

# *Pentagon Says U.S. Troops to Stay in Syria Indefinitely*

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Washington, December 6 (RHC)-- In the U.S., a Pentagon official said that military forces are poised to stay in Syria for "as long as we need to." Pentagon spokesman Eric Pahon told reporters in Washington that U.S. troop commitment "on the ground" will support our partners and prevent the return of terrorist groups," Pentagon spokesman Eric Pahon told AFP on Tuesday.

The Department of Defense spokesman on Iraq and Syria also repeated Washington's stance that the U.S. and its allies are fighting the Daesh Takfiri group there. Pahon further announced that there would be no timeline to determine if and when they may leave as their presence is "conditions-based."

"To ensure an enduring defeat of ISIS, the coalition must ensure it cannot regenerate, reclaim lost ground, or plot external attacks," he said. "This is essential to the protection of our homeland as well as to defend our allies and partners.... The United States will sustain a conditions-based military presence in Syria to combat the threat of a terrorist-led insurgency, prevent the resurgence of ISIS, and to stabilize liberated areas."



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