

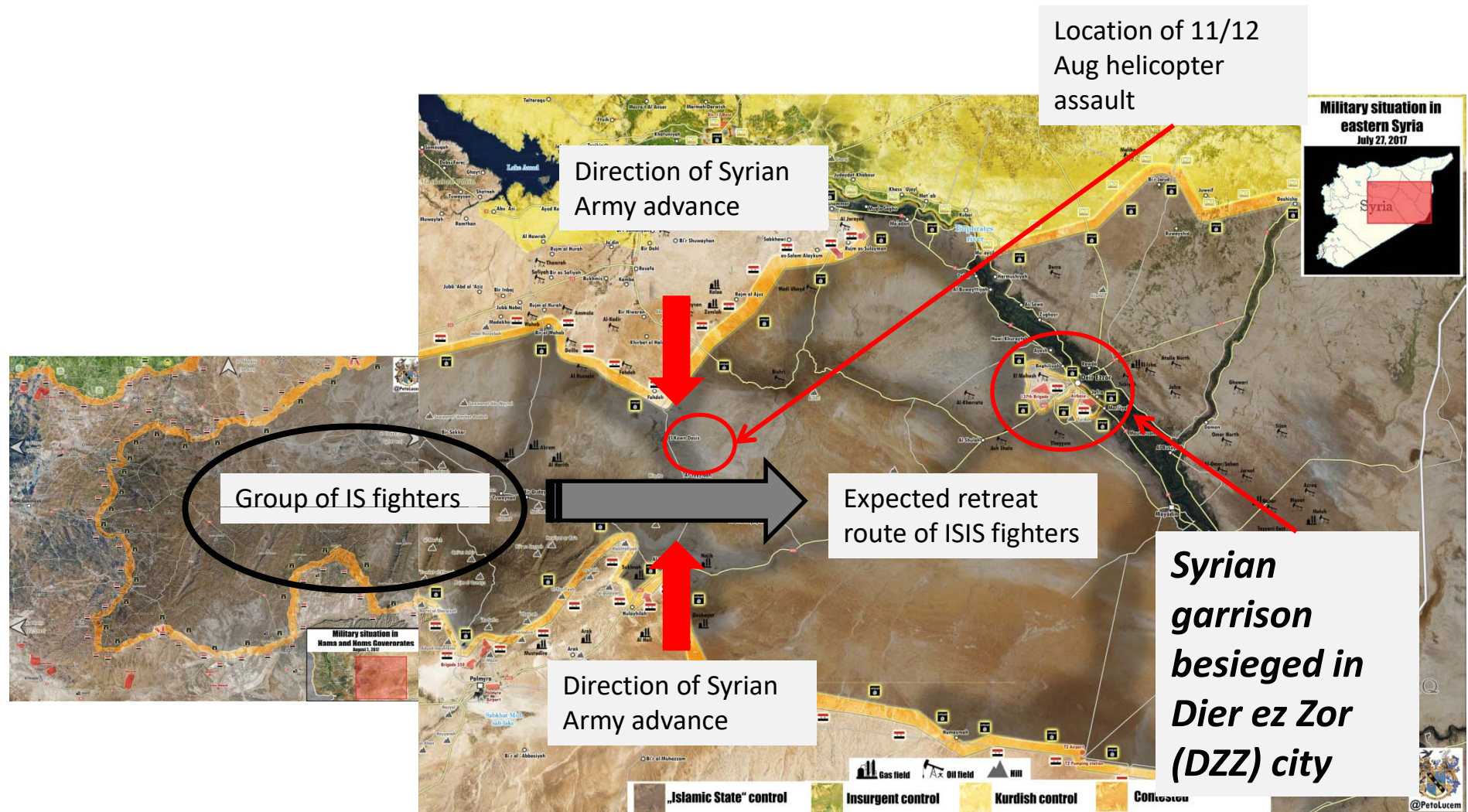
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