

“Advise & Assist”: US Special Forces Photographed on Front lines in Syria with Kurds

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US special forces soldiers have been [caught on camera](#) fighting on the front lines with the Kurds against ISIS in Syria.

The troops were spotted by an AFP photographer, who said there are just over a dozen of them in the village of Fatisah; just 30 miles north of Raqqa.

Some of the troops are wearing plain clothes, while others are in military garb carrying the insignia of the Kurdish YPG:

This takes the mission to ‘assist’ quite far indeed.

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Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook [admitted](#) that:

“Our special operations forces in the past have, yes, worn insignias and other identifying marks with their partner forces,”

“They do what they can to blend in.”

However, he stressed:

“They are not on the forward line. They are providing advice and assistance, their advise-

and-assist role has not changed.”

Cook couldn't explain the difference between the forward line and the front line, saying:

“I don't have a yardstick for you. This is a fluid situation.”

Unfortunately for the United States, there is absolutely nothing fluid about the fact that these troops are operating illegally in Syria as they do not have the explicit permission of the Syrian government to be there; [unlike the Russians](#) who did have such a mandate.

What do you think these special forces soldiers have been tasked with doing exactly?

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