

## Airstrikes Hit Largest US Occupation Base in Syria

The attacks on US troops stationed in Syria's Al-Tanf base and Conoco oil field come on the heels of similar airstrikes on a US base in Iraq

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Coordinated airstrikes hit two US occupation bases in southern and northeast Syria in the morning of 19 October, in the latest escalation against US troops in West Asia since the start of the Gaza-Israel war.

According to informed sources who spoke with <u>Al-Mayadeen</u>, three drones were able to fly above the <u>Al-Tanf base</u> at the Syrian-Iraqi-Jordanian border and launch several successful airstrikes.

"The attack led to a major alert within [Al-Tanf], with continuous flights of military aircraft and helicopters in the area," *Al-Mayadeen* reported.

Sources within the US-led coalition that spoke with Iraq's <u>Shafaq News</u> on Wednesday claimed that the occupation forces "successfully intercepted and downed two of the drones, but the third managed to target the base."

The US occupation base at <u>Conoco oil field</u> in Deir Ezzor governorate was also hit by multiple rockets.

No group has taken responsibility for the attacks and no casualties have been reported.

Hours before Thursday's airstrikes on US troops, the Israeli air force <u>attacked</u> the Syrian army in the southwestern Quneitra governorate, causing material damage. Explosions were also reported in the Israeli-occupied Syrian Golan Heights.

US troops stationed in Iraq's Ain al-Asad airbase were also targeted by airstrikes on Wednesday, which were claimed by the Kataib Hezbollah resistance faction. Although the Pentagon initially claimed its forces repelled the attack, the official story changed to include

reports of wounded soldiers as the hours went on.

"The resistance in Iraq has entered the battle of 'Al-Aqsa Flood' and directed its strikes at US bases," the military spokesman for Kataib Hezbollah declared on Thursday.

Since the start of the historic Operation Al-Aqsa Flood in the Gaza envelope, factions within the <u>Resistance Axis</u> in West Asia have warned they are ready to join the battle against Israel in support of the Palestinian cause and that US occupation troops and bases would become "legitimate military targets" if Washington also decides to enter the fray.

As tensions escalate, the Pentagon has <u>deployed</u> multiple warships and thousands of troops to the Israeli coast. The UK, Germany, and the Netherlands have mobilized troops to support Israel's ethnic cleansing campaign against Palestinians.

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