

Pentagon to Admit to 2,000 Troops in Syria, Number Likely Far Higher

General Had Previously Said US Had 4,000 Troops There

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US officials said on Friday that the Pentagon is expected to [concern confirm that there are "about 2,000" US ground troops](#) in Syria, a major increase from the roughly 500 that they officially claim is the case.

The US has overtly lied about troop levels in Syria consistently throughout their deployment. Less than a month ago, Gen. James Jarrard told reporters the [US had about 4,000 troops in the country](#), though the Pentagon at the time claimed he was wrong and the real number was only 503.

Adding to the confusion, the Defense Department had also offered figures to Congress on overseas deployments, and those figures [said 1,723 troops were in Syria at the time](#). Despite this, the official troop figure has not changed.

President Trump has made a point of troop levels needing to be kept secret from "the enemy," but consistent lies from the Pentagon about their deployments have made the figures less a closely guarded secret than a mockery of transparency. While 2,000 is almost certainly closer to the truth than 500, it's not necessarily the actual figure.

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