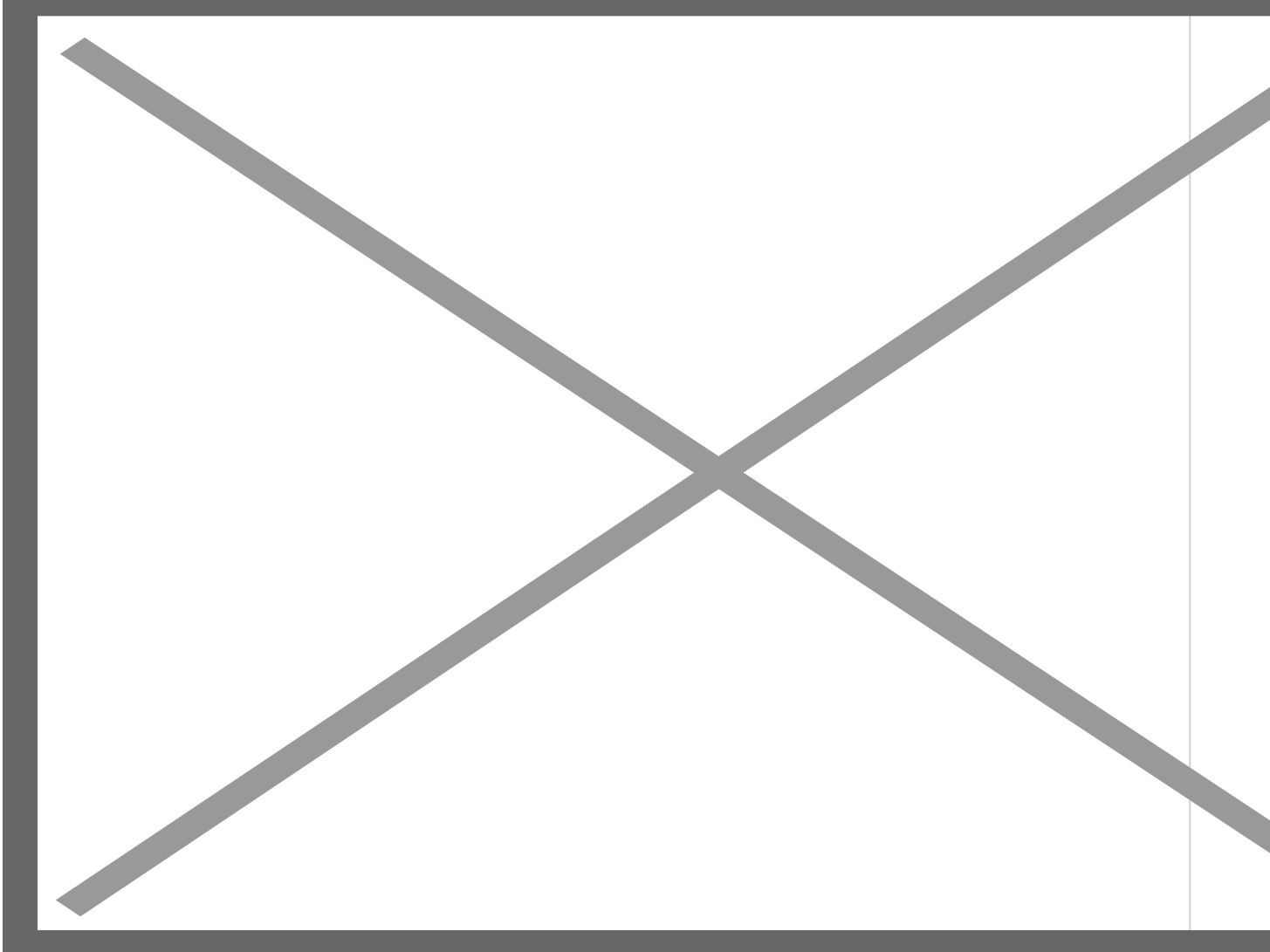


Report says U.S. forces loot 94 more truckloads of Syrian oil and wheat

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Damascus, November 14 (RHC)-- U.S. occupation forces in Syria and their local Kurdish mercenary allies have reportedly looted another 94 tankers and trucks loaded with the country's oil and wheat, illegally transporting them to neighboring Iraq.

Citing local sources, Syria's official SANA news agency further unveiled in a Saturday report that the intruding American military forces transferred out 30 tankers loaded with stolen Syrian crude via the illegal al-Waleed border crossing and 44 more tankers of oil from al-Swaidiya fields through the unauthorized Mahmoudiya crossing, heading to US military bases across Iraq.

According to the report, the occupation troops, aided by the so-called "Syrian Democratic Forces" (SDF) of US-backed Kurdish militants, also hauled 20 more trucks loaded with wheat out of the country to northern Iraq through the Semalka crossing.

Syrian media outlets regularly report on American illegal oil and food smuggling activities, with the US occupiers and their local Kurdish allies organizing convoys containing dozens of tankers or trucks at least once a week, and sometimes multiple times.

Last week, U.S. forces reportedly shipped 43 tankers of Syrian oil looted from the country's al-Jazeera field into northern Iraq. This is while Damascus has repeatedly condemned Washington's oil and food looting activities in the war-torn Arab nation, which have robbed Syria of access to nearly 90 percent of its oil resources, and much of its arable land.

Prior to the 2011 foreign-backed terrorist campaign unleashed in the country by the US and its European and regional allies in their bids to topple the government of President Bashar al-Assad, Syria enjoyed modest self-sufficiency in both food and energy.

The U.S. military has illegitimately maintained at least 800 troops in Syria east of the Euphrates River since 2017, tasking its troops with controlling Syrian energy fields and blocking Damascus from regaining control of its internationally recognized borders.

In addition to plundering Syria's energy and agricultural resources, Washington and its European allies have further imposed a crushing sanctions regime against the country, aimed at crippling its economy by blocking the import of all sorts of goods, including medicines and medical equipment. Former U.S. President Donald Trump had conceded on several occasions that American military forces were deployed to Syria because of the country's oil wealth.

On September 21, China called on the United States to stop looting Syria's national resources and respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Arab country. China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin further underlined that Washington has a duty to investigate robberies committed by its occupying military forces, as well as to compensate for the damages caused.

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