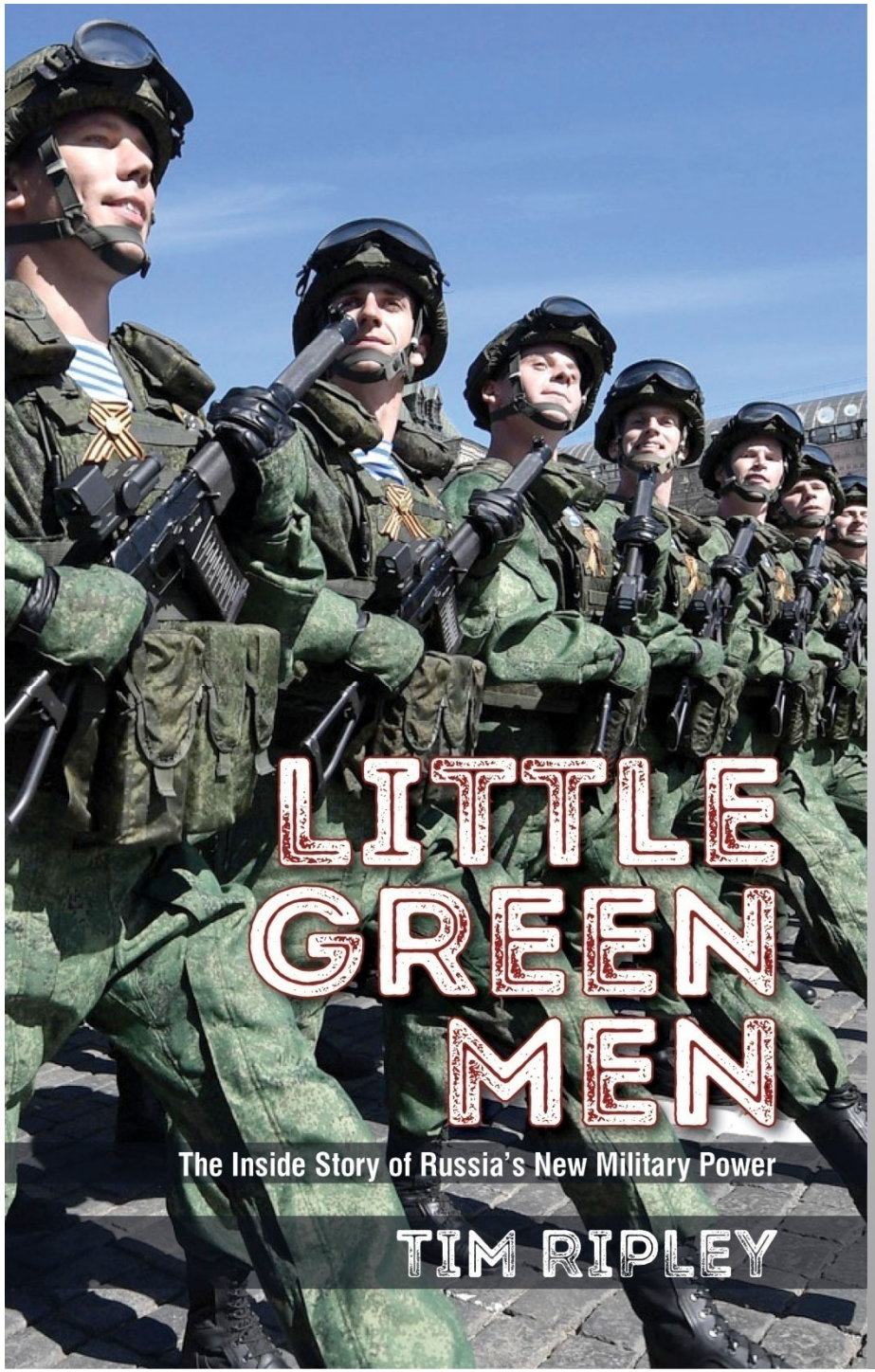

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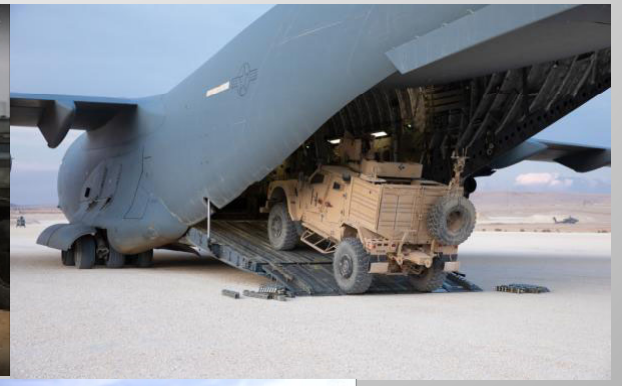

