

# *U.S. Training Program in Syria Nets Only 4 or 5 Anti-ISIL Fighters*

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Washington, September 18 (RHC)-- As turmoil in Syria continues to force an exodus of refugees, the top U.S. military commander in the Middle East has acknowledged U.S. efforts to train troops to counter the self-proclaimed Islamic State in Syria have netted only a handful of fighters.

Speaking before a U.S. Senate panel, General Lloyd Austin acknowledged the \$500 million program has produced only four or five fighters currently battling ISIL.

General Austin said: "It's a small number. And the ones that are in the fight is — we're talking four or five."

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