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Russia deployed six long-range supersonic Tupolev Tu-22M3 bombers from Russian territory to strike Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS/ISIL) targets in the Syrian governorate of Deir ez-Zor, the Russian Defense Ministry reported on Saturday.

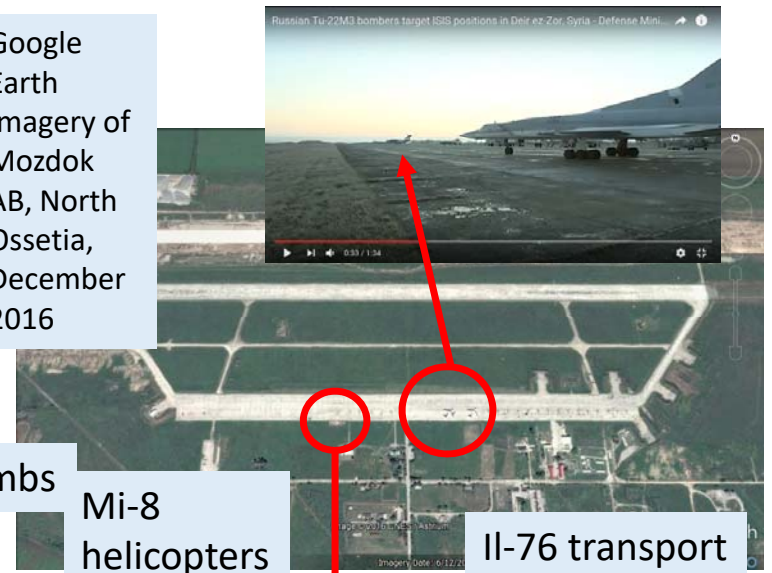
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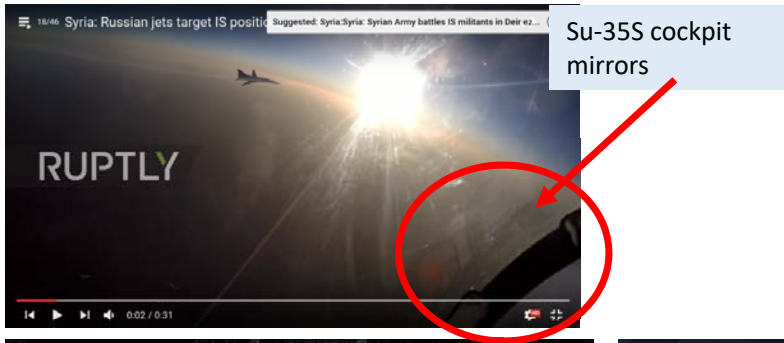
Mi-8 helicopters

Il-76 transport



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Russian long-range Tupolev Tu-22M3 bombers conducted group air strikes against targets of the self-proclaimed Islamic State (IS; formerly ISIS, ISIL) in the Syrian province of Deir ez-Zor, as seen on footage from the Russian Ministry of Defence on Friday.



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Six Tupolev Tu-22 M3 bombers struck militant targets in the Syrian province of Deir-ez-Zor, Tuesday, destroying an ammunition and explosives plant and warehouses belonging to the self-proclaimed Islamic State (IS; formerly ISIS/ISIL), Russia's Ministry of Defence said in a statement.



Su-30M or Su-35S targeting pod on infra-red search & track symbology



Industrial and storage compound east of DDZ Google Earth imagery from 2014

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gg6mXXfHQnA>

RT Video Published on 30 Jan 2017

Six Tu-22 M3 aircrafts bombed militants in Deir ez-Zor on Monday, destroying two control points and warehouses containing weapons and ammunition, Russia's Ministry of Defence reported. The Russian Defence Ministry released footage shot from on board one of the combat jets, which shows the moment the missile impacts before a thick black smoke starts billowing from the compound that was struck.

The Tu-22 M3 aircrafts, which took off from airfields in Russia, were assisted by Sukhoi Su-30SM and Su-35S fighters from the Hmeymim airbase in Latakia province. Upon concluding their mission, all aircrafts returned safely to their airfields.



Former Syrian army barracks and storage compound north of DDZ
Google Earth imagery from 2014

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byCu_UPZe5k

MOSCOW, February 3. /TASS/. Russia's Tupolev Tu-22M3 long-range bombers have delivered airstrikes on the Islamic State's ammunition depots near the town of Al-Mayadin in Syria's Deir ez-Zor province, the Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement.

"Russia's Tupolev Tu-22M3 long-range bombers flying from domestic airfields, have crossed the airspaces of Iran and Iraq to deliver airstrikes on the terrorist facilities. The airstrikes targeted large ammunition depots of the ISIL terror group [the former name of the IS]," the statement reads.

"According to the data recording equipment, all the intended targets were destroyed," the statement said.