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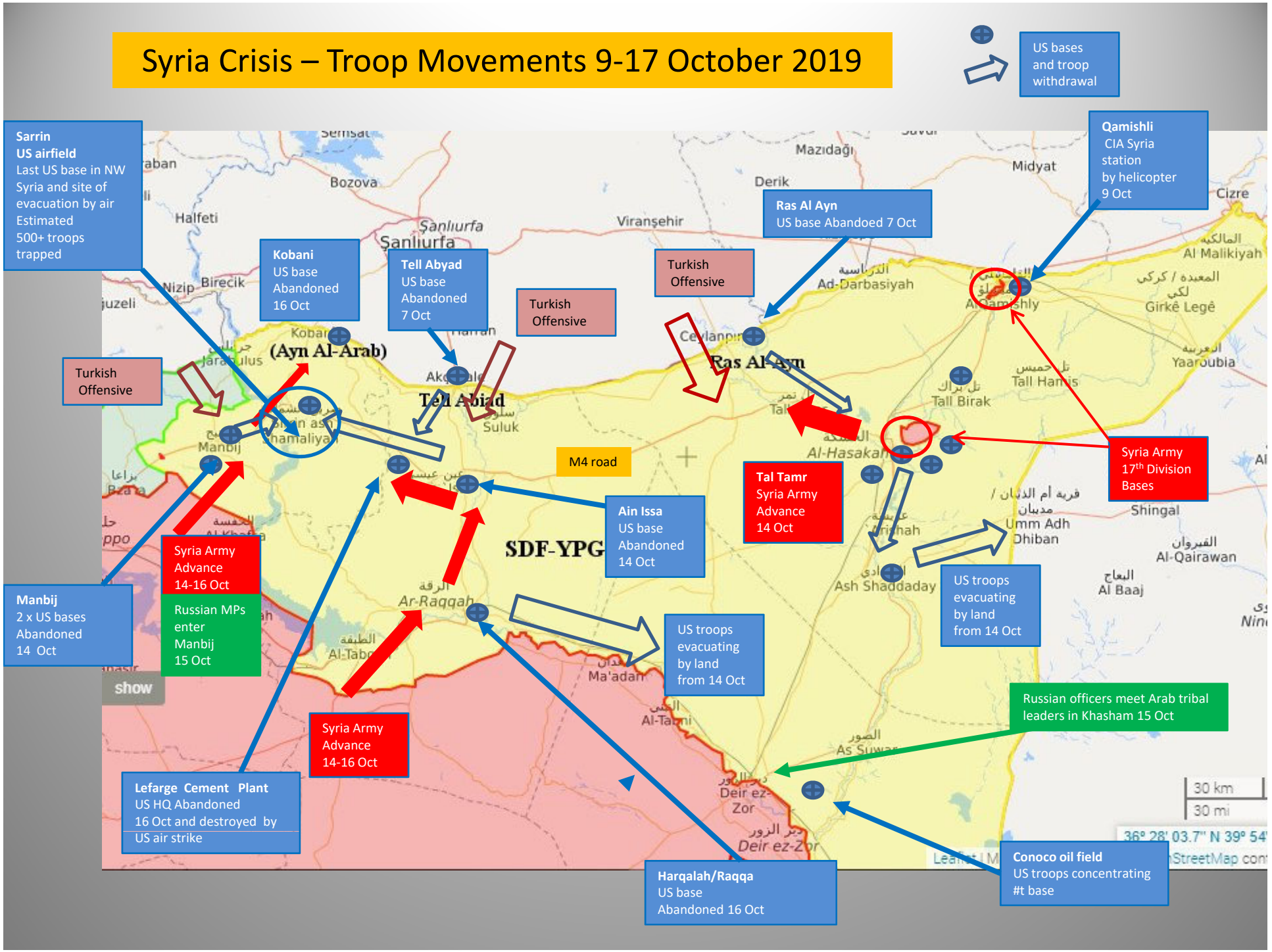

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US bases and troop withdrawal

Russian bases and Movement

Sarrin/Metras/**Kobani Landing Zone (KLZ)**
US airfield
Last US base in NW Syria and site of evacuation by air Estimated
500+ troops abandoned 13-14 Nov
Russian Troops take over 14 Nov

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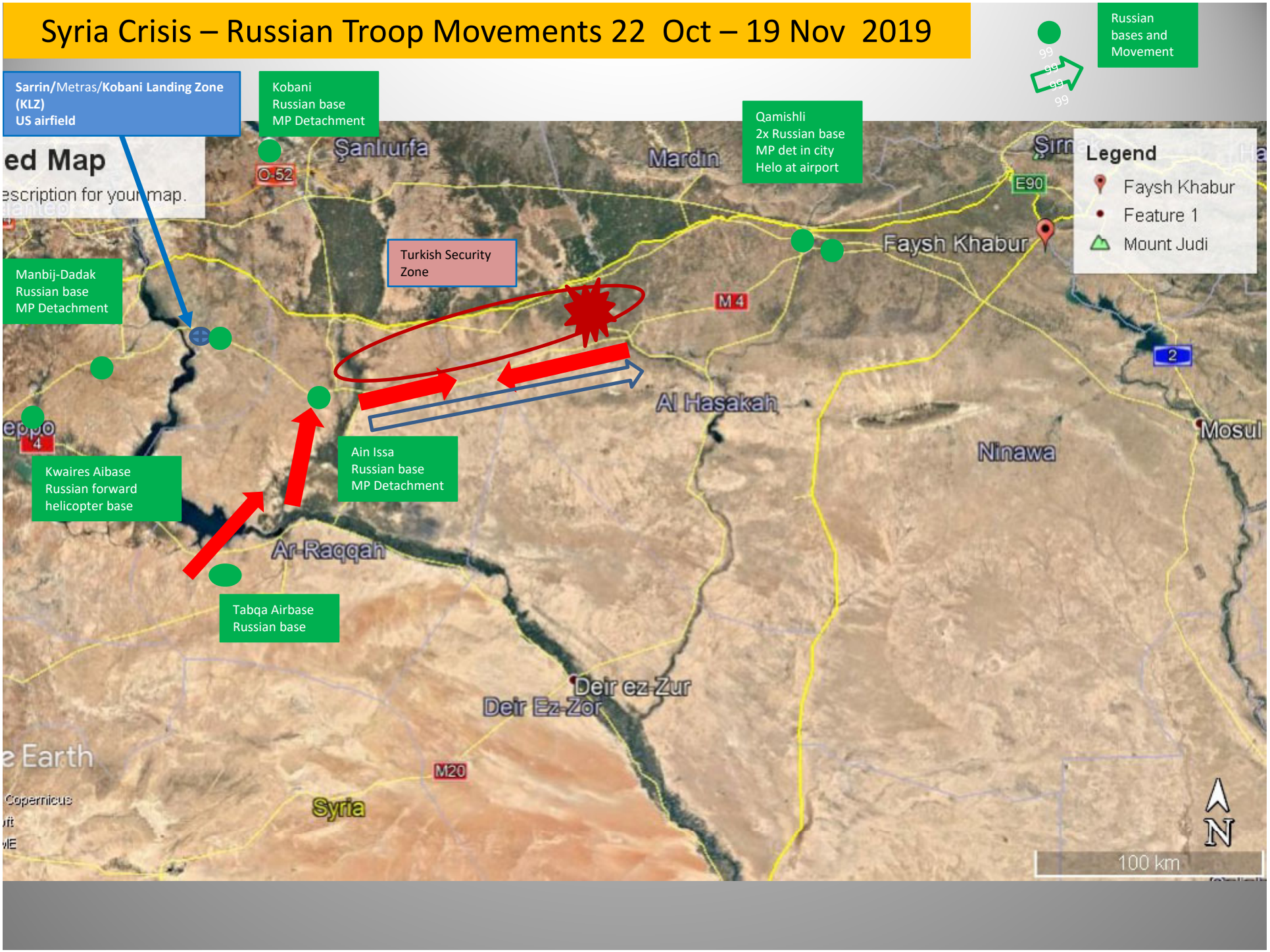

