

U.S. establishing airport within oilfield in Syria's Dayr al-Zawr province

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A US military vehicle patrols near the Rumaylan oilfields in Syria's northeastern Hasakah province. (Photo: AFP)

Damascus, February 14 (RHC)-- The United States is establishing an airport in its military base within an oilfield in Syria's eastern province of Dayr al-Zawr, a report says. The Hajin Military Council in the province, affiliated to the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), announced the news, Arabic-language Kuwaiti daily newspaper Al-Anba reported.

According to the report, Washington is establishing the airport in the al-Omar oilfield base, which is one of the largest military bases of the U.S. forces in the Arab country. The development comes on the heel of the Pentagon announcement that a U.S. firm is exploiting Syrian oil without authorization from Damascus, and that the U.S. troops deployed to the Arab country do not "protect" its oil reserves from Daesh attacks as previously ordered by former President Donald Trump.

During the past several months, the U.S. has sent hundreds of trucks carrying military and logistical equipment to the northeastern province of Hasakah. Furthermore, Washington has also been redeploying troops to the oilfields controlled by US-backed SDF militants in eastern Syria since October 2019.

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