

# US Army boosting presence in Syria, says ISIS 'still poses a threat'

A small number of troops will also be deployed in the region.

The U.S. Army is sending Bradley Fighting Vehicles to Syria to bolster force protection in the region as ISIS "still poses a threat," according to a coalition spokesman.

"The @coalition continues to support our partners bringing the fight to Daesh," Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) spokesman Col Wayne Marotto wrote on Twitter. "Positioning M2A2 Bradley's in North East Syria provides force protection support to the continuing mission to #DefeatDaesh."

OIR Spokesman Col. Wayne Marotto@OIRSpox

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**CJTF-OIR Statement on positioning of M2A2 Bradley's in Syria**

"Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR) continues to work by, with, and through our local partners in Syria to ensure the enduring defeat of Daesh. Despite the territorial defeat of ISIS, the degradation of its leadership, and the widespread refutation of its ideology, this violent Islamist extremist group still poses a threat. Unless pressure on Daesh is maintained, its reemergence remains a very real possibility. CJTF-OIR plans to position mechanized infantry assets, including Bradley Fighting Vehicles, to Syria to ensure the protection of Coalition forces and preserve their freedom of movement so they may continue Defeat Daesh operations safely. We remain steadfast in our commitment to working by, with, and through our partners to ensure the enduring defeat of Daesh."

~ Col. Wayne Marotto  
Operation Inherent Resolve Spokesman

تصريح قوة المهام المشتركة - عملية العزم الصلب حول نشر مركبات أم 2 أي 2 برادلي في سوريا،

تستمر قوة المهام المشتركة - عملية العزم الصلب في العمل مع والى جانب ومن خلال شركائنا المحليين في سوريا لضمان الهزيمة الحتمية لداعش. على الرغم من الهزيمة الإقليمية لداعش، وتدهور قيادتها، وتفنيد أيديولوجيتها على نطاق واسع، لا تزال هذه الجماعة الإسلامية المتطرفة العنيفة تشكل تهديداً. إن عودة ظهور داعش سيظل يمثل احتمالاً واقعياً للغاية، ما لم يتم الإستمراار في الضغط عليها. إن قوة المهام المشتركة - عملية العزم الصلب تُحطّط لنشر أصول مشاة ميكانيكية، بما في ذلك مركبات برادلي القتالية، في سوريا لضمان حماية قوات التحالف والحفاظ على حرية حركتهم حتى يتمكنوا من مواصلة عمليات هزيمة داعش بأمان. سنبقى ملتزمين بالعمل مع والى جانب ومن خلال شركائنا لضمان الهزيمة الحتمية لداعش.

~ العقيد واين ماروتو  
المتحدث باسم عملية العزم الصلب

**Daxuyaniya CJTF-OIR li ser helwesta bi cîhkirina wesaitên M2A2 Bradley li Sûriyê**

"Hêzên Erka Hevbeş a Hevgirtî - Operasyona Çareserîya Xwezayî (CJTF-OIR) bi alîkarî û bi navgîniya Hêzên Sûriya Demokratîk û hevkarên me yê li herêma Sûriyê, ji bo çareserîyek mayînde xebatên xwe yê di têkbirina li hember DAIŞê de berdewam dikin. Tevî têkçûna herêmî ya DAIŞê, hilweşandina serkirdayetiya wê, û redkirina îdeolojiya wê ya berfireh, ev komên îslamî yê tundra ku bi tûndî tevdişerî li herêmê hîn jî teftîdek mezî in. Hêya ku di têkçûna DAIŞê de zextek mayînde neyê bikaranîn, ji nû ve derketin û bihêzbûna wê bêguman e. CJTF-OIR, bi mebesta parastina hêzên Hevbendiyê û têkbirina operasyonên li dijî DAIŞê bi ewlehî bidomînin plan dike ku mekanîzmeyên xwe ku di nav de wesayîten şerî Bradley jî hene, li herêma Sûriyê bi cîh bike da ku parastina hêzên Hevbendiyê misoger bike û azadiya tevgera wan biparêze. Em di pabendîya xwe de dîlsoz dimînin ku em ji hêla, û bi rêka hevkarên xwe têkbirina DAIŞê ya mayînde misoger bikin."

~ Col. Wayne Marotto  
Berdevkê Operasyona Çareseriyê ya Xwezayî

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Bradleys were last deployed to Syria in October 2019 to partner with Syrian Democratic Forces to defeat ISIS remnants.

The total number of troops deploying to the region is less than 100. There will also be an increase in combat air patrols with American fighter jets and “hunter-killer” drones flying overhead.

Tensions have been rising in northeast Syria between Russian-backed government forces and U.S. troops in recent months. In several instances, Syrian troops prevented U.S. forces from entering several areas in the region.



U.S.S Nimitz enters Persian Gulf Friday along with guided-missile cruisers Princeton and Philippine Sea, destroyer Sterett: Navy

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## **US TROOPS ATTACKED IN EASTERN SYRIA**

Hundreds of U.S. troops are stationed in northeastern Syria, working with their local partners from the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces to fight against the Islamic State group.

“The U.S. Army’s mechanized forces moving into Syria are from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas. The unit had been deployed to Kuwait.

“The United States does not seek conflict with any other nation in Syria, but will defend Coalition forces if necessary,” Captain Bill Urban, USN, U.S. Central Command Spokesman, said in a statement to Fox News.

U.S. forces stationed in Eastern Syria were attacked in mid-August, but there were no casualties.

Officials said the American troops alongside Syrian Democratic Forces were conducting a routine anti-ISIS security patrol near Tal Al-Zahab when they encountered a checkpoint occupied by pro-Syrian regime forces.

On August 27, seven U.S. service members were injured in an altercation with a Russian military patrol. Three U.S. officials said Russian vehicles intentionally collided with the Americans. Then, several Russian helicopters flew over the scene. Centcom said the Russians “aggressively and recklessly pursued the coalition.”

### **ISIS LAUNCHES MORE THAN 100 ATTACKS IN IRAQ IN AUGUST**

ISIS remnants in Iraq claimed 100 attacks across the embattled country in August, according to an assessment by the Terrorism Research and Analysis Consortium (TRAC) released on Thursday – marking a 25% uptick from July.

The increase in assaults signals a worrying trend that ISIS is steadily re-emerging – via an array of sleeper cells – which is a cause for both regional and global concern, despite being territorially defeated in Iraq just over three years ago.

Even as President Trump wants to pull the U.S. out of what he calls “endless wars,” about 60,000 U.S. troops are still deployed to the Middle East despite more than 2,000 return from Iraq at the end of the month.

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Friday, the U.S.S. Nimitz aircraft carrier strike group entered the Persian Gulf to keep an eye on Iran, but also to fly missions over Syria and Iraq, according to the Navy’s 5th Fleet.

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