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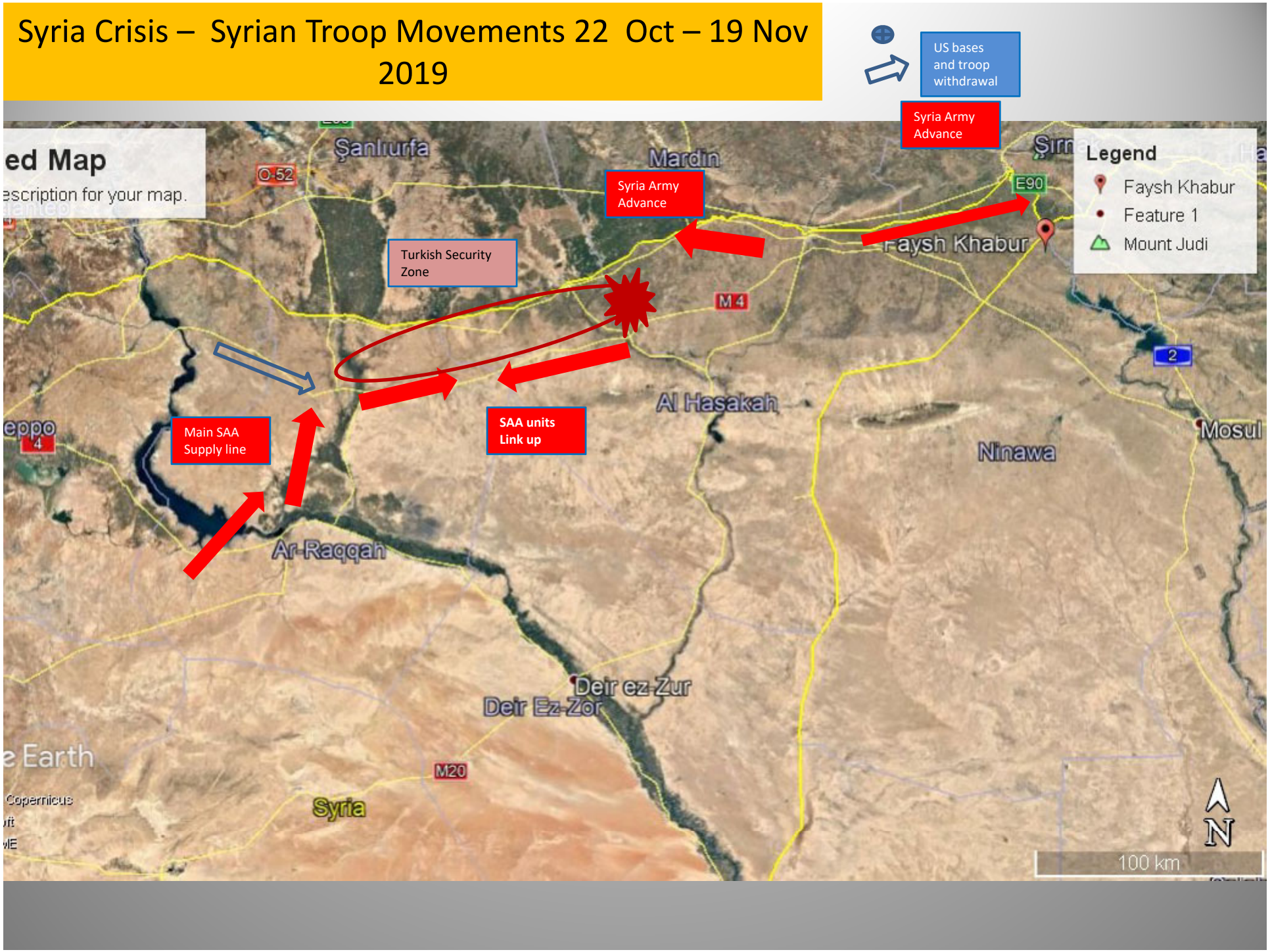

