

The Iranian Armed Forces are ready to aid and train the Syrian Military

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The Commander of the Ground Forces of the Iranian Regular Armed Forces, Brigadier General Ahmad-Reza Pourdastan, says Iran is ready to train the Syrian army should Damascus require assistance.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday, Pourdastan added that the Syrian army has gained experience during years of conflict with the occupying regime of Israel, and has the ability to defend itself with no need for foreign assistance.

"As a Muslim and friendly country, we stand by Syria and if there is need for training, we will provide them with necessary training," the senior Iranian commander asserted.

He, however, emphasized that Iran would not have "active involvement in their operations."

Pourdastan's remarks came as the Syrian state television reported on Sunday that Israel has carried out an airstrike against the Jamraya Research Center, located northwest of the capital, Damascus. The center had been targeted by another Israeli airstrike back in January.

The Sunday attack came shortly after Tel Aviv confirmed that its warplanes had hit another target in Syria on Friday.

The unrest in Syria began over two years ago, and many people, including large numbers of Syrian soldiers and security personnel have so far lost their lives. The Syrian government says that the chaos is being orchestrated from outside the country.

Syria's President Bashar al-Assad said in April that the situation in the country was improving as the army enjoys popular support in the fight against terrorism.

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