

VIDEO: 'Moderate Rebels' Attack Russian Rescue Helicopter Searching for Downed Pilots

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A Russian rescue helicopter was shot down by Syrian 'moderate' jihadist rebels, as the Russian rescue team was searching for [the missing pilots who ejected](#) during NATO member Turkey's troubling attack on the Russian Su-25 jet.

Insurgents used anti-tank US TOW missiles to attack the rescue chopper, forcing it to make an emergency landing in a government army-held area in Syria's Latakia province.

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— Raed Bourhan (@raedbrh) [November 24, 2015](#)

[The Express](#) reports:

"In the disturbing film released by the *Free Syrian Army* rebel group a missile can be seen travelling towards the stricken chopper, which has landed in a mountainous area, before it explodes in a huge fireball."

The following edited video was uploaded today, and it cannot be confirmed whether or not this is a shoot-down of Russian rescue helicopters, or Syrian Arab Army helicopters from an earlier date. It appears to show US-backed 'moderate' jihadists destroying a reconnaissance chopper with a US-supplied TOW missile unit:

"Moments earlier a single soldier is seen assembling an American made TOW portable anti-tank missile launcher on a hillside before taking aim at the helicopter."

"A narrator triumphantly gloats over the top of the video exclaiming "Allahu Akbar" - meaning "God is great" - as the missile hits and mangled wreckage from the craft is blasted into the air".



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