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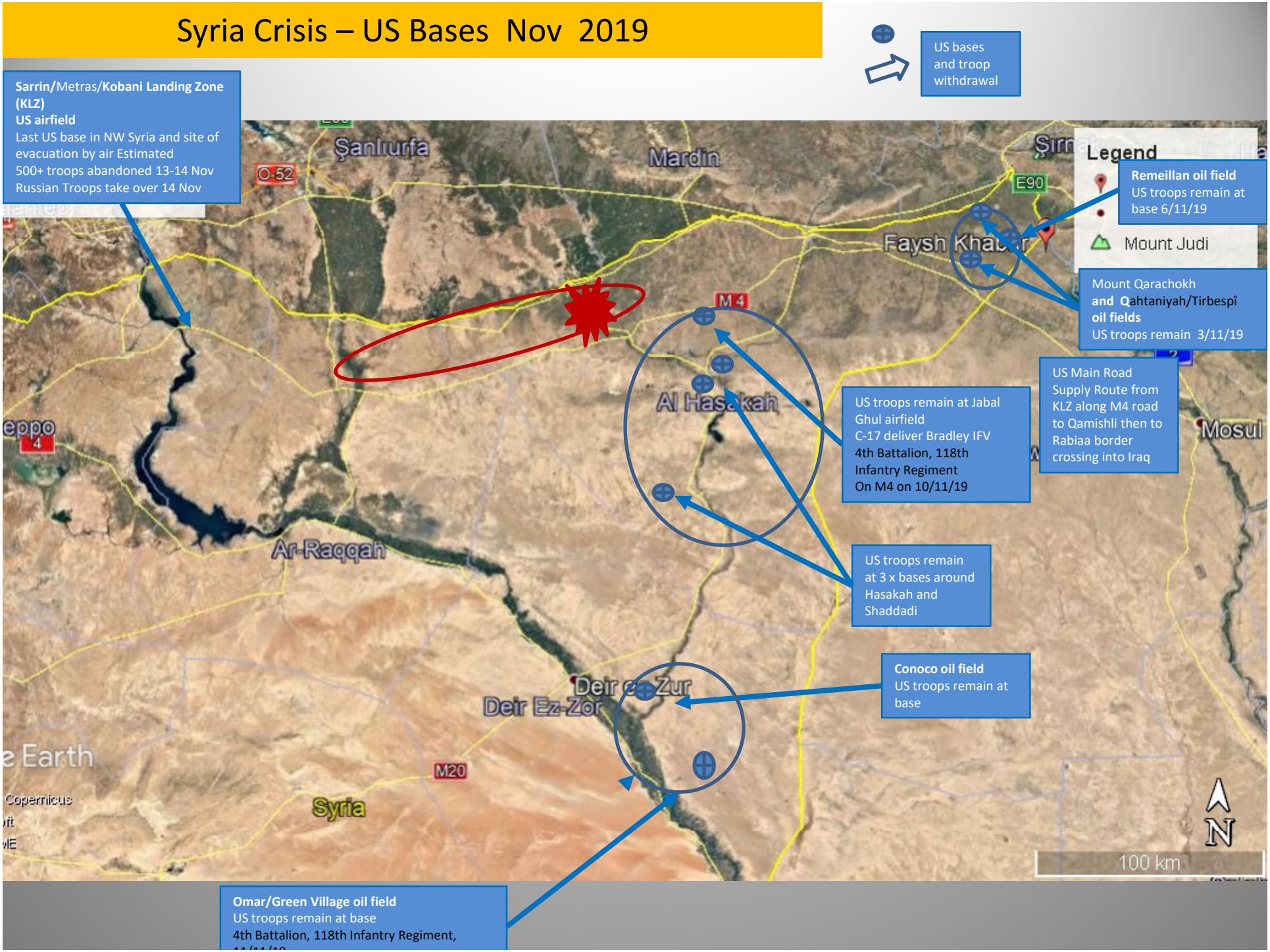

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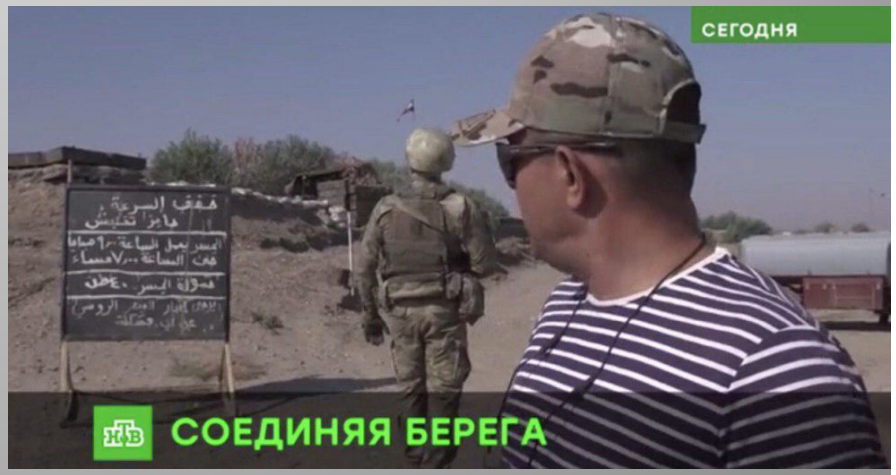

Abandoned US military outpost on Tell Arqam
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I just received this short clip from Northern Syria. A Turkish helicopter flying over Qamishli. One of my sources filmed it today around 1730 hr local time.
@jenanmoussa 9 Oct 19

