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ICYMI: Donalds Joins Will Cain Country

WASHINGTON – Congressman Byron Donalds (R-FL) joined *Will Cain Country* on The Fox News Podcast Network to discuss the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee's hearing on Somali fraud in Minnesota.

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"You have money going from the American taxpayer ending up in the hands of foreign terrorist organizations":

"One thing I think it's important for people to understand. There's a third aspect to what was going on. The fraudsters in Minnesota, they were buying property in Kenya. They were buying property in Turkey. And there's a lot of remittances that were going back to Somalia. And the reason why I bring that point up is because in Somalia and other countries in that region, they have what's called a hawala network... Well, over there in Somalia, they're using what's called this hawala network, which is a bunch of personal money movers, individuals who are just moving money. So, when the cash shows up in Somalia, now it's just being moved person to person. Well, what we already know is that the Al-Shabaab al-Qaeda affiliate, which operates in Somalia, they have their hands all in this hawala network. So, to me, it's common sense that once that money has been moved offshore into Somalia, which has occurred, that is a fact that a portion of those funds actually ended up in the hands of Al-Shabaab, which is an al-Qaeda affiliate, the biggest one in Somalia. So you have money going from the American taxpayer ending up in the hands of foreign terrorist organizations. And Tim Walz and his administration not only tried to clean it up, they stopped public employees from investigating to stop the fraud. They were complicit in this action."

"Why did Tim Walz all of a sudden decide he wasn't running for reelection? This is why":

"It's clear that the Walz administration, Tim Walz himself, his campaign, I think also the Attorney General Keith Ellison, they were getting campaign contributions from these fraudsters. So it's widespread corruption, not just the fraudsters themselves, but the political apparatus in Minnesota was not just deaf, dumb, and blind. They were aiding and abetting. And I think, you know, people were saying, well, why did Tim Walz all of a sudden decide he wasn't running for reelection? This is why. Because when you actively know about the fraud and let it continue, it demonstrates, you know, in my view, culpability in what was happening."

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