

Britain Begins Bombing Syria Hours After Parliament Approves Air Strikes



London, December 3 (RHC)-- The United Kingdom has reportedly carried out its first bombing of Daesh (ISIL) positions in Syria after the government won a parliamentary debate on an air campaign against the Takfiri militant group. The move followed a 10-hour debate held on Wednesday, with some 397 MPs voting in favor of the plan while 223 voted against the UK extending its airstrikes on Daesh targets from Iraq into Syria.

Following the vote, British Prime Minister David Cameron hailed the "right decision." Cameron was one of the most adamant supporters of the move to extend the current air campaign as part of a U.S.-led coalition against purported Takfiri positions in Iraq.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond also welcomed the report saying the UK is "safer because of the actions taken by MPs today." Military strikes alone won't help Syria, won't keep us safe from Daesh. But this multi-strand approach will."

Shortly after the vote in the early hours of Thursday, four British jets took off from the UK's Royal Air Force base Akrotiri in Cyprus, destination: Syria.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn was against the bombing but had given MPs a free vote on the subject. The free vote means Labour MPs were not ordered to vote with the leadership.

In a Facebook post published after the vote, Corbyn reiterated on finding a peaceful solution for the crisis, insisting that he has argued for "efforts to secure a diplomatic and political end to the conflict in Syria."

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