On 9 October,#JSOC's S-92 helicopter transported #US Special Forces to Ras al-Ayn to relocate high-ranking #ISIL commanders imprisoned by #SDF to #KRG's prison in #Iraq's #Kurdistan. #Turkey does its best to release those #ISIL commanders during #OperationPeaceSpring/#Barışpınarı
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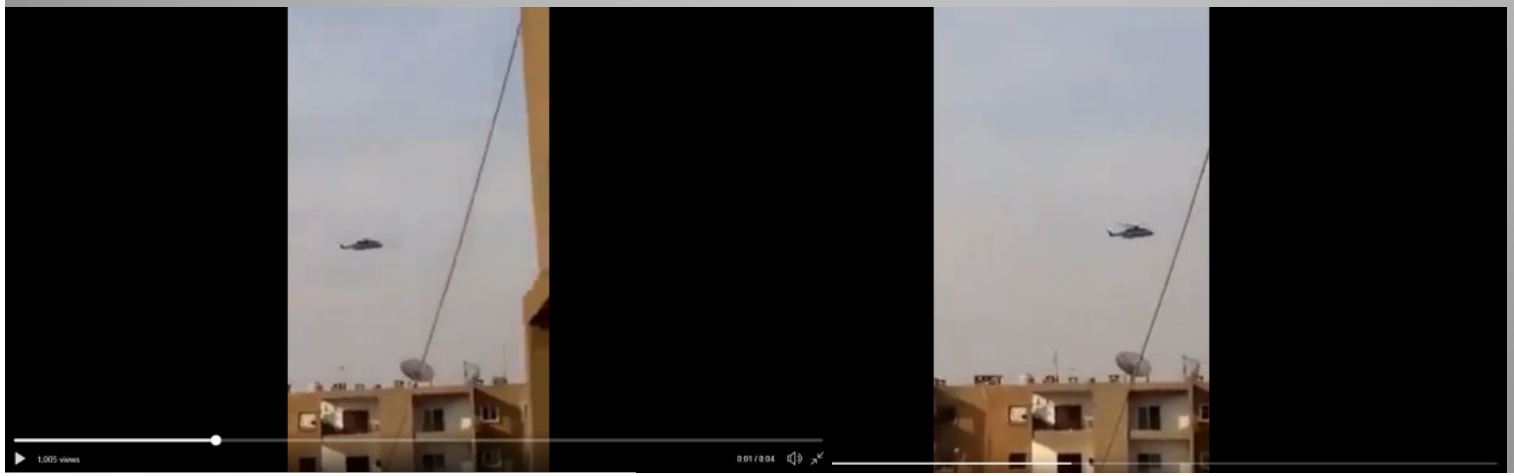

A U.S. patrol was stationed on Friday, October 11, 2019, in the village of Shirrak, in the Tal Abyad area near Raqqa, northeastern Syria. About 30 km from the Syrian-Turkish border, after Turkey began a military operation to advance in the region. The commander of US special forces, who asked not to be identified in an interview with "Smart", said that their forces will target the Turkish army if it advances inside Syrian territory more than the agreed distance between the United States and Turkey, which is set about 5 to 10 km.This comes after Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced on Wednesday, the start of the military operation against the "Syrian Democratic Forces" (SDF), northeast of Syria, and the Turkish army control of a number of villages in the vicinity of Tel Abyad north of Raqqa and Ras al-Ain north of Hasaka.

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An abandoned U.S. observation post is seen from the Turkish border town of Suruc, in Sanliurfa province, Turkey, October 14, 2019. REUTERS/Murad Sezer
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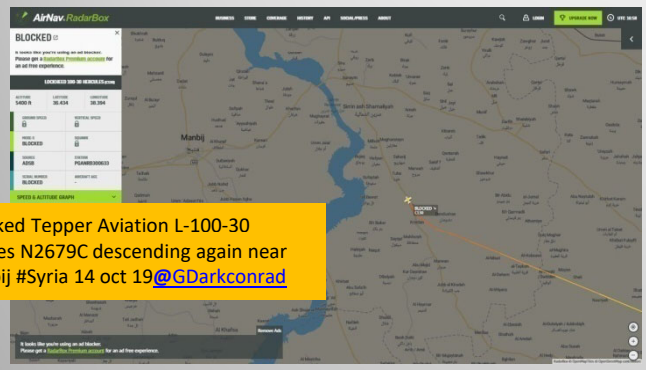
Suspected CIA flights from Sarrin airfield in Syria to Erbil in Iraqi Kurdistan involving Lockheed L-100-30 Hercules N2679C (cn 4796) Here photographed at Luqa airport, Malta on 31 August 2019



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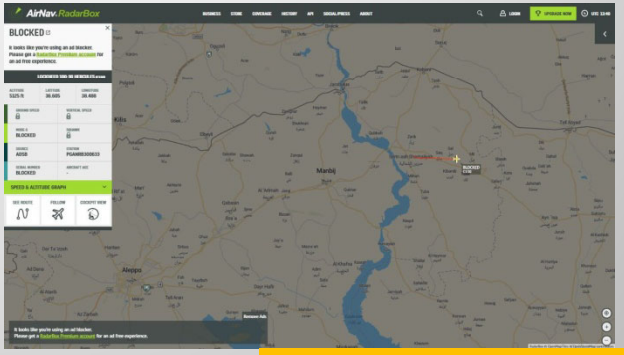

