

## Video: The Conflict in North Syria: US Continues to Smuggle Oil, While Turkey Complains to Russia It Can't

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*The intensity of the conflict in Syria's northeast refuses to die down, as more and more strikes are carried out targeting each involved party's interests.*

*For its part, MSM reports on all of these, but many of them are presented in a light, much different from reality.*

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, a video emerged showing the Damascus government forces conduct a strike on Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS).

The shelling targeted the terrorist fortifications and depots. MSM, in conjunction with various Western-backed organizations such as the “International Rescue Committee”, shifted the story and claimed that a civilian hospital had been struck.

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As such, the narrative is this – the “Bloody Assad Regime” is back at it, targeting civilians and killing its own people.

As might be expected this media campaign is part of the attempts by the US to rebrand HTS as a “former terrorist” and now reformed organization, in order to have another ally, in a different part of Syria.

The Damascus government's recent punishment of HTS and the Turkish-backed militants in northeastern Syria is happening with Russian support and is part of a wider push to liberate more areas of Syria.

Ankara is dissatisfied with this, even summoning the Russian Ambassador to complain about the severe strikes that Moscow had carried out on terrorist targets.

The Turkish side insists that artillery and air strikes on positions and infrastructure of Turkish-funded terrorists in Greater Idlib violated the 'de-escalation agreement'. No mentions were made of the violations that are frequently carried out by these same terrorists.

Turkey would like to continue to enjoy the smuggled oil it used to receive from the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces.

The United States, still benefits from that smuggled oil. On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, a convoy of more than 300 tankers left Syria's Hasaka region and entered Iraq.

Washington's oil repatriation is not proceeding without a hitch either. On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, several rockets hit a US military base near the Conico oil field in the Syrian province of Deir ez-Zor. Lebanon's al-Mayadeen TV reported that the US suffered casualties. Little else is known.

Being subject to rocket strikes, and having convoys hit by IEDs was commonplace in Iraq, but it appears that it has now also come to plague Washington's forces in Syria.

The profits from that smuggled oil could potentially be used to cover a recent loss by the US - an MQ-9 Reaper was downed in Yemen, by Ansar Allah.

Despite officially not supporting the Saudi-led intervention in Yemen, the Biden Administration appears to still be up to Washington's old activities.

The Houthis, as Ansar Allah is commonly known, are riding high due to their recent successes and continue their regular drone strikes on various Saudi positions and infrastructure behind enemy lines.

The Abha Airport, alongside other locations in the south of the Kingdom, is subject to frequent attacks.

Riyadh is providing ample opposition, carrying out approximately 30 or more airstrikes each day. Still, it would seem that the Saudi-led coalition is being steadily pushed back.

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