

U.S. and British Troops Mobilize Along Syria-Jordan Border



Damascus, May 9 (RHC)-- The United States, the United Kingdom, and Jordan are mobilizing their troops along the border between Syria and Jordan, according to a report broadcast by teleSUR.

Images from the area show U.S., British and Jordanian military including British battalions with "Challenger" tanks and a number of Cobra and Black Hawk helicopters. The media outlet says some 4,000 armed men are being trained in Jordan in the Al-Tanf area, along the Syrian border.

It was also reported that Jordanians were assembling heavy artillery and U.S.-made "Hermes" missile launchers, purportedly to enter Syria, with air cover and land securing with backup from the U.S. Air Force and Dutch and Bahraini planes.

According to news reports, Damascus appears to be taking the movements very seriously, with Syria's top diplomat warning any action from Jordan could trigger a conflict between neighbors.

Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said in a press conference late Monday that his country was not "ready to confront Jordan," but warned that "if Jordanian forces enter Syria without coordination, it will be considered a hostile action."

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