

# *Syria Liberates Villages in Aleppo, Hama and Latakia*

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Damascus, January 14 (RHC)-- Syrian military and allied volunteer fighters have liberated six major villages in the north and the west of the country as a massive anti-Takfiri mop-up operation picks up speed.

Syrian military officials said allied forces on Wednesday retook control of the village of Harbanafseh in the southern countryside of Hama Province in western Syria. There were also reports of pro-government forces taking control of the village of Ayn al-Baydha and its surrounding farms in the eastern countryside of Aleppo, a major province in northern Syria.

The advances came as Syria's military continued clearing areas surrounding the strategic town of Salma, in the northwestern province of Latakia, which was liberated on Tuesday. Syrian media said four other villages were recaptured on Wednesday.

Syria's official SANA news agency said the retaking of villages came in the wake of fierce clashes with Takfiri militants, which began late on Tuesday. It added that many terrorists had been killed.

Fierce clashes were also under way in Aleppo's north, where Syrian forces are trying to recapture the Baghdadyn village. At least 10 militants were reportedly killed in the confrontation. The Syrian air force also said it has killed dozens of militants in airstrikes it carried out around the city of Homs, in western Syria.



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