

US Coalition Attacks Syrian Forces, To the Rescue of ISIS

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On Thursday, the US-led coalition announced it had launched an air strike against "pro-Assad forces" inside Syria killing several government-aligned militia soldiers and destroying numerous military vehicles near the al-Tanf region where the borders of Syria, Iraq and Jordan meet. The US coalition claim that Syrian forces inside of Syria posed a threat to US and NATO troops and the 'rebels' they are training and arming on the Jordanian side of that border region.

The US-led attack comes as UN officials and diplomats are meeting in Geneva to discuss a solution to Syria's six year war. According to one Syrian official, the attack was a "flagrant aggression launched by the international coalition exposes the falsity of its allegation about fighting terrorism and undoubtedly demonstrates the reality of the Zionist-American project in the region."

The move by the US also poses an indirect threat to the stability of the <u>Astana Peace Agreement</u> signed by Russia, Iran and Turkey which guarantees "de-escalation zones" inside Syria in order to bring an end to major ground hostilities in the country.

21WIRE's **Patrick Henningsen** spoke with RT International as the story broke on Thursday evening GMT, telling newscasters in Moscow that this week's attack by the US, <u>like many others previously</u> – seems to strategically benefit ISIS terrorist forces on the ground in Syria. *WATCH:*

Other reports are also suggesting that thousands of Hezbollah troops are being deployed to the al-Tanf passageway at the Iraq-Syria border. <u>Fars News</u> reports:

"Hezbollah has deployed 3,000 forces in al-Tanf region to participate in Badiyeh operations in Syria. Most of the forces had earlier been stationed in al-Zabadani, Madhaya and Sarqaya regions as well as the Western parts of the town of al-Tofail and Brital, Ham and Ma'araboun heights in the Eastern mountain."

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