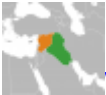


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*The Russian warplanes destroyed two long convoys of ISIL’s oil tankers in the Homs province. The first convoy with at least 8 oil tankers and some other military vehicles was targeted by the Russian Air Force near the city of Palmyra. Militants accompanying the convoy were also killed in the air raid. The joint squadron of the Russian and Syrian frontline bombers also destroyed 14 oil tankers and their guards near Sukhnah.*



[Iraqi Troops Campaign to Wrestle Ramadi from ISIL](#)

By [nsnbc international](#), December 23 2015

Iraqi military and counter-terrorism units, Kurdish Peshmerga units, local Yazidi units, supported by the Iraqi and US-led coalition air forces are fighting to regain control over the strategically important city of Ramadi from the self-proclaimed Islamic State, a.k.a. ISIS, ISIL or Daesh.



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[Historic UN Security Council Resolution 2254 on Syria: The Backrooms of Diplomacy, US Last Minute Attempt to “Double Cross”?](#)

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On December 18, 2015 the International Syria support Group, consisting of seventeen concerned countries, most significantly including Russia, the United States, China, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, met at 9:30AM at the New York Palace Hotel. As the group was not yet an official United Nations entity, it met in a "private" venue. Entering the Palace Hotel, at 8:30AM, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi stated that a political resolution of the Syria crisis is imperative, and the only solution, and this political agreement should not permit any retreat from this decision, only forward action.



[Al Qaeda and the Human Mindset: The Threat of the Islamic State \(ISIS\), ... An Incessant and Repetitive Public Discourse](#)

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), December 23 2015

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