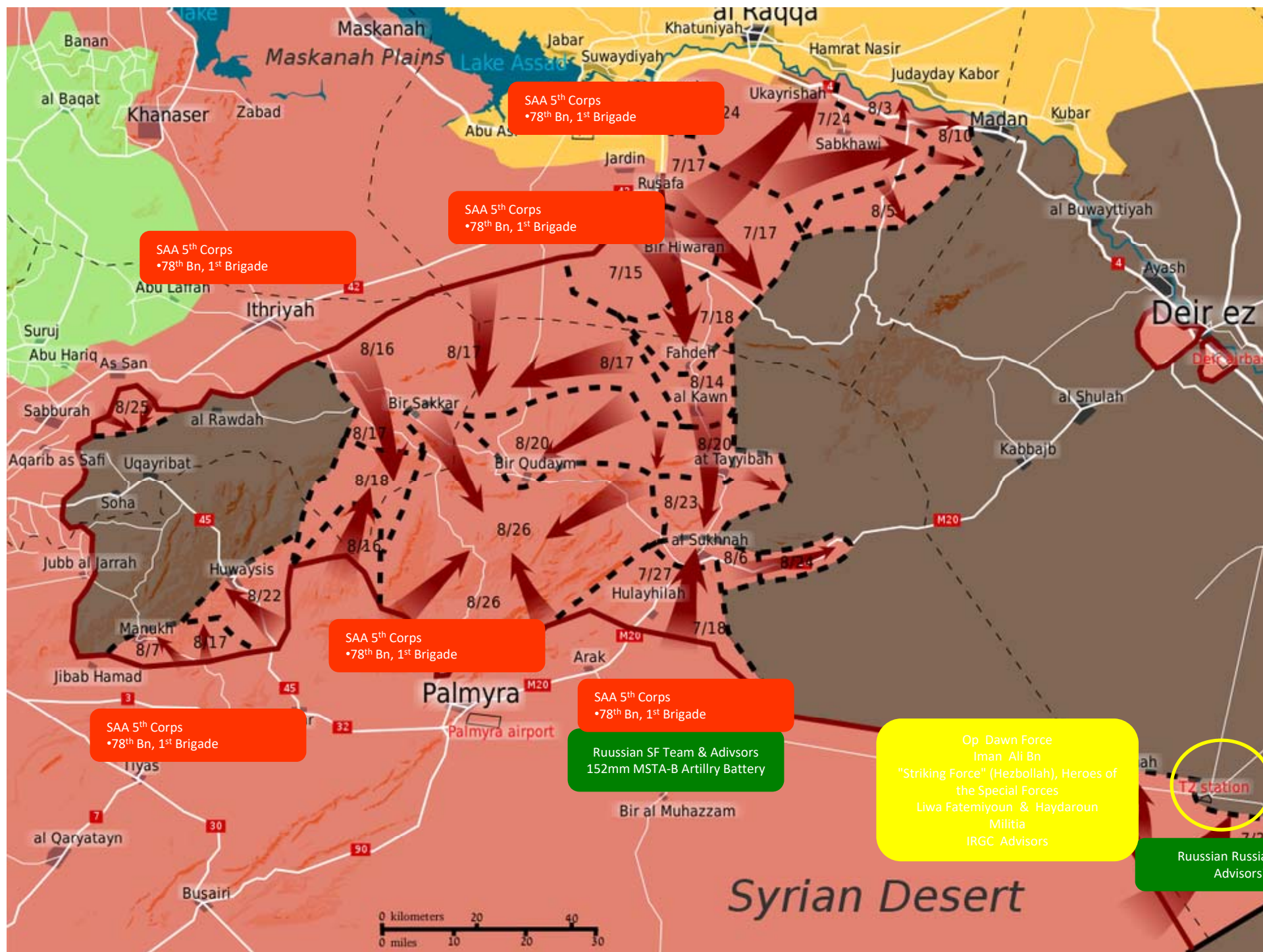
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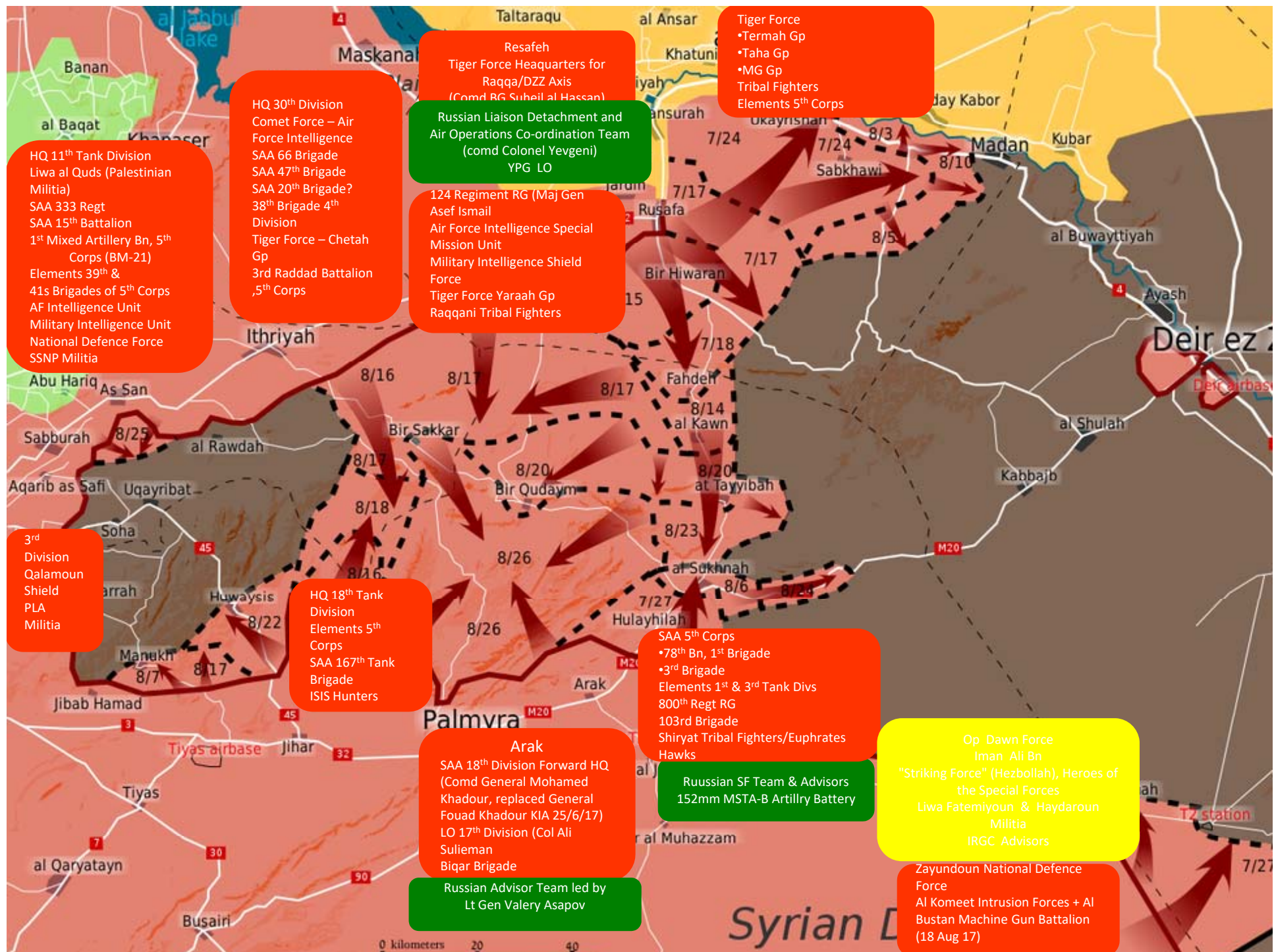