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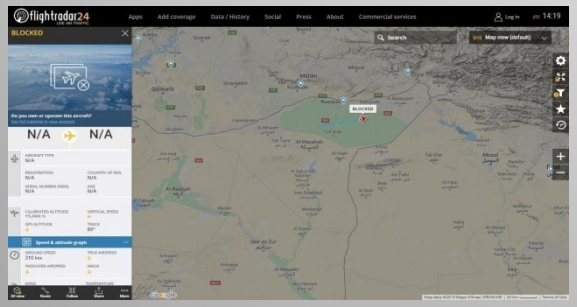

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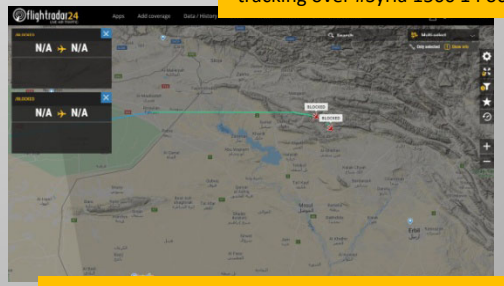

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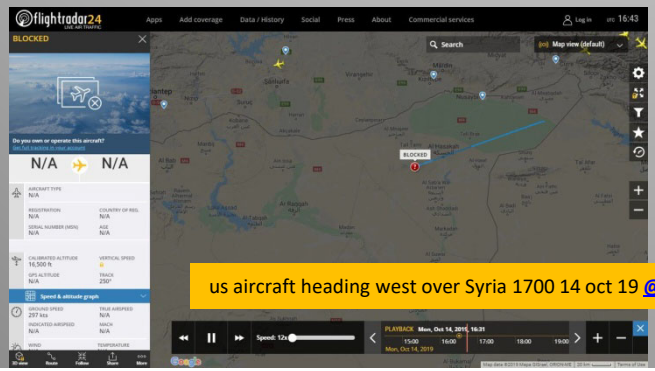

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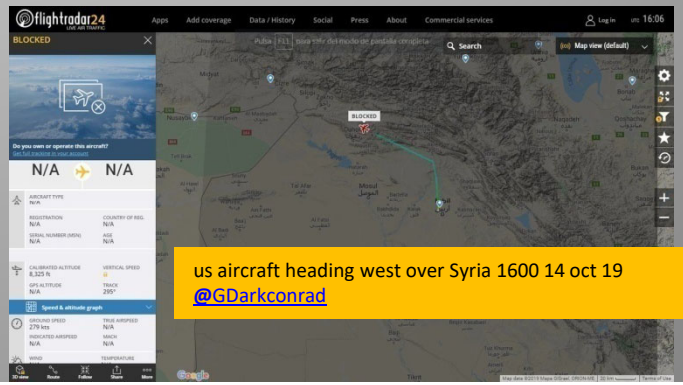

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#Syria #EasternEuphrates #Russia|n PMC (journo Oleg Blokhin) inside the #US base in #Manbij abandoned this morning.

Here is the empty camp of #US Special Forces in #Manbij today afternoon.
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Luncheon for Russian officers in the village of Khasham, east of Deir Ezzor

