

# *Syrian villagers force U.S. military convoy to return to base*

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Damascus, April 19 (RHC)-- Local residents in the Syrian village of Abu Qasaib in northeastern province of Hasakah stopped a U.S. military convoy, forcing the American troops to return to their occupied base.

The U.S. convoy that sought to pass through the village near the city of Qamishli finally retreated, Syria's official news agency SANA reported.

Earlier this month, a similar incident had occurred in Hamo, near Qamishli. In that incident, a convoy of five U.S. military vehicles was heading to Hamo village, but was forced to turn back when area residents gathered at a Syrian army checkpoint near the village and prevented the convoy from passing. Also in late March, people in another border village prevented a convoy of eleven U.S. military vehicles from passing through their village.

Over the past few days, the United States has dispatched truckloads of military and logistical equipment to Syria's Hasakah as part of its plots to seize oil reserves and plunder natural resources in the war-battered country.

On Tuesday, SANA reported that a convoy of at least 40 trucks had crossed into the Syrian territory through illegitimate border crossing of al-Walid, and headed toward U.S. positions in Hamo village, west of Qamishli.

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