

Syrian Armed Forces Engage in Heavy Clashes with Terrorists. Heavy ISIS Losses

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The Syrian Arab Army (SAA) supported by the National Defense Forces (NDF) continued its advance along the Turkish border in the Latakia province's northern countryside. Following the heavy clashes against the al Nusra and Free Syrian Army militants, the Syrian forces took control of Zahiyah Tower, near the Turkish border-crossing. The government troops are continuing the advance along the Turkish border.

The Syrian forces targeted terrorists' concentration centers in the neighborhoods of al-Rashidiya, al-Hwaiqa and al-Sheikh Yassin in Deir Ezzur. Early reports said 11 terrorists were killed and, at least, 34 others were injured in the attacks. The main clashes were observed at the city of Inkhil, and the towns of Zimrin and Simlin in Dara'a.

A strategic village of Marhatan near Palmyra in the Homs province has been purged of the militants in a massive military operation. Earlier, the Syrian troops engaged in heavy clashes with ISIS militants in al-Biyarat region. The pro-government sources argue that the ISIS militants suffered heavy losses.

Some 200 wanted militants from Zabadani region and Madaya in Damascus province turned themselves in to the authorities on Saturday. The Syrian government has vowed to pardon all those who lay down arms voluntarily. Another reason has been the Russian air raids which impact the terrorists' fighting spirit negatively.

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