

# Maps Reveal Chain of ISIS Oil Smuggling Routes from Syria and Iraq into Turkey. Russian Defense Ministry

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*Russia's Defense Ministry published images and a map it says reveal a chain of oil smuggling to Turkey from Islamic State – from extraction to refining facilities.*

*At least three ISIS oil supply routes were located, all leading to Turkey.*

*“The General Staff of the Russian Federation Armed Forces has irrefutable evidence of Turkey’s involvement based on aerial and space reconnaissance data,” Lieutenant-**General Sergey Rudskoy** said during the Defense Ministry briefing on Wednesday.*



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According to Rudskoy, Russia has identified *“three main oil transportation routes from ISIS-controlled Syrian and Iraqi territories into Turkey.”*

*“The western route leads to the Mediterranean ports, the northern route leads to the Batman oil refinery on the Turkish territory and the eastern one leads to a large transfer base in Cizre [Turkey].”*

The [documents](#) published by the ministry show *“the entire chain of oil supply into Turkey – from extraction to refining facilities.”*



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*“In total, in their illegal oil smuggling business, terrorists are using at least 8,500 trucks to transport up to 200,000 tons of oil every day.”*

He added that the vehicles with illegal oil that are crossing Turkey are not checked at the border.

*“The presented photos, which were taken this August, demonstrate hundreds of oil trucks and heavy vehicles moving both to and from the Turkish border.”*

Rudskoy concluded that most of the oil is being transferred from eastern Syria to a large oil refinery plant in Batman, 100km from the Syrian border.

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