

US Constructing Two New Bases In Syria's Oil-Rich Region: Report

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Turkey's state-run media is reporting the United States is planning two new military bases in Syria's oil-rich Deir ez-Zor province, which are currently under construction, after US special forces convoys were [seen patrolling the area](#) in the past days.

Anadolu Agency, citing local sources, said the bases were under construction as evidenced [by the influx of heavy equipment](#):

While the footage captured by Anadolu Agency showed that much construction equipment is being put into action, it was learnt the U.S. has sent 250 to 300 additional soldiers, armored vehicles, heavy weapons and ammunition to the region.

The reported added: "The military bases are being built in the 113th Brigade area and near al-Sur region," according to the sources.

Syria's largest oil fields, which historically account for most of its domestic energy needs, are located in Deir Ezzor, including Al-Omar, Conoco, and Rumeilan.

A US coalition statement confirmed last week that American forces are being "repositioned" in Syria's oil rich region just east of the Euphrates to "protect critical infrastructure" – following Trump's roll out of his controversial "secure the oil" plan.

Days ago Russia accused the United States of stealing what rightfully belongs to the Syrian government and people, with Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov [alleging earlier](#) that US government agencies received over \$30 million a month in oil production in Syria.

According to various reports in last several days US forces were spotted in the following locations in Syria, either patrolling near oil (Rmelan), deploying Bradleys (Deir Ezzor region) or on the road with trucks (i.e to Sarrin and back) pic.twitter.com/FJgQ6HoLNo

— Seth Frantzman (@sfrantzman) [November 4, 2019](#)

In response to Tuesday's Turkish media reports on the establishment of two new American

military bases east of the Euphrates, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Vershinin [said](#), “Any actions whatsoever – we are not talking about anything in particular now – that the United States undertake to keep themselves militarily present in Syria are unacceptable and illegal from our point of view and under international law.”

Multiple images have [surfaced in the past days](#) confirming that the Pentagon has indeed launched a “secure the oil” policy, though not every of Syria’s oil and gas fields east of the Euphrates have witnessed US forces enter.

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