

The Battle for Idlib Has Started

The Battle for Idlib has started with air attacks by the Syrian, Iranian and Russian forces.

Syrian regime and Russian jets pounded on Saturday the northwestern province of Idlib a day after the failure of a three-way summit on the Syrian conflict.

More than 60 air raids killed at least four civilians in southern Idlib, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and rescue workers.

The renewed strikes came a day after the leaders of opposition backer Turkey and regime allies Russia and Iran failed at the summit in Tehran to agree on how to stave off a threatened offensive on the Idlib.

Aid organizations have warned that any military campaign to retake the region of nearly three million people on the Turkish border could spark one of the worst humanitarian disasters in Syria's seven-year war. (<https://aawsat.com/english/home/article/1389121/syrian-russian-jets-pummel-idlib-after-failed-tehran-summit>)

In a Twitter message in Turkish, English, Russian and Arabic, [Recep Tayyip Erdoğan](#) said Turkey would neither watch from the sidelines nor participate in such a game "if the world turns a blind eye to the killing of tens of thousands of innocent people [in Syria]".

[Erdoğan](#)'s remarks came after his meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani in the Iranian capital Tehran to discuss joint efforts as part of the Astana peace process and political efforts for finding a lasting solution to the [Syrian](#) conflict.

[Erdoğan](#) said Turkey has been trying to stop the bloodshed in Syria since the crisis broke out.

"Without discrimination, we rushed to the help of our [Syrian](#) brothers and sisters. Today, as in the past, we do not [want] any of our [Syrian](#) brothers or sisters to suffer --even from a nosebleed," he said.

[Erdoğan](#) said the importance Turkey attaches to Sept. 7 trilateral summit "reflects Turkey's care for the future of our [Syrian](#) brothers and sisters".

Turkey clearly stated during the Tehran meeting that resorting to methods that disregard civilian lives "would only play into the hands of terrorists," [Erdoğan](#) said.

(<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkey-will-not-watch-killing-in-syria-from-sidelines-president-erdogan-136605>)

Speaking to the press in the southern province of Antalya, Çavuşoğlu warned against the possibility of a "serious humanitarian tragedy" in [Idlib](#), reminding the fact that the region is a de-escalation zone where 3.5 million people live.

Çavuşoğlu said he expects clashes to end in [Idlib](#) and a political process to resolve the issue, adding Turkey is making efforts with Russia and Iran.

Seized from government forces in 2015, [Idlib](#) and adjacent areas form the final major chunk of [Syrian](#) territory still under opposition control. It is home to some three million people -- around half of them displaced from other parts of the country, according to the United Nations.

Damascus, which has retaken a succession of rebel bastions this year, has set its sights on [Idlib](#), which is held by a complex array of rebels and jihadists.

But a major military operation is expected to pose a humanitarian nightmare because there is no nearby opposition territory left in Syria where people could be evacuated.

(<http://www.hurriyetaidailynews.com/turkey-aims-to-stop-attacks-in-idlib-cavusoglu-136630>)

Syrian state YouTube channels have been shut down this morning just as the Syrian Army's ground offensive has officially begun.

This includes the following **now terminated Syrian state and pro-government channels: Syrian Presidency, Syria MoD (Ministry of Defense), SANA, and Sama TV**. This follows YouTube reportedly closing Syria's Ortas News last week. (<https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2018-09-08/youtube-shuts-down-all-syrian-state-channels-idlib-assault-begins>)



Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation ✓

#SYRIA the Russian Defence Ministry possesses irrefutable information that on September 7 leaders of Hayyat Tahrir al-Sham (Jabhat al-Nusra) and Hizb ut-Tahrir (Turkistan Islamic Party) met with local coordinators of the Syrian Civil Defence (White Helmets) at a command post near the al-Vaha School in Idlib.

At the meeting they agreed on scenarios for staging and filming of incidents with the alleged use of chemical agents by the Syrian government forces against civilian population in the settlements of Jisr ash-Shugur, Saraqib, Taftanaz and Sarmin. All sides involved in the staging of provocations should be ready by the evening of September 8. A special team of some "foreign friends of the Syrian revolution" will give a signal for the start of the provocation in Idlib province.

The Russian Defence Ministry continues to closely monitor the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and actions of the groups of the armed forces of various countries in the Middle East.

#RusMoD #Syria #Idlib #WhiteHelmets



(<http://haltturnerradioshow.com/index.php/news/world-news/3127-battle-for-idlib-begins-as-syrian-russian-forces-unleash-massive-attack>)

The White House responded to the Syrian and Russian bombing campaign by **vowing it would act "swiftly and vigorously"** should chemical weapons be used, and a day ago claimed there's "lots of evidence" **chemical weapons are being prepared by the Syrian forces, citing intelligence of such activities.**

And now America's top general has confirmed **the Pentagon is drawing up military options to attack Syria** and is currently in close discussion with the White House over the plans. Marine General

Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told reporters on Saturday during a trip to India, according to [Reuters](#):

...he was involved in “routine dialogue” with the White House about military options should Syria ignore U.S. warnings against using chemical weapons in an expected assault on the enclave of Idlib.

(<https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2018-09-08/us-military-preparing-options-syria>)

This is a repeat of my previous article *Additional Indicator of False Flag in Syria*.

An additional indicator of a possible false flag I Syria has been detected.

French forces are prepared to attack Syrian targets if chemical weapons are used in the forthcoming government offensive to retake Idlib, said French Armed Forces Chief Francois Lecointre to reporters on Thursday. He added...”it’s in our interest to do it with as many partners as possible.” In April, the US, France and Britain launched more than 100 missiles at pro-government targets in retaliation for a suspected poison gas attack near Damascus. (<https://www.debka.com/mivzak/france-ready-to-attack-syria-if-chemical-weapons-used/>)

*Analysis. See my Aug 30 article *Possible False Flag in Idlib, Syria*. This is more of a confirmation that a false flag chemical attack probably using chlorine gas will occur in Idlib, Syria if the Russian, Iranian and Syrian forces attack the remaining anti-Assad forces.*

It appears that the attacks by the Syrian forces in Idlib that began on Sept 2 have stopped. There is supposed to be a UN Security Council “debate” tomorrow on the “issue” of Idlib. The results of that meeting will determine if the Syrian forces attack on Idlib will continue and whether or not the United States and our allies launch attacks against those forces. “Eternal vigilance is the price of peace.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmFZihj8tYY&feature=em-uploademail>

Analysis. It appears that the situation in Syria is building up to a serious confrontation. The You Tube video states that there are American and British soldiers in Idlib who are trapped there. This puts a whole different light on things and may be why President Trump has reversed his position on Syria. It appears that the Turks are not willing to get involved and get our people evacuated to Incirlik. This may also have to do with the disagreement over the extradition of Gulen, the current individual sanctions on various Turkish officials for the holding of the American pastor and other Americans possibly of dual nationality.

Getting a correct story on any of this will be hard. Unwinding an insurgency is difficult. Admitting to it is even more difficult. The Saudi sponsored insurgency against Assad came very close to success until the Russians stepped in. Now it is a disaster. So far it appears that the Saudi sponsored side does not want to wind it down. Therefore there is a good chance it will continue to wind up like a clock until the spring breaks.

We have been warned in effect by all the emergency drills planned for this month and by the Presidential declaration of September as Preparedness month. We should always be prepared for adverse events. They are on the way.