

U.S.-led airstrikes kill 15 Syrian civilians in Dayr al-Zawr



Damascus, November 5 (RHC)-- At least 15 civilians lost their lives after the U.S.-led warplanes launched airstrikes against a town in Syria's troubled eastern province of Dayr al-Zawr, media reports say.

Syria's official news agency SANA, citing local and media sources, reported over the weekend that the coalition's fighter jets had pounded a residential neighborhood in Hajin, killing 15 people, mostly women and children, and wounding an unspecified number of others.

Late last month, Syrian Ambassador to the United Nations Bashar al-Ja'afari confirmed at a UN Security Council meeting that the US-led coalition had once again used white phosphorus bombs against Hajin, some 110 kilometers east of Dayr al-Zawr city.

On October 13, SANA also reported that the U.S.-led coalition, purportedly fighting the Takfiri Daesh terrorist group, dropped internationally-banned white phosphorus bombs on Hajin. On September 8, two F-15 warplanes of the U.S. Air Force targeted the same Syrian city with white phosphorous bombs.

In June last year, Human Rights Watch (HRW) warned that the U.S.-led coalition was deploying white phosphorous bombs in both Iraq and Syria.

The U.S.-led coalition has been carrying out airstrikes against what are said to be Daesh targets inside Syria since September 2014 without any authorization from the Damascus government or a United Nations mandate.

Furthermore, the military alliance has repeatedly been accused of targeting and killing civilians. It has also been largely incapable of achieving its declared goal of destroying Daesh.

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