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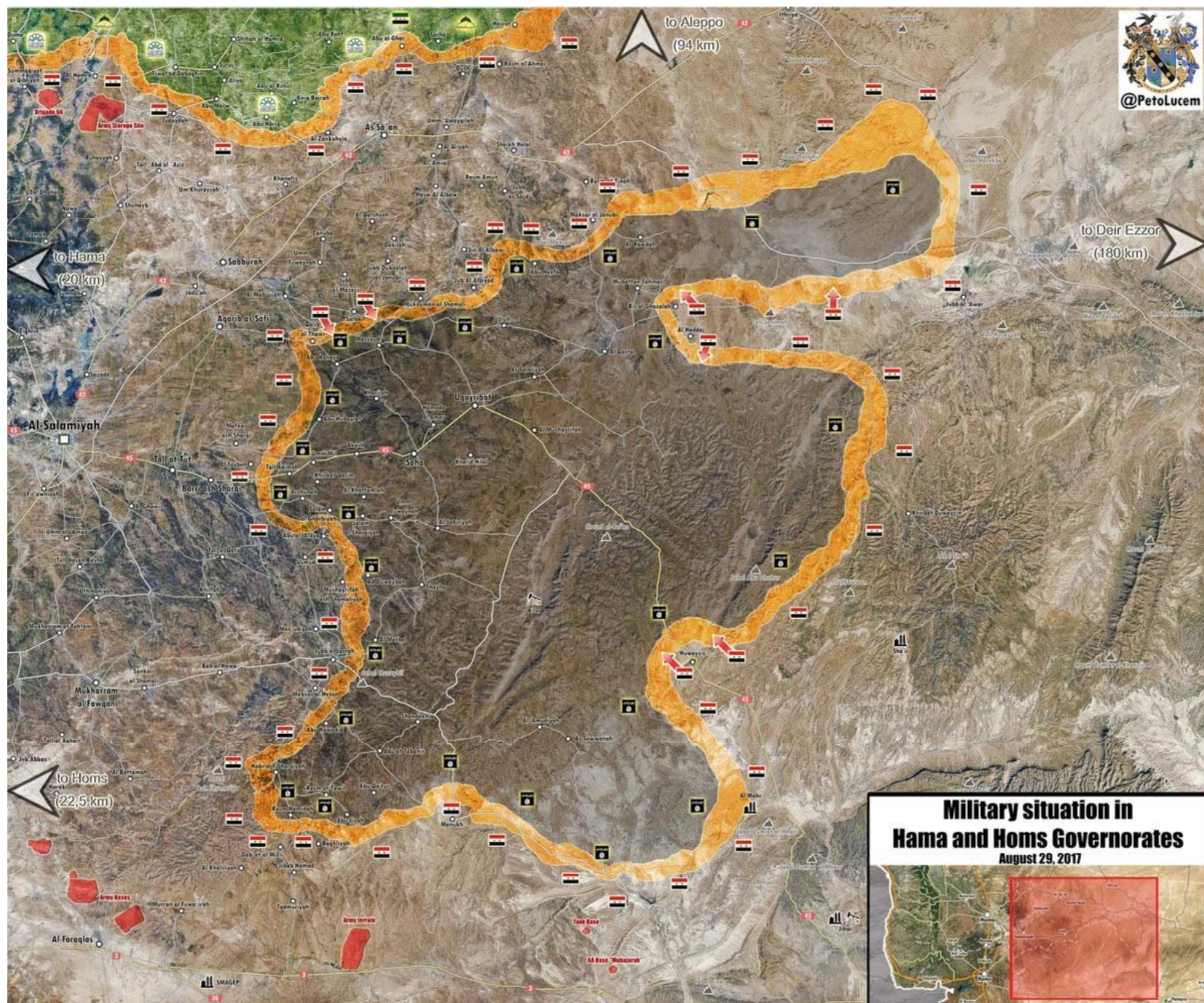








