

# Assad Regime Airstrikes Target “Shield of the Euphrates” Forces Fighting ISIS

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The Syrian Coalition condemned the crime committed by the Assad regime air force where the positions of the Free Syrian Army and the Turkish army participating in Operation Shield of the Euphrates near the town of Albab in northern rural Aleppo were targeted on Thursday. Three Turkish soldiers were killed and ten others were injured by the regime airstrikes.

In a press release issued on Friday, the Coalition said that this “heinous attack represents yet a new attempt by the Assad regime to support and defend the ISIS extremist group as well as provide air cover for its elements in light of the steady advances being made by the Operation Shield of the Euphrates forces.”

“These forces have proved they are serious in the fight against ISIS as they have made spectacular gains against the extremist group with Turkish support. The operations aim is to oust ISIS from Syria’s territory,” the Coalition added.

The Syrian Coalition held the Assad regime responsible for this crime and the consequences that might ensue, stressing that Operation Shield of the Euphrates will continue until all forms of terrorism are eliminated from Syria.

The Turkish-backed Operation Shield of the Euphrates, which began in August 24, aims to oust ISIS from all of northern Aleppo and create a safe zone for civilians fleeing the Russian and Assad regime aerial bombardment. In total, the FSA groups participating in the operation have managed to secure over 3,000 km squared since August 24.

The operation began with capturing the border town of Jarablos after which the FSA fighters advanced on the town of Alraei to the south. (Source: Syrian Coalition’s Media Office)