

UAE's Jets Target ISIL-held Oil Refineries



Abu Dhabi, February 17 (RHC)-- The United Arab Emirates' F-16 fighter jets have hit oil refineries controlled by the ISIL terror group, state media reports. The warplanes targeted oil refineries held by "the Daesh (ISIL) organization, with the aim of drying up its sources of finance," said the state news agency WAM on Monday, using the Arabic acronym for the extremist group.

According to the agency, the aircraft, based in Jordan, returned unharmed. However, it declined to reveal the location of the targets. Similar air raids are said to have taken place on February 10th and February 12th.

Also on Monday, Jordanian Information Minister Mohammad al-Momani said Bahrain has deployed a number of fighter jets to his country to aid Amman in the fight against the ISIL Takfiri group. Since late September 2014, the U.S. and some of its Arab allies have been conducting airstrikes against the ISIL inside Syria without any authorization from Damascus or a UN mandate.

The U.S.-led coalition's airstrikes have also hit Syrian infrastructure. The coalition has attacked the provinces where the ISIL militants are not active.

Washington and its allies have been staunch supporters of the Takfiri terrorists fighting against the Syrian government since March 2011. The ISIL terrorists currently control large areas of Iraq and Syria.



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