

U.S. Secretary of State Says Washington Will Not Coordinate Airstrikes on ISIL with Syria



Washington, September 15 (RHC)-- The United States says it will not coordinate future airstrikes on ISIL terrorists inside Syria despite warnings by Damascus that any unauthorized strike on its soil is an act of aggression. "We're not going to coordinate it with Syria... it's not a cooperative effort," U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said during an interview aired Sunday with CBS News.

The U.S. secretary of state added: "We will do that with allies," but not with Syria. The top U.S. diplomat recorded in the interview in Cairo, Egypt on Saturday. Kerry has been traveling throughout the Middle East over the past week working to build a coalition of nations to fight ISIL.

During a speech on Wednesday, President Barack Obama authorized US airstrikes against ISIL bases in Syria. The Pentagon has already conducted more than 150 airstrikes against the targets of the terror network in neighboring Iraq.

Analysts say the military strikes will add Syria to the list of countries attacked by a Washington-based government that speaks loudly about international law at the same time that it violates international law at will.

Syrian Minister of National Reconciliation Ali Haidar said U.S. airstrikes in Syria without the permission of Damascus would be "an attack on his country." He reminded the United States that international law dictates that any action, whether military or otherwise, needs the approval of the nation whose territory is being violated.

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