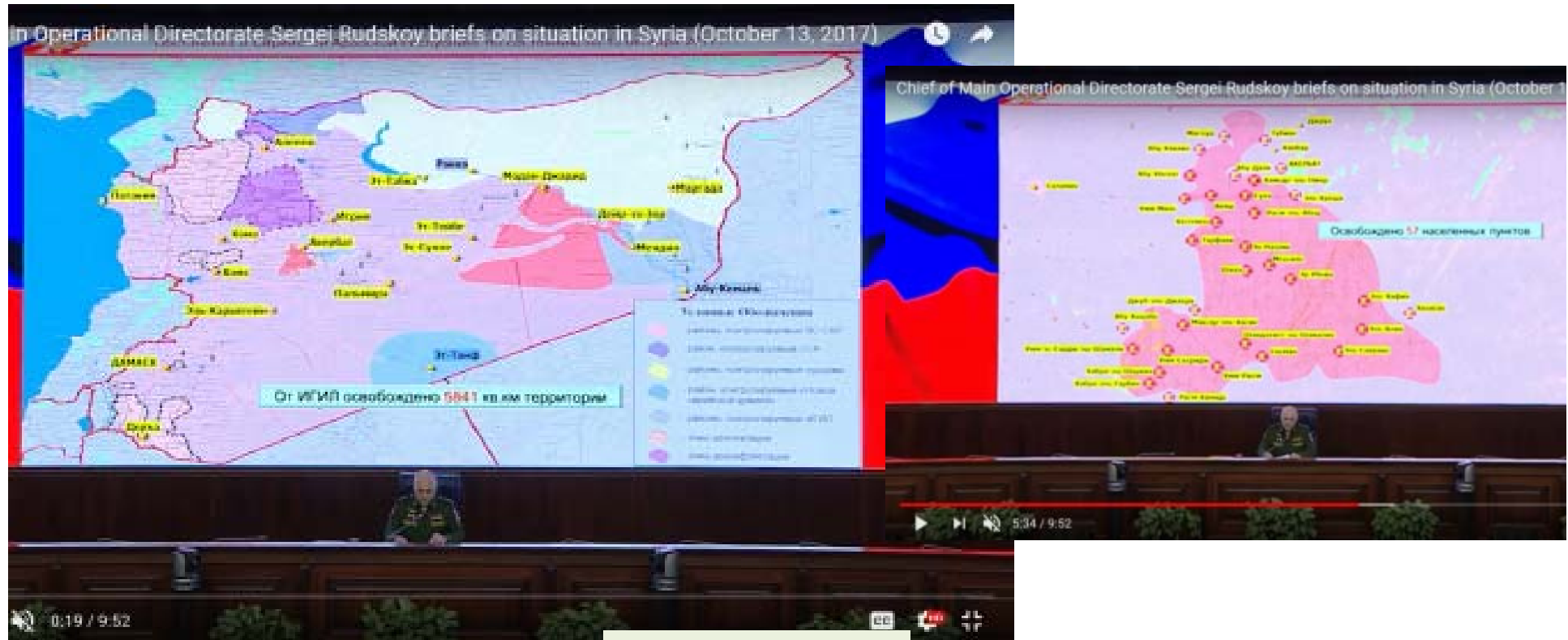






# Situation in central Syria, RuMOD briefing 13 Oct 17

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6g8D1c\\_wJIU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6g8D1c_wJIU)



