

# Video: Counter-terrorism Operation against Jaish-al-Islam, Syrian Forces Prepare to Retake Eastern Ghouta

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Government forces are preparing to take control of a key region near the Syrian capital, Damascus.

The Syrian army and its allies are going to launch a fresh military operation to force Jaish al-Islam militant group to surrender their strongholds in the region and to withdraw to Idlib.

Douma is Jaish al-Islam's main stronghold in the area. It will likely become one of the targets of the operation.

According to pro-militant sources:

- Jaish al-Islam and its allies have about 10,000 fighters;
- 435,000 civilians live in the region.

The operation will be a major blow to the so-called "moderate opposition" and to allow to secure the area of Damascus.

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