Russia Attacks Syrian Terrorists with Strategic Bombers

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Moscow, Jan 23 (Prensa Latina) Russia attacked with six TU-22M3 strategic bombers camps, weapons and ammunition stores, as well as troops from the Islamic State (EI) terrorist movement in the Syrian city of Deir ez-Zor.

Russian control mechanisms confirmed the destruction of all programmed targets after bombers flew over Iraq and Iranian airspace to carry out their mission, according to a statement from the Defense Ministry.

In the operation, SU-30MS and SU-35S fighters sheltered the bombers, after leaving Jmeimim air base in the Syrian province of Latakia, the official statement said.

All the air ships returned from the mission without complications, emphasizes the Ministry of Defense, which issued a similar part last Saturday.

The city of Deir ez-Zor has been besieged for several weeks by the EI, which took peripheral areas through the mass use of car bombs and suicide bombers, media reports say.

The attack of the EI against the locality intensified as the approaching start of this day in Astana, the Kazakh capital, of the first direct talks between heads of armed groups and representatives of the Syrian government.

Contrary to many in the West, who wagered on the continuity of the conflict in an attempt to remove President Bashar Al Assad from power, the Astana meeting brought together leaders of 13 armed opposition groups.