Russian 152mm  
MSTA-B artillery  
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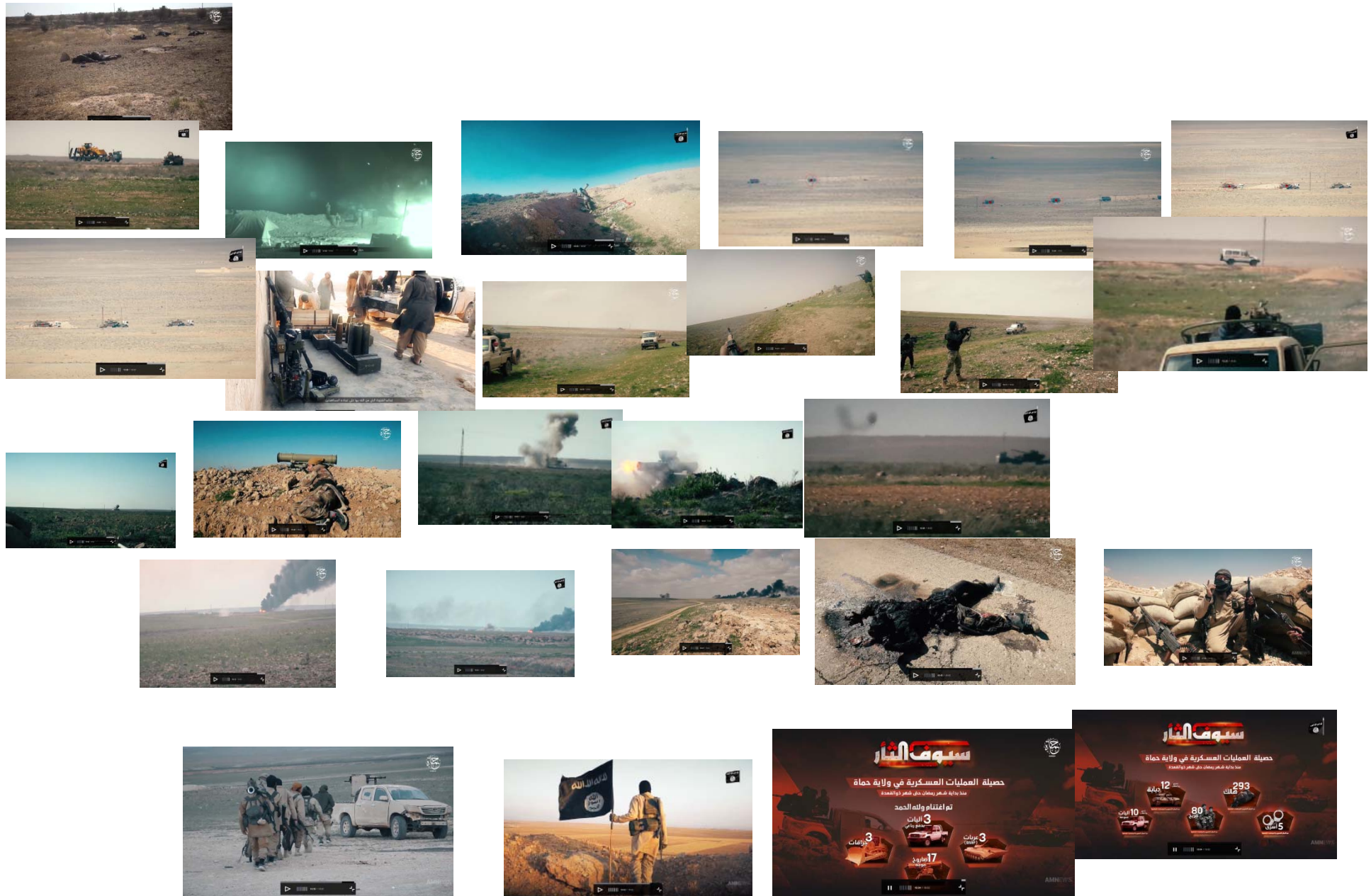
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A collage of 25 video stills depicting various scenes of conflict, primarily in a desert environment. The images show soldiers in combat gear, some holding rifles or machine guns, others operating heavy weapons like tanks or artillery. There are also scenes of explosions, smoke, and damaged vehicles. The stills are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with some overlapping. Each still has a small black bar at the bottom with a play button icon and a progress bar, suggesting they are screenshots from a video player. The overall tone is somber and depicts the intensity of war.



# ISIS raiding operations from Hama/Homs mountain enclave on Syrian army road convoys, posted on 30 Aug 17. Believed filmed over previous two-three months

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# Russian Long Range Aviation strike on Syria, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 on Akerbat in Hama province

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Os85izfcAo>

Su-30SM weapon py



Kh-101 missile # 1



# Missile Launch #2 & #3

Kh-101 missile # 2

Escorting  
Su-30SM  
or Su-35S



Kh-101  
missile  
# 3





Smoke plumb from strike of  
Kh-101 missile # 3 filmed  
from Su-30



Escorting Su-30SM or  
Su-35S



# BDA imagery from Russian MOD Twitter feed

[https://twitter.com/mod\\_russia?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor](https://twitter.com/mod_russia?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor)



Kh-101 missile # 1 filmed from Forpost drone (note symbology)



Kh-101 missile # 2 in flight

Kh-101 missile # 2 filmed from Forpost drone (note symbology)



