

“Al Qaeda Rebels Encircled”: Syrian Arab Army Continues to Liberate Parts of Syria

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The Syrian Arab Army (SAA) and its allies have encircled the militants in Darayya, striking several neighborhoods under the control of Afnad Al-Sham and Al-Nusra.

Meanwhile, the SAA's Brigade 105 of the Republican Guard conducted a devastating tunnel attack on Jaish al-Islam headquarters in the town of Jobar destroying this large building located near the Tayba Mosque. The government forces have reportedly seized a number of building blocks near the 4 Seasons Hotel and are advancing West of the Masjid Bilal Al-Habshi in the Darayya Association District.

Afnad Al-Sham and Al-Nusra are surrounded by the Syrian forces at both Darayya and Mo'adhimiyah, with no roads linking these two towns together. Thus, the militants aren't able to maneuver and to exchange supplies and reinforcements. Meanwhile, the Syrian forces proposed to the militants of Afnad Al-Sham and the Free Syrian Army in Mo'adhimiyah to lay down arms and surrender peacefully. The militants have 4 days left to accept the terms.

Following the fierce clashes with militants, the Syrian troops were able to liberate the town of Bluzah in Aleppo province. The loyalists' forces have been making steady gains in Northwestern parts of Syria, being able to drive the militant groups back from more territories in the region.

A coordinated assault on the Al-Rawad Hill in the Al-Baqaliyeh district of the Deir Ezzur province was launched by the militant groups on Thursday. However, the militants' offensive actions were rebuffed due to the strategic airstrikes conducted by the Russian and Syrian air forces. During the current week, ISIS launched a series of assaults on Al-Baqaliyeh District to seize the Al-Rawad Hill from but it failed.

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