

The UN Humanitarian Convoy in Aleppo: The CIA was Behind the Attack. Syrian Defense Ministry

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The Syrian Defense Ministry announced the true purpose of the US in the <u>attack on the UN</u> <u>humanitarian convoy near Aleppo</u>. The Defense Ministry of the Middle Eastern republic is convinced that the airstrike was planned in order to divert attention from the incident with airstrikes, carried out by the coalition's Air Force on positions of the Syrian Army near Deir ez-Zor.

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Syrian President Bashar Assad (center) stands next to Syrian Defense Minister Gen. Dawoud Rajha (right) and Chief of Staff Gen. Fahed al-Jasem el-Freij (left) during a ceremony to mark the 38th anniversary of the October 1973 Arab-Israeli war, in Damascus, Syria, 2012 (Photo: AP / SANA)

The US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is behind the attack on September 19, the press service of the Ministry said. And the main purpose of the air raid was an attempt to hide the "blatant attack of the US coalition forces on positions of the Syrian Army in <u>Deir ez-Zor</u>," and to divert an attention of media and the world community from disapproval of this act, "which openly demonstrates support for Islamic State's [IS] terrorists by the US." In addition, the Syrian Defense Ministry noted that the attack was planned to help the IS to take control of new areas in response to the success of the Syrian army in Aleppo.

"This fact eliminates any involvement of the Russian Aerospace Forces to the attack, and especially statements of one of the leaders of the Jabhat al-Nusra [also known as the Al-Nusra Front or the Jabhat Fateh al-Sham], which confirm that terrorists, supported by Washington, had carried out this immoral act," Syrian military stressed.

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