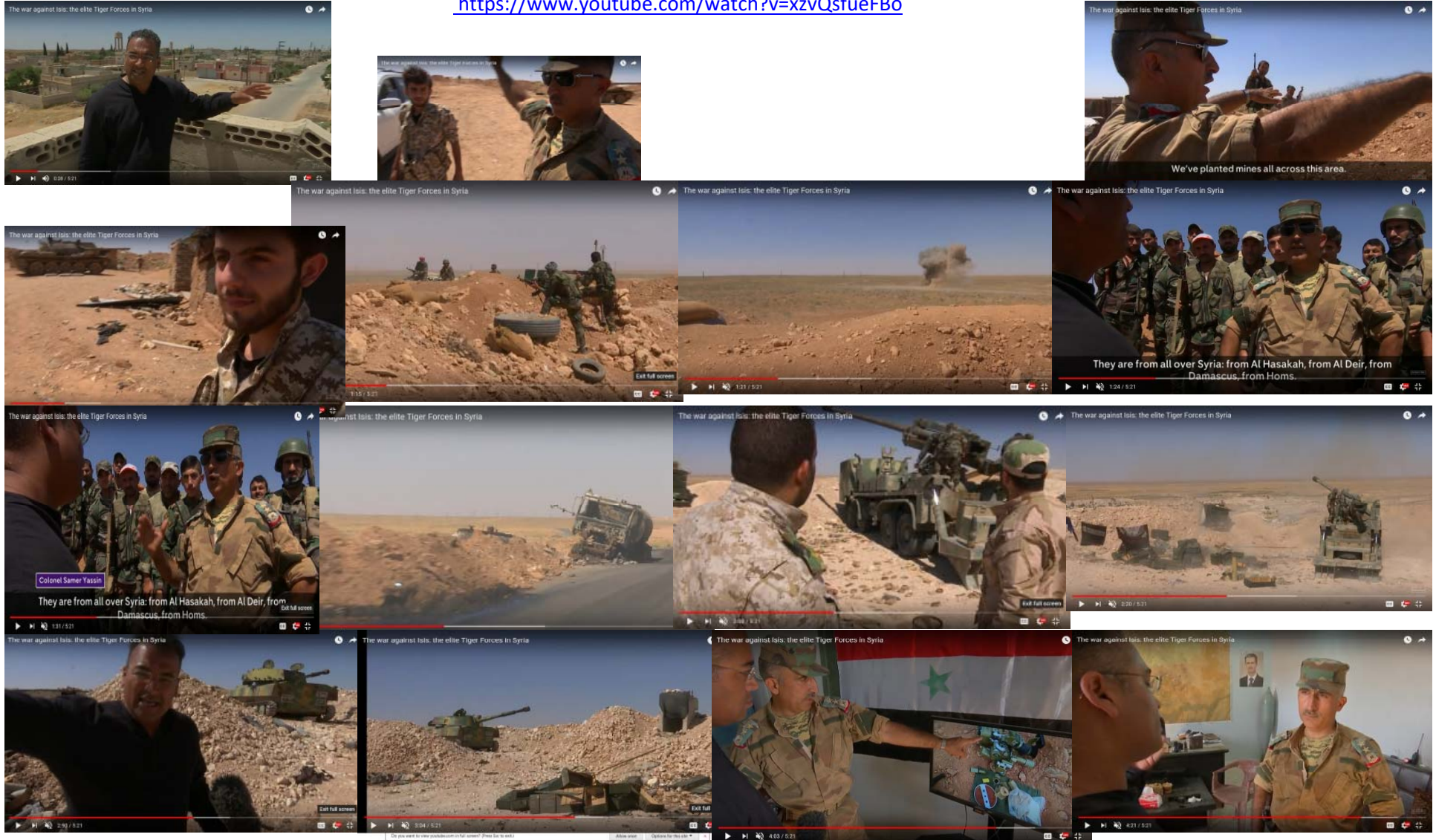
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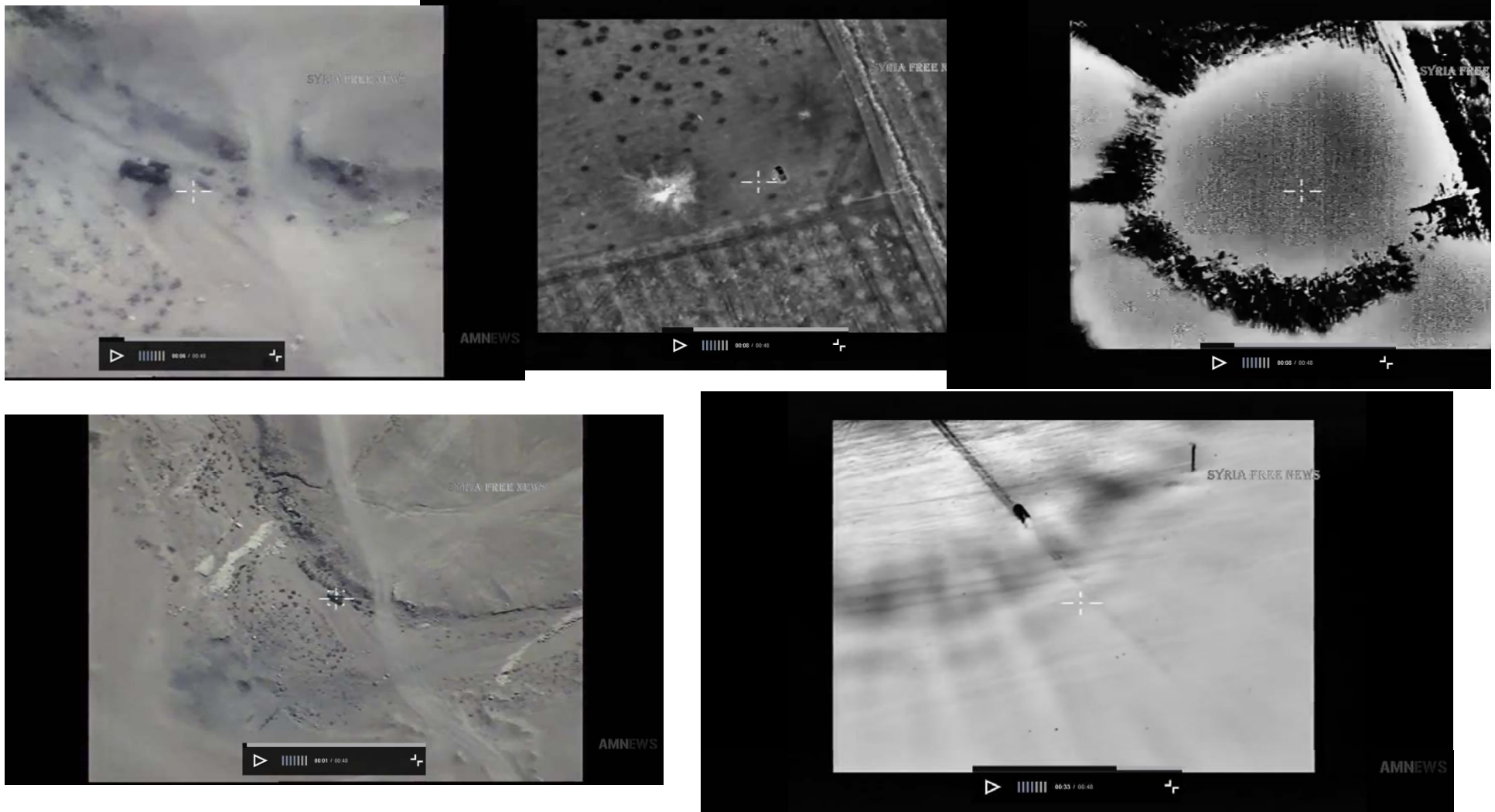
They are said to be one of the most effective groups fighting for President Assad. The Tiger Forces are an elite unit of the Syrian army waging war against Islamic State militants. Little is known about them and they have a fearsome reputation. But Channel 4 News has gained rare access, and spent the day with them on their frontline, battling IS.

