

# *Israel continues large-scale bombing of Syria, hitting ports and infrastructure*

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Damascus, December 12 (RHC)-- Israeli forces are continuing a large-scale bombing campaign of Syrian targets following the ouster of Bashar al-Assad, attacking the Port of Latakia and a weapons storehouse in Tartus.

Israeli troops have pushed deeper into the occupied Golan Heights and a demilitarized buffer zone established by the United Nations a half-century ago.

In northern Syria, fighters with the Turkish-backed Syrian National Army have seized more areas, including the city of Deir ez-Zor, amid clashes with U.S.-backed, Kurdish-led militias.

Elsewhere, Turkey's intelligence agency bombed a convoy of trucks driven by Kurdish fighters who had seized heavy weapons and ammunition abandoned by Syria's military. Fighting in northern Syria has displaced more than 100,000 people.

In a last-ditch effort to save face, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has arrived in Jordan for emergency talks on Syria, planning to head to Turkey next.

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