

# Syria: Russia Destroys Al Qaeda Hideouts, Command Post and Training Camp

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*Since yesterday, Russian Su-34, Su-24M and Su-25 jets conducted eighteen flights from the Hmeimim base in Latakia province on the Mediterranean coast, targeting 12 terrorist targets. More than 50 Russian warplanes are used in the Syrian operation.*

Based on intelligence gathered from a variety of sources, including “space and drone reconnaissance,” the ministry confirmed the “total destruction” of terrorist targets in Idlib Province by Su-24 M jets. One of the targets was an Islamic State command post. The other was a terrorist training camp.

Earlier in the day, Russian military also released footage of the overnight air raids on four terrorist facilities, including an ammunition depot near Idlib, a three-level HQ near Hamah, and a reported car-bomb plant in the north of Homs.

Russian pilots also prevented the Islamic State fighters from restoring one of its command posts in Hama Province which had been struck by Russian jets on Wednesday.

To stop further ISIS activity on the object near Al-Latamna village, Russian jets conducted an additional strike, which led to the destruction of the target. The strike carried out by the Su-24M fighter jet.

Meanwhile, the Syrian Armed Forces have attempted to recapture the Al-Ghaab Plains from the possession of the Syrian Al-Qaeda affiliates in “Jaysh Al-Fateh”. The clashes have been continuing there.

Jabhat Al-Nusra with support of Harakat Ahrar Al-Sham and the Free Syrian Army attempted to advance on the Nayrab Military Airport’s on Thursday afternoon. In a series of intense firefights, the pro-government Palestinian group “Liwa Al-Quds” defended the sector.

The Syrian Arab Army (SAA) and the National Defense Forces (NDF) carried out another assault on the ISIS positions at the village of ‘Ayn Sabil around the Kuweires Military Airport.

Inside of the provincial capital SAA and Liwa Al-Quds continued their counter-offensive at the Scientific Research Facility in the Al-Rashideen District.

Expected offensives of the Government forces in east Aleppo will likely lead to the most violent battle inside Syria since the ISIS offensive inside the provincial capital of Al-Hasakah in July of 2015 could be started.

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