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



## RuAF air strikes in Hama province, 21 Jul 18

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/russian-jets-hunt-isil-terrorists-east-hama-video/>





# Russian humanitarian operations in Hama province, 21 Jul 17

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/syria-russian-servicemen-bring-humanitarian-aid-villages-hama/>





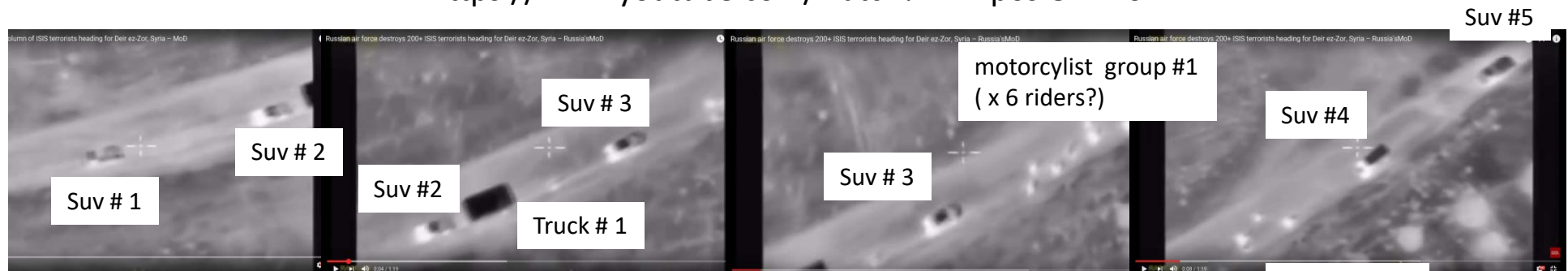
## Russian officers negotiate with rebels in Rustan pocket, 12 Aug 17

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/video-russian-rebel-forces-hold-meeting-north-homs/>





Russian MOD BDA video in central Syria , released 21 Aug 2017  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDp6sf82ADo>



motorcyclist group #1

Surveillance video  
From Russian Forpost  
unmanned aerial vehicle

Strike video  
(Mix of  
Forpost UAV  
and Su-34  
imagery)



Isis hunters enter village in Hama, Aug 2017  
(from ISIS Hunters Facebook page)





<https://www.almazdarnews.com/article/video-syrian-forces-liberate-key-6-towns-isis-near-uqayribat-24-hours/>

**Samir @obretix** 3 Sep 17

<https://youtu.be/aUSPzT0m0os> geolocated southwest of Uqayribat

[http://wikimapia.org/#lat=35.030339&lon=37.450638&z=18&m=b ...pic.twitter.com/EgSi4PG8fx](http://wikimapia.org/#lat=35.030339&lon=37.450638&z=18&m=b...pic.twitter.com/EgSi4PG8fx)



