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Over 120 civilians killed by US-led coalition airstrikes in Syria in 1 month – Russian military

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Scores of civilians have been killed in the past month as a result of indiscriminate US-led coalition strikes in eastern Syria, according to the Russian Defense Ministry.

The ministry issued the sobering statement during a Wednesday briefing.

***More than 120 civilians have died over the past month alone as the result of airstrikes on Syrian settlements in eastern Syria.***

It added that Kurdish fighters sometimes come under the coalition's fire. "*Low effectiveness*" and the "*nonselective character*" of coalition strikes are to blame for the death toll. What's even more concerning is that the bombardment is being done with the use of "*munition banned by international conventions.*"

Civilian casualties aside, Washington's "poor" strategy – as well as that of its allies - only let Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS) reclaim some of the territories lost earlier, the Russian military noted. This includes Hajin, As-Susah, As Safana and Al Marashda. Meanwhile, the terrorists are still being supplied with modern weapons, the MoD said, without pinning blame directly on the US-led coalition. The routes for such supplies are being tracked down and investigated.

### ['Nobody will ever know number of civilian deaths in Raqqa' – US coalition](#)

Speaking at the briefing, Major General Igor Konashenkov explained that life in the US-controlled areas is in shambles and the situation in Syria's Raqqa is a striking example of this. The city was "wiped out" by the airstrikes and thousands of bodies are still under the rubble of the destroyed buildings, he added.

### [Mass graves with 1,200 civilians found in Raqqa, US-led coalition denies responsibility](#)

Human rights organizations have repeatedly sounded alarm about consequences of the operation in Raqqa. In June, Amnesty International released a damning report on the destruction and massive death toll caused by the coalition strikes. It said that civilians were essentially [trapped](#) in the city as the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), backed by airstrikes, battled terrorists.

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