

Number of Russian Anti-terrorist Strikes Hit Record High in Syria



Moscow, October 29 (RHC)-- Russia says its fighter jets have hit 118 targets belonging to terrorists across Syria over the past 24 hours, recording the highest daily tally since the Kremlin began its anti-terror air campaign in the Arab state.

In a statement published on Wednesday, the Russian Defense Ministry said that the strikes were conducted during 71 sorties over a number of Syrian provinces. The statement said: "The number of sorties has gone up due to an increase in intelligence data."

The strikes reportedly destroyed a command post belonging to al-Qaeda-linked al-Nusra Front militants near the town of Talbiseh in Syria's central province of Homs. A base in Syria's northwestern province of Aleppo province, which was used to control a terrorist weapon supply route, was also demolished in the raids.

Russian planes further hit a "camouflaged supply base" in an area between Syria's western provinces of Hama and Idlib as well as a command and communications post of the so-called Jaish al-Islam terrorist group in the Damascus province.

Russia launched its first airstrikes against Takfiri terrorists in Syria on September 30th at the request of the Damascus government. Moscow says its air raids are meant to weaken Daesh and other terrorist

groups that are wreaking havoc in Syria.

Russia's anti-terror air raids have faced criticism from Washington, which along with its Western and regional allies, has long been supporting the Takfiri groups operating to topple the Syrian government since 2011.

Since last September, the U.S. and some of its allies have been carrying out airstrikes against what is said to be Daesh positions in Syria, but the air raids, which come without a UN mandate or coordination with Damascus, have so far failed to dislodge the notorious terror group in the Arab country.

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