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RuAF airstrike [https://youtu.be/zhpqI81EWMM?t=36s ...](https://youtu.be/zhpqI81EWMM?t=36s...) geolocated 1km north of Soha, eastern Hama countryside

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More burned out ISIS vehicles in East Hama, several tanks and BMPs [#Syria](#)

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## Syrian advance on Uqayribat 4 Sept 17

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/footage-syrian-forces-drive-isis-last-stronghold-central-syria/>





## More IS tanks, possible small workshop, captured in Uqayribat

[monitoring @warsmonitoring](#) 6 Sep 17



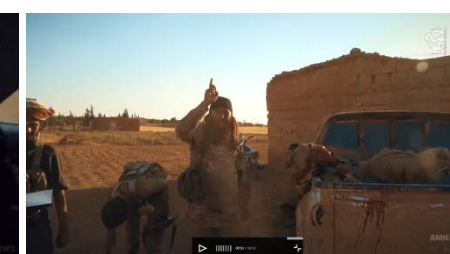
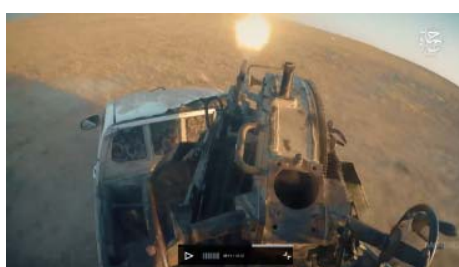
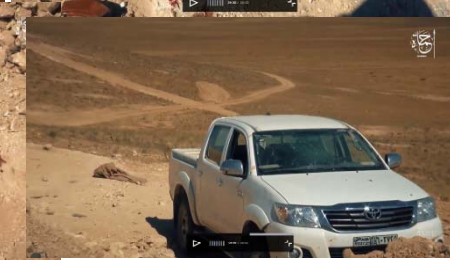
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8 sept 17





# ISIS Video of ambush of Russian PMC personnel in Hama, posted 8 Sept 17

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Russian PMC personnel reportedly killed in ISIS ambush in Hama,  
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# Syrian troops advance on Jubb al-Jarrah in northern Homs 11 Sept 17

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/combat-footage-syrian-army-tightens-noose-around-isis-pocket-central-syria/>





# Syrian troops advance in Hama, 11 Sept 17

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/video-footage-syrian-armys-operation-liberate-masoud-village/>





## Syrian troops advance in northern Homs 16 Sept 17

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/syrian-army-liberates-90km2-territory-isil-central-syria-video/>



## RuAF air strikes East Hama/Homs



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4th airstrike  
<https://youtu.be/4p8IVJHpte0?t=1m31s> ... geolocated to al-Kharijah, eastern Hama province  
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Second airstrike is at the northern edge of Abu Hanaya, eastern Hama province as well  
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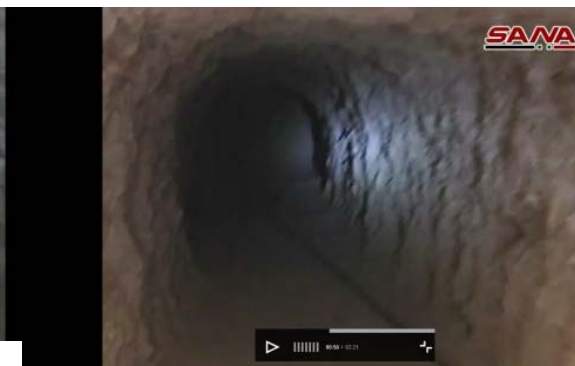
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ISIS tunnel complex discovered by 5<sup>th</sup> Corps troops 24 Sept 17  
<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/video-footage-syrian-army-liberating-town-east-homs/>



Russian troops negotiate with rebels in Rustan pocket, 24 Sept 17

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/video-russian-troops-rebel-fighters-cross-paths-north-homs/>





# Syria troops enter Abu Hanaya, east Hama 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 17

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mg2Ju6Zwq5k>



# Syrian troops enter east Hama towns and tunnels, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 17

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/exclusive-isis-underground-tunnel-network-discovered-east-hama-video/>  
Salamiyeh countryside / Abu Hubaylat





# Syrian troops advance on Mount Bilas, early Oct 17

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/watch-syrian-army-operation-led-east-hamas-liberation/>



# ISIS drone factory discovered by Syrian army in central Hama, 24 Oct 17

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## Further references for advance in Hama pocket, Jul-Oct 2017

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYR8UFRx\\_ck](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYR8UFRx_ck)

Published on Jun 26, 2017

Correspondents of the Federal News Agency (FAN) visited positions of the Syrian army to the north of the city of Akerbat and received detailed information about the terrorists of the IG in the area.

Details:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VBFyDx5Kow>

Salamiyeh countryside / Abu Hubaylat , 13<sup>th</sup> oct 17

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/syrian-army-uncovers-israeli-made-weapons-captured-isis-storage-facility-video/>