

Turkey is Preparing an Offensive Military Operation in Northern Syria

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It's been quite a while since the treaty on cease-fire in Syria had been signed. We can say February 27 became the new anchor for the people of Syria who are tired of war and havoc. However, the situation doesn't suit the main sponsors of the "Syrian revolution", i.e. Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar which had already planned how the country would be divided between them.

Turkey is interested in Syria's division most of all. The most attractive "piece" for Turkey is Northern Syria and its destroyed economic capital Aleppo.

Obviously, the seized Northern territories would be a step forward in Erdogan's plan to resurrect the Ottoman Empire he is dreaming about. That is why the seizure of Aleppo is a strategic goal for Erdogan and his partners.

The Turkish government has been supporting Syrian terrorists from the very outset of the war in March 2011.

As the Egyptian news site El-Badil reports, in late 2015 the Turkish government was supplying the Syrian opposition with money and food. Also, it allowed them to cross the border between Turkey and Syria. The fact that militants from terrorist groups fighting in Syria can freely cross the border is also reported by the Kurdish news agency ANHA. According to it, militants go through Bab Al-Salama border crossing point to the North of Aleppo from the Turkish city Kilis towards the Syrian town Azaz. As a rule, militants visit Turkey for two reasons: to undergo a qualified medical treatment to heal their wounds or to attend a military training in a special camp where Turks and Saudis work.

Despite all the efforts of Turkish officials to conceal their support in favor of the terrorists, the (Turkish and Western) media has nonetheless acknowledged Ankara's insidious role. Even the Syrian opposition's leaders have never hidden such facts. For example, in last September, one of its leaders Ahmed Tuma told the British newspaper Al-Arabi that Turkey was supplying Syrian militants with fuel and food. Tuma is proud of his relations with Turkish leaders and highly appreciates the role of Turkey in forming the so-called "new Syrian state." And it's no wonder as the oppositional leader lives on money received from Turkey.

According to the activists of the media center Syria from Inside in Ankara, all the operations of sponsoring the Syrian opposition leaders and field commanders of armed groups are conducted through a number of accounts in a Turkish based bank. Moreover, through this bank, Turkey finances NGOs whose main purpose is to support the Syrian revolution.

Besides that, Turkey's support for Syrian militants, i.e. financing and training, is included in the US secret program Timber Sycamore, [according to a New York Times reported in January, 2016](#). The NYT acknowledges that Turkey has been sponsoring Syrian terrorists since 2013.

It's obvious that the cease-fire in Syria is not to the advantage to Ankara, whose political leaders seek to overthrow the government of Bashar al Assad.

Now, the most important point of the face-off is Aleppo province. As locals say, more than 1000 terrorists arrived there between April to mid-May. The fighters were accompanied by trucks with arms and ammunition and off-road vehicles with large-caliber machine guns. Notably, the vehicles' deployment is covered by Turkish artillery, regularly shelling Syrian border regions from the Turkish side. It's clear that all these actions are the evidence of the fact that terrorists are preparing a large-scale offensive in Aleppo.

No doubt, the attack on Aleppo is a part of the "hybrid" war implemented by Turkey in Syria. The artillery shellings of Syrian territories and the support for Syrian terrorists – Turkish news agency Anadolu calls these "a fight against ISIS." And the Turkish government justify Erdogan's desire to seize Northern Syria by claiming that it is just an attempt to create the so-called "safety zone" for refugees.

While the world is trying to reach a peace treaty in Syria, Turkish leaders are planning large-scale operations involving "opposition" terrorists and radical groups.

However, we want to believe that their plans won't be crowned with success as everyone in Syria understands who is behind the "opposition" and what the "revolutionists" want to achieve.

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