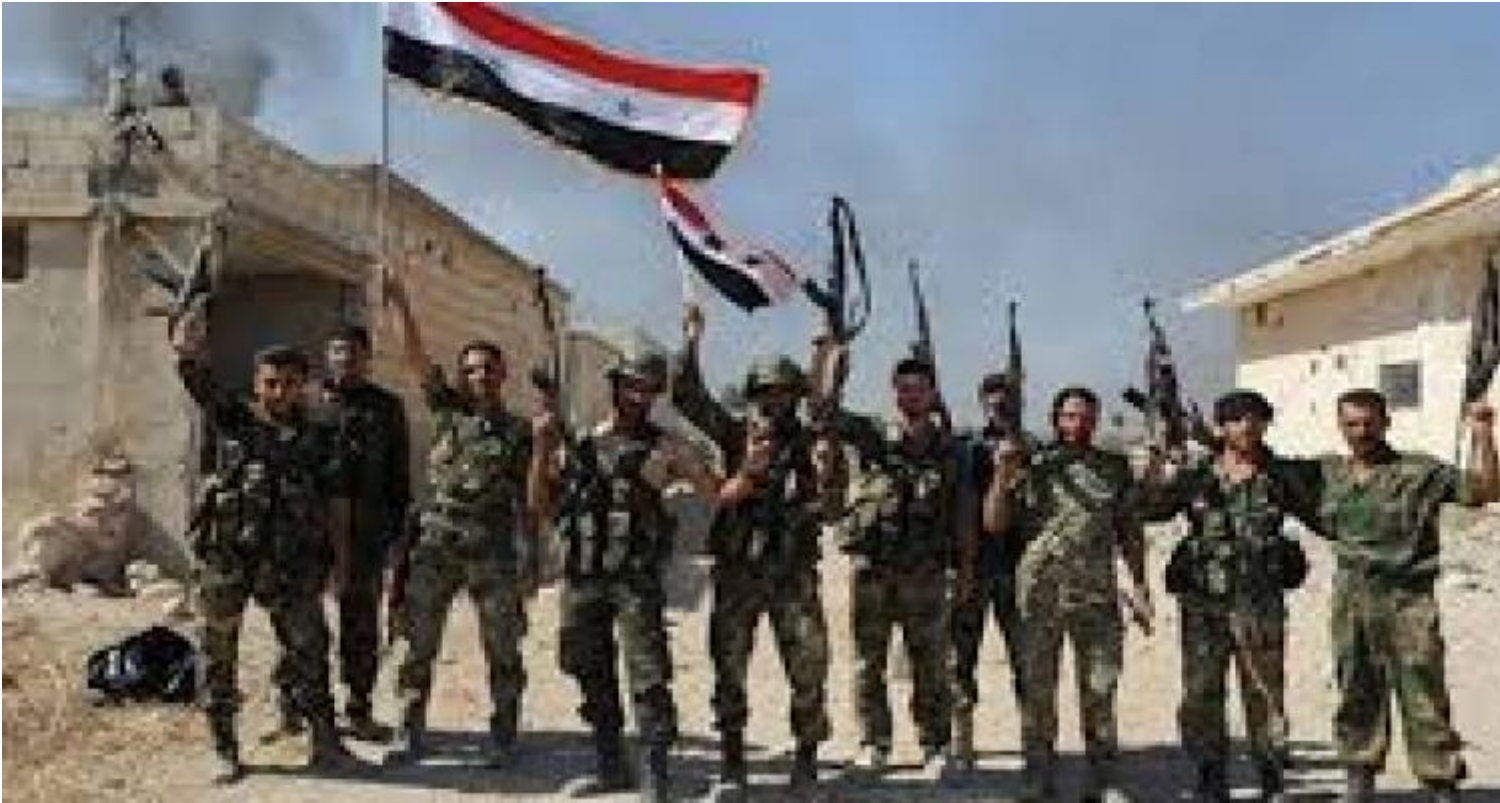


# *Syrian Army Retakes Areas of Aleppo*

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Damascus, December 21 (RHC)-- Syrian army units, backed by Hezbollah resistance fighters, have managed to liberate more strategic areas from the foreign-backed militants in the northern province of Aleppo. Syria's official news agency, SANA, quoted military sources as saying on Sunday that the army regained control of Khan Tuman and neighboring farms, and Qarassi village and the surrounding warehouses in the southern countryside of Aleppo province following heavy clashes with terrorists.

Meanwhile, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR), a Britain-based group close to Syria's foreign-backed opposition, confirmed that Tuman and neighboring farms were now under full control of the Syrian army. According to SOHR, Syrian government forces fighting on the ground were backed by Russian and Syrian aircraft during the major anti-militant offensive. The group added that Russian and Syrian fighter jets conducted at least 40 airstrikes on militants' positions across the region.

Syrian forces backed by Hezbollah fighters have recently been making rapid advances against terrorists in several parts of the country. The advances of the Syrian government forces against the elements of the Takfiri Daesh militants and other terrorist groups have been expedited by the air cover provided by Russia, which began on September 30th.



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