

# *Syrian Troops Thwart Attack on Key Military Site*

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Damascus, March 26 (RHC-NNN) - The Syrian army on Tuesday thwarted rebels' offensive against a key military observation site, in the north-western province of Latakia, inflicting heavy losses upon the rebels, Syria's state media reported.

The army foiled the attack on the 45 Observatory, a military observation tower atop the al-Turkman mountain in Kasab, the report said. The attackers were forced to retreat toward the north-east under heavy fire from government troops.

The clashes in Latakia's rugged coastal regions have been incessant since Friday, mainly in the contested town of Kasab bordering Turkey.

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