

High-ranking U.S. Lawmaker Says U.S. Should Consider Ground Troops in Fight against ISIL



Washington, October 6 (RHC)-- The United States should consider deploying ground troops in fight against the ISIL terrorist group in Iraq and Syria, says the Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"If we need special forces there, if that's what the generals say, then we need to do it, Kevin McCarthy said on CBS's "Face the Nation" program on Sunday. He added: "If we engage in a conflict that we know this is a threat to America, we should make it so one-sided that it gets over very quickly. So, we should have everything on the table to make sure we win this."

The U.S. House of Representatives leader said: "Former CIA Director and Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta talks about those actions that the administration knew of this and did not take. So our options are more limited today. Maybe we could have handled this differently."

The Pentagon has announced that it plans to deploy 2,300 Marines to the Middle East to quickly respond to crises in the conflict-ridden region. Pentagon spokesman Rear Admiral John Kirby said that the United States is establishing a task force in the Middle East which will include several fighter aircraft and be prepared to take rapid actions in the case of what he called "contingencies."

The U.S. and several of its allies began striking ISIL targets in Syria on September 23rd. U.S. warplanes have already conducted hundreds of strikes against ISIL in Iraq since mid-August. However, U.S. President Barack Obama has ruled out American boots on the ground in a combat role, a promise many experts say might soon be broken.

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