

# *Kurdish Forces in Syria Oust ISIL from Key Base Near Raqqa*

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Damascus, June 23 (RHC)-- In Syria, Kurdish forces have reportedly ousted the self-proclaimed Islamic State from a key military base north of the ISIL-held stronghold of Raqqa.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the Kurdish Popular Protection Units, backed by U.S.-led airstrikes, pushed ISIL militants "back to the gates of Raqqa."

This is the second major Kurdish victory against ISIL in Syria in a week after forces retook the city of Tal Abyad on the border with Turkey.

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