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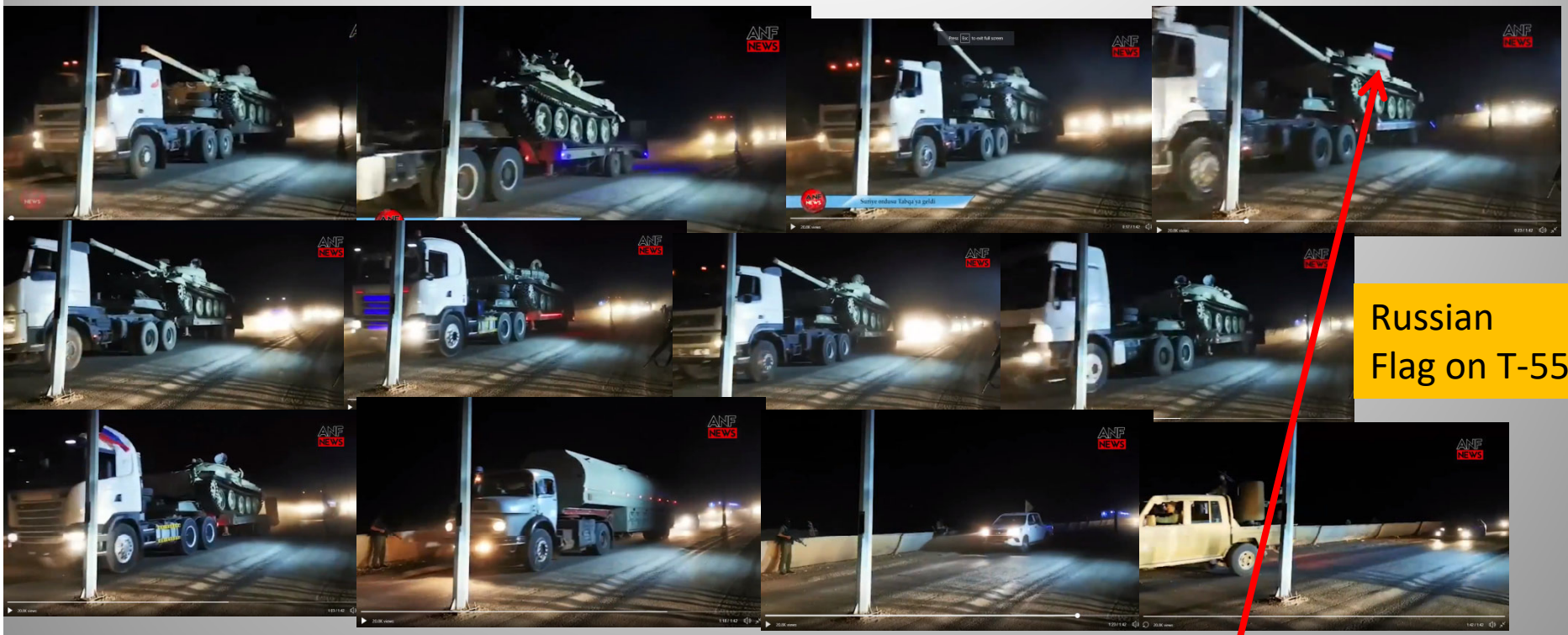
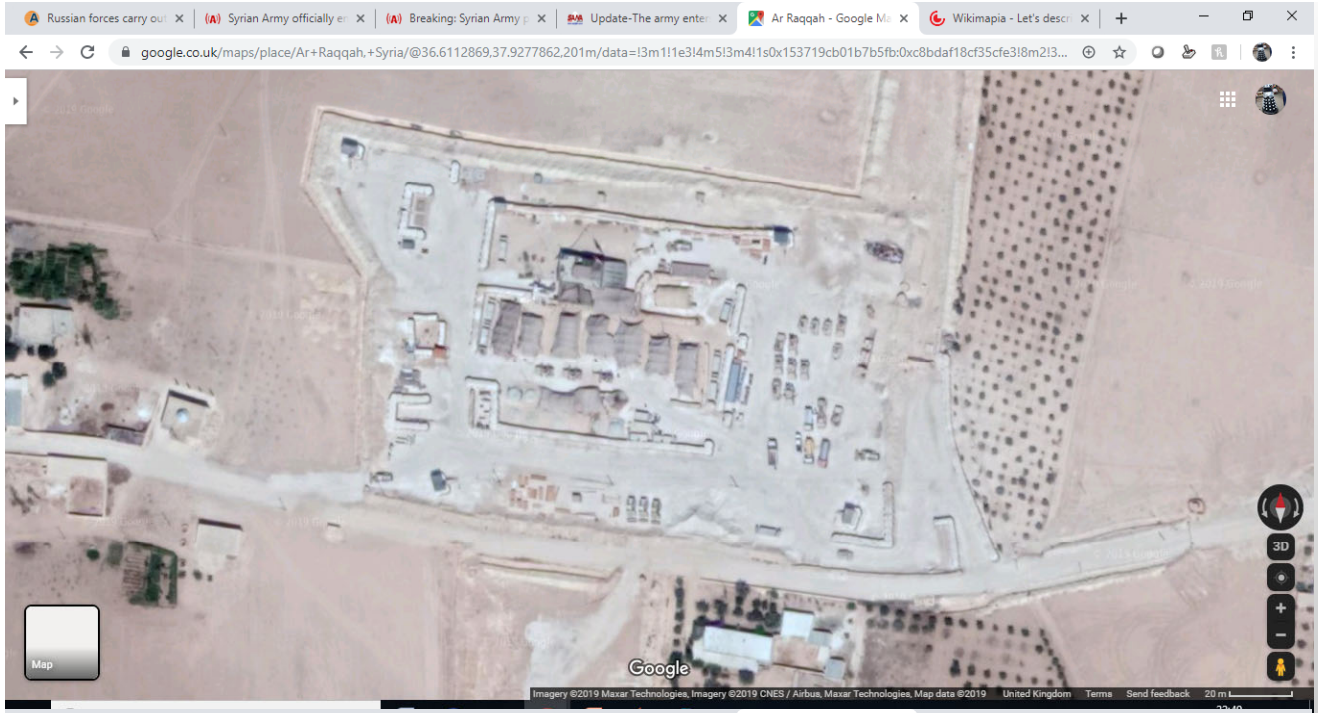
ANF Network: Huge Syrian army reinforcements belonging to 4th corps of SAA has begun moving towards northern syria from Tabqa city. The reinforcements consists of 75 Military vehicles, 12 tanks, 6 APC and armored vehicles.



