



Russia fighting against ISIS: Western propaganda begins



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Yet to what extent are these doubts justified, how reliable are the newest accusations against Russia, and what do the counter-voices say?

We will comment on it in 3 steps:

1. Basically what you can say about the fight against ISIS is that Russia’s intervention against the brutal terror militia ISIS doesn’t take one by surprise. For it has been over a year now that airstrikes have been flown by the anti-ISIS-coalition under US-leadership on ISIS positions. However without smallest successes as even the Swiss Radio and Television soberingly had to state on August 21. I quote: “The US battle against the Islamic State is not going according to plan.” End of quote.

In our broadcast from September 3 this year we reported in detail on how the US-government is superficially combating ISIS in order to undisturbedly continue to work on weakening Bashar al-Assad and his government and to completely eliminate it.

2. Putin called Russia’s intervention in Syria, I quote: “the only way in the fight against international terrorism”. End of quote. First of all it must be noted that Russia’s airstrikes against the positions of ISIS do not violate international law. International law allows the use of violence on the territory of a foreign state under 3 conditions: 1st upon the decision of the UN-Security Council, 2nd for self-defense, and 3rd on the request of the authorities of the concerned state.

As Maria Sacharowa, official spokeswoman of the Russian Foreign Ministry, explained to journalists Russia would bomb ISIS-positions in Syria stemming from the request of Syria’s president Bashar al-Assad. He asked Russia for military help against ISIS. On the other hand the coalition led by the USA that has flown airstrikes on ISIS-positions in Syria since September 2014 is violating International Law. It bypasses the UN-Security Council, wasn’t requested by Assad, nor did it coordinate its actions with the Syrian authorities, says Maria Sacharowa.

3rd Now finally some counter-voices on the newest reproaches that Russia did not aim at ISIS-positions but purposefully killed civilians in their airstrikes. The western media mostly

rely on the “Syrian Observatory for Human Rights” which stands close to the opposition and has its headquarters in Great Britain. Even the US-defense minister Ashton Carter was not able to confirm these accusations. “This would have shown a deficient planning of the attacks” Carter said on September 30th in Washington. The Russian defense ministry reported that the Russian air force had only carried out targeted strikes on territorial targets of ISIS. The defense minister Sergej Schoigu said that airstrikes were carried out on military equipment, communications, and traffic junctions as well as on deposits of weapons, munition, and lubricants of the terrorist organization. Civil targets or inhabited towns had not been approached as shown in a published video. The Russian defense ministry continued to announce that all attacks on the ISIS-positions in Syria had been flown after an aerial reconnaissance and a specification of data by the Syrian Armed Forces Staff. Concerning the “photos of alleged victims” that appeared on the internet – shortly after the Russian air operations had begun, the spokeswoman of the Russian Foreign Ministry reminded of the Hollywood film “Wag the Dog”. This film shows how a fictitious war is able to be created through media reports and pictures including alleged victims and eye witness reports. Russian spokeswoman of the Foreign Ministry Maria Sacharowa explained it in this way, she said that the reports according to which civilians in Syria had died through Russian airstrikes are part of an information war. And once again the verdict on Russia is supposedly conclusive before the accusations of the western mainstream media can be questioned and examined by taking into consideration the statement of the other side.

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