More:

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Dier Ez Zor Airbridge, via Qamishli airport

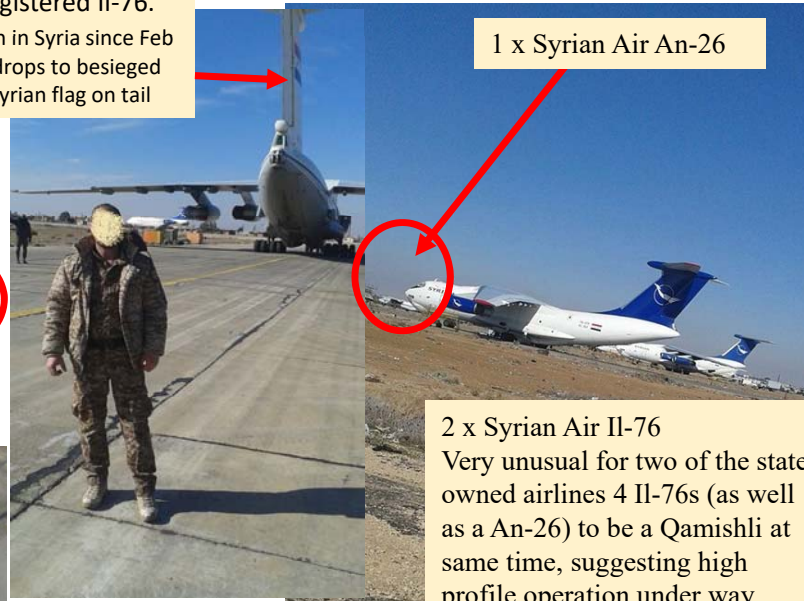
Main Imagery Source: <https://southfront.org/russian-made-il-76-strategic-airlifters-of-syrian-air-force-help-to-save-deir-ez-zor-photo/>

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Russian military Registered Il-76.
This aircraft been seen in Syria since Feb 2016 carrying out aid drops to besieged Syrian enclaves, with Syrian flag on tail



1 x Syrian Air An-26



2 x Syrian Air Il-76
Very unusual for two of the state owned airlines 4 Il-76s (as well as a An-26) to be a Qamishli at same time, suggesting high profile operation under way

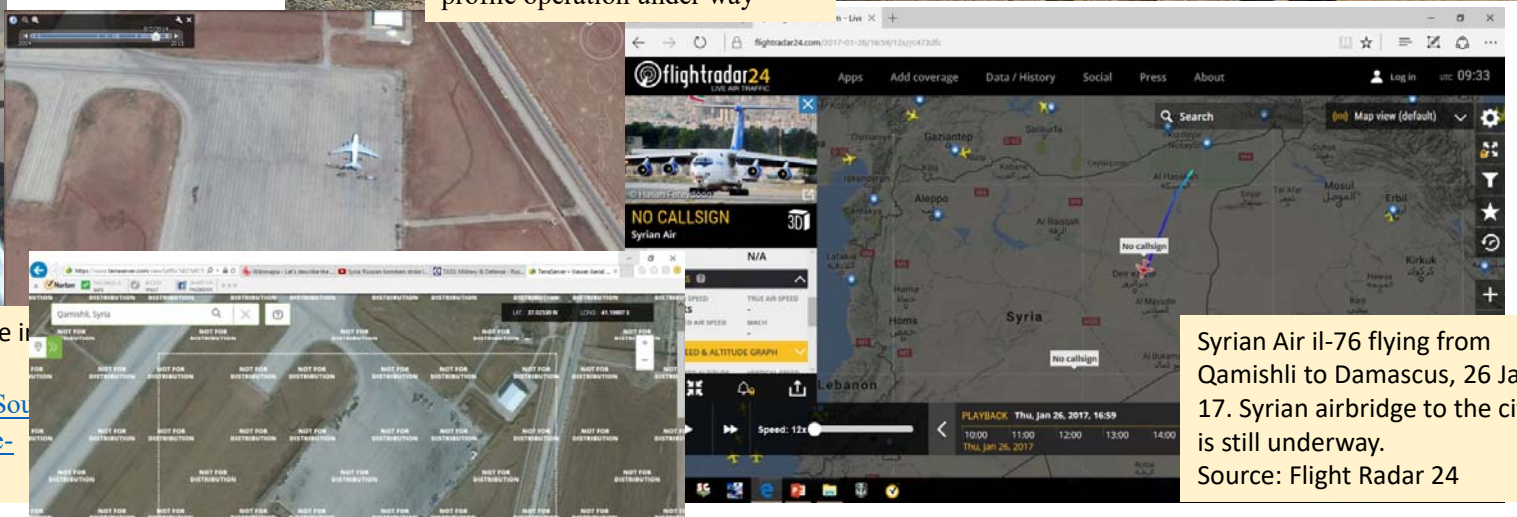


Brigadier General Issam Zahreddine (commander Syrian garrison in Dier Ez Zor)

