

US Military Unlikely to Withdraw from Eastern Syria and Its Oil Fields

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The U.S. Armed Forces are not withdrawing from the eastern Euphrates River Valley region of Deir Ezzor or its plethora of oil fields, a military source in Damascus told Al-Masdar News.

According to the source, the U.S. Armed Forces won't withdraw from these areas because of Iran's presence in eastern Syria and the reality that Damascus would again have access to Deir Ezzor's vital oil fields.

He would add the U.S.' two largest military bases in Syria are in eastern Syria near some of the country's largest oil fields like Al-'Umar.

Damascus has wanted the Al-'Umar and Conoco oil fields to be returned to their government; however, with the U.S.' large military presence in the eastern countryside of Deir Ezzor, they have found themselves blocked from these critical petrol supplies.

Furthermore, with the ongoing sanctions against the Syrian government, the U.S. administration sees the return of these oil fields to Damascus as a benefit to the state and their allies like Iran.

Syria has been under an economic siege for several years now, leaving much of the country in dire need of resources like medicine, gas, et al.

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