

# *Four U.S.-led Airstrikes Target Oil Field in East Syria*

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Damascus, October 24 (RHC)-- According to reports from Syria, the U.S.-led military coalition has launched four airstrikes on an oil field in eastern Syria. The airstrikes reportedly targeted oil wells in the eastern province of Deir ez-Zor near the Iraqi border.

The United States and its allies claim the airstrikes on oil facilities aim to take out ISIL Takfiri militants' main source of income. However, the attacks have largely destroyed the Syrian infrastructure.

U.S.-led airstrikes have so far claimed the lives of 553 people, according to reports, and more than 50 Syrian civilians are also among the fatalities, including at least six children.

Since September 22nd, the U.S. and its military allies have been conducting airstrikes against the ISIL inside Syria without any authorization from Damascus or a UN mandate. The airstrikes are an extension of the U.S.-led aerial campaign against ISIL positions in Iraq.

Washington has been supporting the mercenaries operating against the government in Syria since March 2011. Many ISIL terrorists have reportedly received training by the CIA in Jordan and Turkey. Saudi Arabia and Qatar have been also staunch supporters of militants fighting the Syrian government.

The ISIL militants have seized large swathes of land in Iraq and Syria, terrorizing all communities, including Shias, Sunnis, Kurds and Christians, in the areas they are controlling.



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