Red berets indicate Syrian paratroopers. They are not normally based in Qamishli, so must be part of airbridge operation



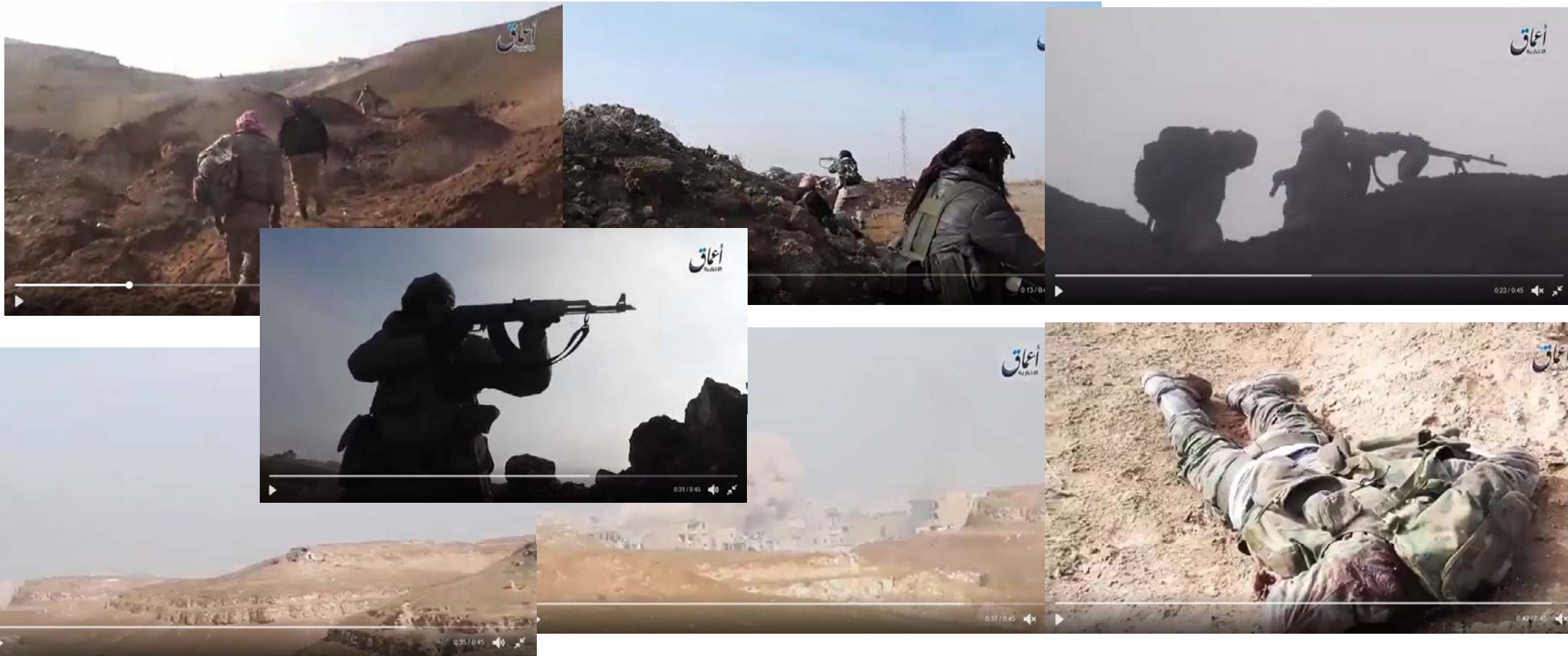
Syrian troops of 104th Republican Guard Airborne Brigade in Il-76 en route to Qamishli airport. Note large rucksacks suggesting they are on long term deployment. [Imagery Source 22 Jan 2017: https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/elite-syrian-army-forces-heading-deir-ezzor/](https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/elite-syrian-army-forces-heading-deir-ezzor/)



Syrian Air il-76 flying from Qamishli to Damascus, 26 Jan 17. Syrian airbridge to the city is still underway. Source: Flight Radar 24

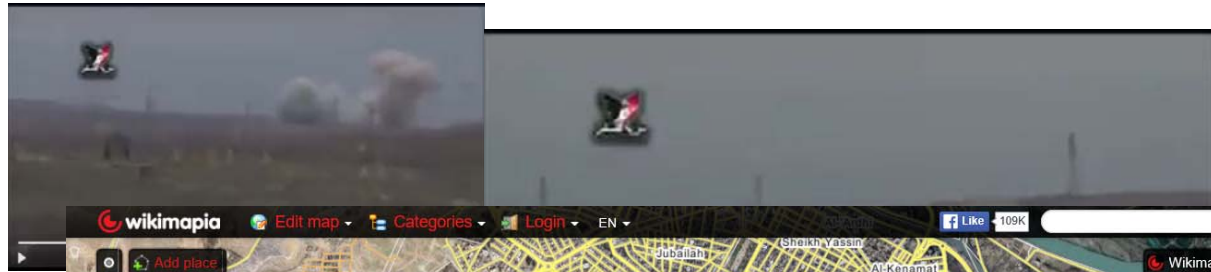
Danny Makki @Dannymakkisyria Jan 17

Footage shows #ISIS fighters taking over Amaal mountain which overlooks #DeirEzzor city.



