursday:

Arabic

Math

Akida Quran

Class 3 have “Labor Therapy” as an alternative class to Phys. Ed.

This is what the jamaat **has to say** about the new ventures in Raqqa:

Since being in Raqqa, with the help of Allah and later with the support of the leadership of the Islamic State, our jamaat has undertaken the following projects:

1. Opening a children’s school for learning Sharia and secular sciences, akida, Arabic, Quran, Russian, math, military affairs, Phys. Ed. In our school there are Russian-speaking children from various jamaats and lessons are also given to kids from the Azerbaijani jamaat in Azeri.

2. Opened a madrassah for learning Sharia sciences. Open lessons are given, and also lessons for groups who need knowledge. There are those who confine jihad to weapons, there are those who limit jihad to the book, and there are those who wage jihad with weapons and the book as did the Messenger of Allah.

3. Opened a women’s area where the sisters live and also where public events are hosted for them.

4. Opened our own medical office where patients are received and which provides medical services.

5. Opened our own internet cafe, the income from which is given to needy Mujahideen and their families.

6. Close to finishing work on a Univermag, the profits from which will also go to needy Mujahideen and their families. Russian-speaking sales people and administrators will work there.

7. Work on a girl’s school is going full steam ahead, and also on a preschool.

As well as all the above there are constant works to arrange and move newly arrived Mujahideen families, and prettifying the areas near the Makars.

And of course the brothers are going to the ribat and take part in fighting.

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