

# 10,000 U.S. Troops - Plus French, British Forces - Get Ready for War Against Syria

Will Hype and Over-Reaction Lead to War?

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Anonymous U.S. officials are [accusing](#) Syria of building chemical weapons, and DebkaFile is reporting ([via RT](#)) that an aircraft carrier, numerous battle ships, amphibious ready group, 10,000 troops and heavy military equipment have already been sent to the Syrian coast:

The USS Eisenhower, an American aircraft carrier that holds eight fighter bomber squadrons and 8,000 men, arrived at the Syrian coast yesterday in the midst of a heavy storm, indicating US preparation for a potential ground intervention.

While the Obama administration has not announced any sort of American-led military intervention in the war-torn country, the US is now ready to launch such action "within days" if Syrian President Bashar al-Assad decides to use chemical weapons against the opposition, the Times reports.

Some have suggested that the Assad regime may use chemical weapons against the opposition fighters in the coming days or weeks.

The arrival of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, one of the 11 US Navy aircraft carriers that has the capacity to hold thousands of men, is now stationed at the coast of Syria, DEBKAfile reports. The aircraft carrier joined the USS Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group, which holds about 2,500 Marines.

"We have (US) special operations forces at the right posture, they don't have to be sent," an unnamed US official told The Australian, which suggested that US military troops are already near Syria and ready to intervene in the conflict, if necessary.

If the US decides to intervene militarily in Syria, it now has at its disposal 10,000 fighting men, 17 warships, 70 fighter-bombers, 10 destroyers and frigates and a guided military cruises. Some of the vessels are also equipped with Aegis missile interceptors to shoot down any missiles Syria might have at hand, according to DEBKAfile.

"The muscle is already there to be flexed," a US official told the London Times about the US military's presence outside of Syria. "It's premature to say what could happen if a decision is made to intervene. That hasn't taken shape, we've not reached that kind of decision. There are a lot of options, but it [military action] could be launched rapidly, within days."

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DEBKAfile's anonymous military sources claim the THAD and Aegis arrived at

the Syrian coast aboard the USS Eisenhower.

“The United States now stands ready for direct military intervention in the Syrian conflict when the weather permits,” the news source wrote.

[French, British and Nato](#) military may also take part.

Will this be like the fake claims about [Iraqi weapons of mass destruction](#)?

Maybe ... but Syria *does*, in fact, possess some chemical weapons. However, Asia Times reporter Pepe Escobar points out that the West is exaggerating the facts:

Or is it the implementation of a [50 year-old](#) American and British leaders to carry out a [false flag attack](#) in Syria to topple the government (and see [this](#))?

We’re not sure. But the fear is that we’re [drifting towards World War III](#). Hopefully, cooler heads will prevail.

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