Hamosh @Hamosh84 Jan 27

Intensive airstrikes by #RuAF on several #ISIS positions in #DeirEzzor. #SAA took back some positions & advanced near the cemetery. #syria



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Dier Ezor || Syrian army targets ISIS sites as well as Heavy #RUAF #SYAF air strikes
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2Egla5edQk>



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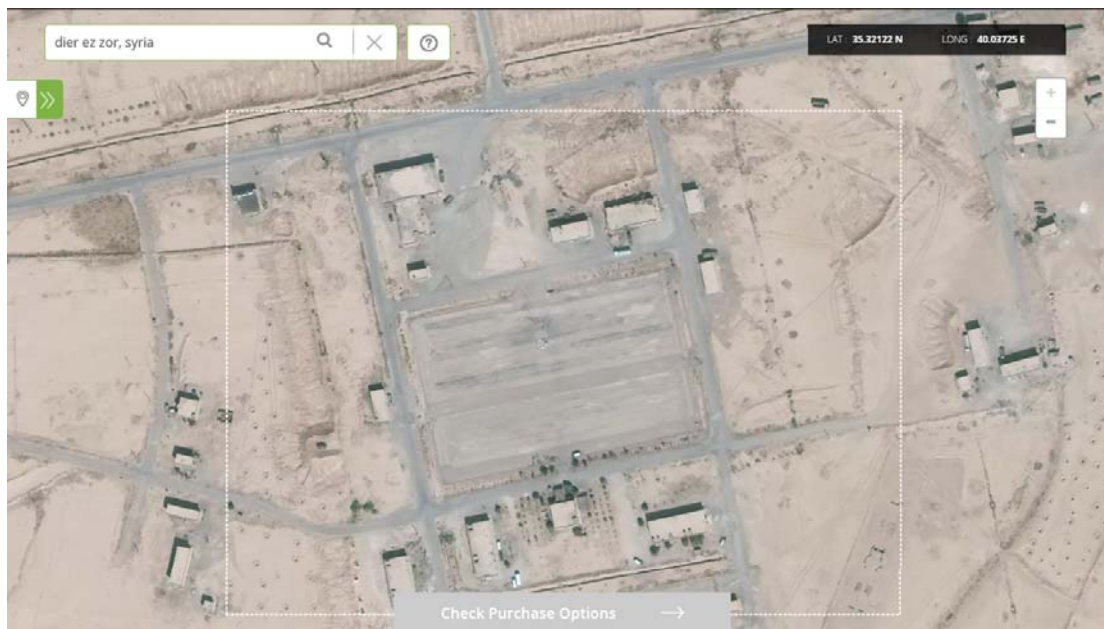


Dier Ez Zor video clips

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ydD68B-c6xM>

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29 jan 17



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1xplgrR_3c

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Aerial footage showing a Russian Tupolev Tu-95MS bomber and missile launch platform deploying a payload of X-101 cruise missiles over Syria, was released by the Russian Ministry of Defence on Friday.



Cockpit mirror of Su-30/35

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=venhfCj4cCo>

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A control centre belonging to the self-proclaimed Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS/ISIL) in Raqqa was destroyed by Russian Tupolev Tu-95MS bombers, with footage capturing the strike released by the Russian defence ministry on Saturday.



Target geo-located to Al Aassadiyah town, some 5 km due north of Raqqa city
Source imagery: Wikimapia

@ Raqqa_SL Feb 17 الرقة تذبح بصمت
#Raqqa 14 Civilians get killed Due Airstrikes by Russian Airstrikes not Coalition on Tishreen Farm North Raqqa by #Syria #ISIS

Raqqa city area, Russian missile strike and Kurdish YPG advance

Russian air launched cruise missile strike on Al Aassadiyah town 18th Feb 17

Kurdish YPG/SDF militia axis of advance

5 km distance

Raqqa city ISIS held

Kurdish Forces Seize Cotton Centre and Prison Complex on 18th Feb 17
<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/kurdish-forces-liberate-prison-outskirts-raqqa-city/>

Syria: Russian Tupolevs destroy IS control centre in Raqqa

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Tishreen Farm

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Division 17 Army Base

Cotton Center

Grain Mill

Sugar Factory

Building site

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