

Al-Qaeda and Affiliated Terrorists Occupy About 60% of Aleppo, Syria

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Today, (November 30), the Syrian military said that the large number terrorists, who launched a broad attack from multiple axes on Aleppo and Idlib fronts using heavy weapons and large number of drones, and the multiple fronts of engagement have forced the army to redeploy with the aim of strengthening the defense lines in to contain the attack, preserve the lives of civilians and soldiers, and prepare for a counterattack.

It added that dozens of its armed forces were martyred and others were wounded during the battles, according to the statement issued by the Syrian General Command of the Army and Armed Forces, which was published by the Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA).

The statement affirmed that the redeployment is a temporary measure and the army will work by all possible means to ensure the security and safety of the people in the city of Aleppo, and will continue its operations and carry out its national duty in confronting terrorist organizations to expel them and re-control the entire city and its countryside.

It underlined that terrorist groups had not been able to establish fixed positions in Aleppo city due to the army's continued bombardment of their positions.

In this context, Beirut-based <u>Al-Mayadeen TV channel</u> reported today that Militants are deployed in about 60% of Aleppo's area and are imposing a curfew on residents in their areas of deployment until further notice.



Yesterday, French humanitarian **Pierre Le Corf**, who has been in Aleppo for 9 years stressed that the large-scale attack, which started two days ago on Aleppo governorate, was launched by around 15-20 thousands terrorists of Syrian and foreign nationalities and foreign intelligence bodies.

He expects a street war in Aleppo as many terrorist groups infiltrated into the city of Aleppo and terrified people there.

"I saw many terrorists, who were trying to get within the city center.. I hope that they

will not arrive to the center of Aleppo city... It will be a long night I think," added Le Corf.

He indicated that the current terrorist attack has been very well-organized at a specific point of time.

Ahmad, who is living with his family in Aleppo city, told us that the people who live near the lines of engagement have left their homes and moved to other places. Meanwhile, many people in other areas in Aleppo got into their cars and fled, because the scenario was very similar to that of the fall of Idlib.... The infiltration of some terrorists from one side of the front due to betrayal was coincided with the awakening of sleeper cells in various places inside Aleppo. Videos were filmed for a few seconds and distributed, and the people of Aleppo believed them. So they left their homes.

Another citizen from Aleppo, Edward, said that a lot of people are awaiting for buses to pick them up to other governorate through safe road as the international highway is closed because of the terrorist attacks.

Today, the Syrian army announced that its forces successfully thwarted a large-scale attack by armed groups from the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) in the rural regions of Aleppo and Idlib provinces in northern Syria.

In a statement, the army said the HTS — an al-Qaeda-linked extremist organization — has launched attacks using various heavy and medium weapons, including drones provided by its foreign allies.

"Our armed forces have inflicted heavy losses to the attacking groups, causing hundreds of deaths and injuries among the terrorists," the statement said, adding, "We have destroyed dozens of vehicles and armored units and have downed 17 drones."

The army is reinforcing its positions on various frontlines to prevent further breaches, the statement noted.

It also accused the HTS of disseminating misleading information and videos aimed at alarming the civilian population in Aleppo, urging citizens to rely solely on official national media for accurate information.

Four civilians were killed and several university students were injured on Friday (November 29) when the armed militant groups fired shells at a dormitory complex in Aleppo city, state news agency SANA reported.

For his part, **Oleg Yegnasiyuk**, Deputy Head of the Russian Reconciliation Center in Syria declared that at least <u>400 terrorist militants linked to Jabhat al-Nusra</u> were killed during their attack on SAA positions in the Aleppo and Idlib countrysides on November 27.

In a press conference, Yegnasiyuk confirmed that the terrorist groups suffered heavy losses in both personnel and equipment while attacking the SAA. He noted that the Syrian army is "fighting fiercely, supported by the Russian Air Force."

13 terrorist attacks were recorded against Syrian government forces (Syrian Army and allied units) in the Idlib "de-escalation zone," including 12 in Idlib province and one in Aleppo

province.

Meanwhile, Al Mayadeen's correspondent in Syria reported that armed groups operating west of Aleppo have unveiled the use of an advanced drone, reportedly acquired from Kiev's intelligence services.

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