

## America will Maintain its Occupation of a Quarter of Syria Under the Pretext of Fighting ISIS

(Translated)

### News:

Secretary Antony J. Blinken Remarks to the Press, 12 December 2024: "...we want to see this transition to an interim government into a better way forward for Syria. And part of that also has to be ensuring that ISIS doesn't rear its ugly head again. And critical to making sure that doesn't happen is the so-called SDF, the Syrian Democratic Forces, that we've been supporting. They've been critical in making sure that ISIS is kept at bay..." ([state.gov](https://www.state.gov))

### Comment:

America justifies its presence in Syria under the pretext of fighting ISIS, which it claims is trying to rebuild its capabilities, by exploiting the instability after the fall of the Assad regime. America finds no one better than the Syrian Democratic Forces to fight it. This practically means that Syria will remain divided. The northern part of it, east of the Euphrates River, will remain in America's hands and in the hands of its Kurdish assets. This is what establishes the division of Syria by establishing an autonomous region for the Kurds, armed with the latest American weapons, and permanently supported by American forces present in northern and eastern Syria, where they have permanent and fixed bases. The autonomous region for Kurds is to develop over time into a Kurdish state.

It is known that the region of Kurds is the richest region in Syria, and it has oil wealth, as all the main oil wells are located there, which finances the presence of American forces and Kurdish forces. It thus deprives the Syrian people of benefiting from the oil wells under the pretext of fighting the terrorism of the Islamic State organization that "never ends"!

The claim that the specter of ISIS has returned to Syria, at this time, is nothing more than an American Hollywood production. Its sole goal is America's continued presence in Syria. One of the most important political and military actions, of the highest priority, that the Syrians must undertake is to eradicate America's presence from Syria. The American presence is a dangerous cancerous presence that devours Syria's economic and sovereign capabilities.

The removal of the American presence from Syria must be made a top priority in Syria. There must be no leniency or neglect in this matter because that will keep Syria, may Allah (swt) forbid, under the yoke of permanent American occupation, and will keep it effectively divided and unable to regain its breath.

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