

Hungary to Send 150 Soldiers to Northern Iraq



Budapest, April 14 (RHC)-- Hungarian lawmakers have voted to dispatch up to 150 soldiers to help guard a military training center in Iraq's Kurdistan region as part of the U.S.-led military campaign against the ISIL Takfiri terrorists.

On Tuesday, Hungarian members of parliament voted 137 to 57, authorizing the contingent's mission until December 2017. Most of no votes came from opposition Socialists and the far-right Jobbik party. "The ISIL is a threat to the world, and has to be taken seriously," Hungary's Foreign Minister Peter Szijarto told journalists after the vote.

Although an official date for the deployment of the Hungarian soldiers to Iraq has not been announced, there are speculations that the forces could arrive in the crisis-hit Arab country in the second half of May.

Last year, Hungary sent ammunition to Iraq to help the armed forces in their fight against ISIL.

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