

Turkey to Establish Eight Military Bases in Syria's Idlib Province

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The Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) are going to establish 8 military bases in Syria's Idlib province, according to the conservative Turkish daily newspaper Yeni Şafak.

"The Taftanaz Air Base and the Abu al-Duhur Military Airbase [in Syria's Idlib province] are also two separate points that the TAF uses," the daily writes.

According to the daily, the Syrian Arab Army's largest garrison in the vicinity of the Deif region is now controlled by Turkish forces.

The TAF entered Syria's Idlib province under a pretext of implementing the de-escalation zones agreement reached by Tehran, Ankara and Moscow in the Astana talks on the Syrian conflict.

The Turkish military announced that it established the first observation post on October 13. Considering that no clashes between the TAF and Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (formerly Jabhat al-Nusra, the Syrian branch of al-Qaeda) have been reported since then, it becomes clear that Turkey has some kind of deal with the terrorist group which is the most influential "opposition faction" in the province.

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