

Russia Says U.S.-led Strikes on Daesh Terrorists Resemble Plastic Surgery



Moscow, December 16 (RHC)-- Russia says airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition on purported positions of the Takfiri Daesh terrorists should not resemble cosmetic surgery, which only changes the face of the problem rather than solving it.

Russia's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova made the remarks in a message posted on her Facebook account on Tuesday. "Obama said it was necessary to carry out 'surgical strikes' against IS (Daesh). The main thing is that they, as seen by Washington, should not result in the plastic surgery that, instead of solving the problem, only changes its appearance."

In an eight-minute statement after a National Security Council meeting at the Pentagon on Monday, Obama said the U.S.-led strikes "have to be smart, targeting ISIL (Daesh) surgically, with precision." Obama added: "This continues to be a difficult fight. ISIL is dug in, including in urban areas, and they hide behind civilians, using defenseless men, women and children as human shields."

Since September 2014, Washington along with some of its allies has been conducting airstrikes against what are said to be positions of Daesh in Syria without any authorization from the government in

Damascus or a UN mandate. The campaign in Syria is an extension of the U.S.-led airstrikes against similar positions in Iraq, which started in August 2014.

However, analysts say the U.S.-led campaign has failed to dislodge the terrorists, who have seized parts of land in Iraq and Syria and are engaged in crimes against humanity in the areas under their control.

Back in September, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad warned that the territories held by Daesh had expanded while the number of militants had increased since the beginning of the U.S.-led campaign in the Arab country.

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