Russian Flag on T-55

SAA T-55 at Ein-Issa on 16 oct 19 ANHA



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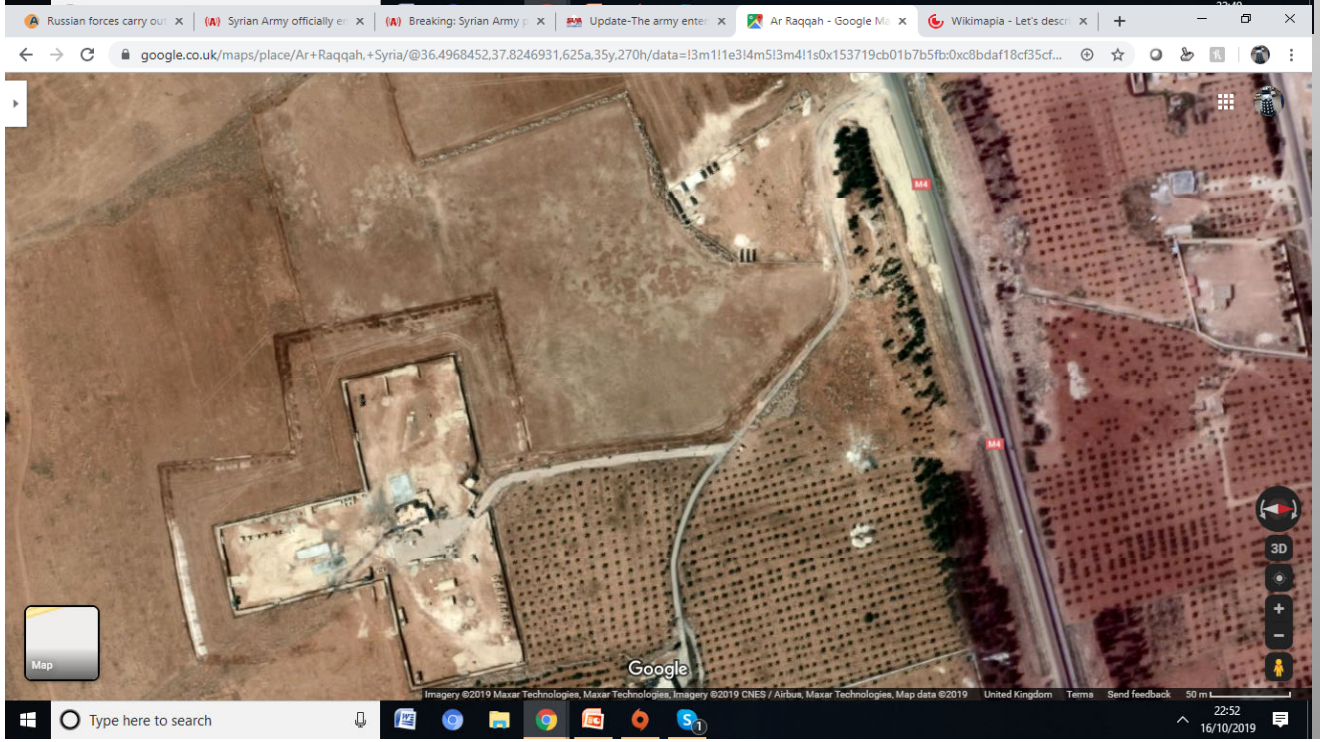

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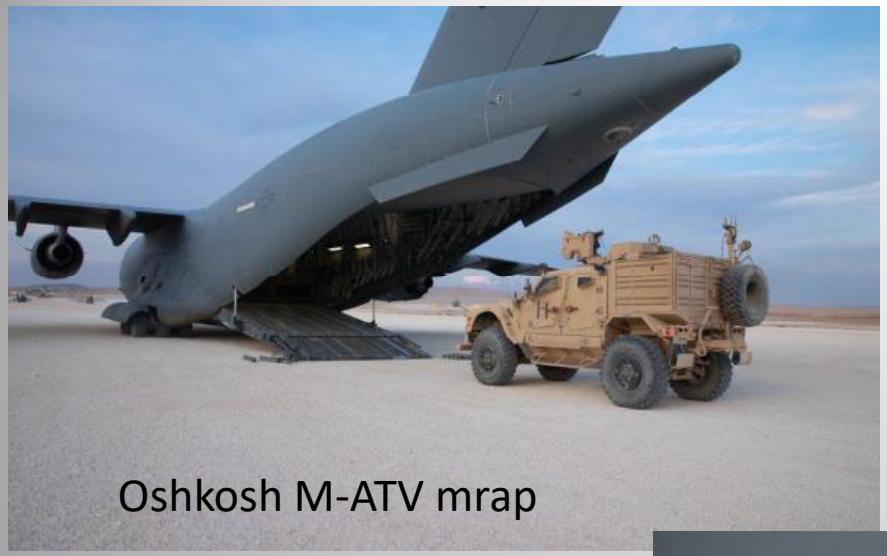

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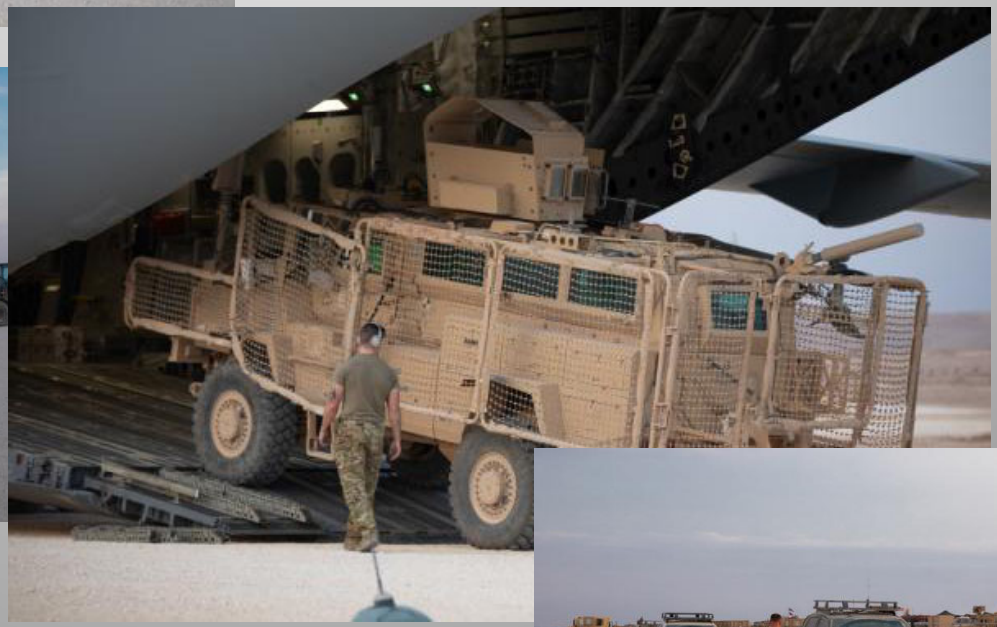

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RuAF Mi-8 and Mi-24 Helicopters at Qamishli Airport
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Syrian Army forces have taken full control of Tabqa military airport and are expected to enter the city during the day or tomorrow.

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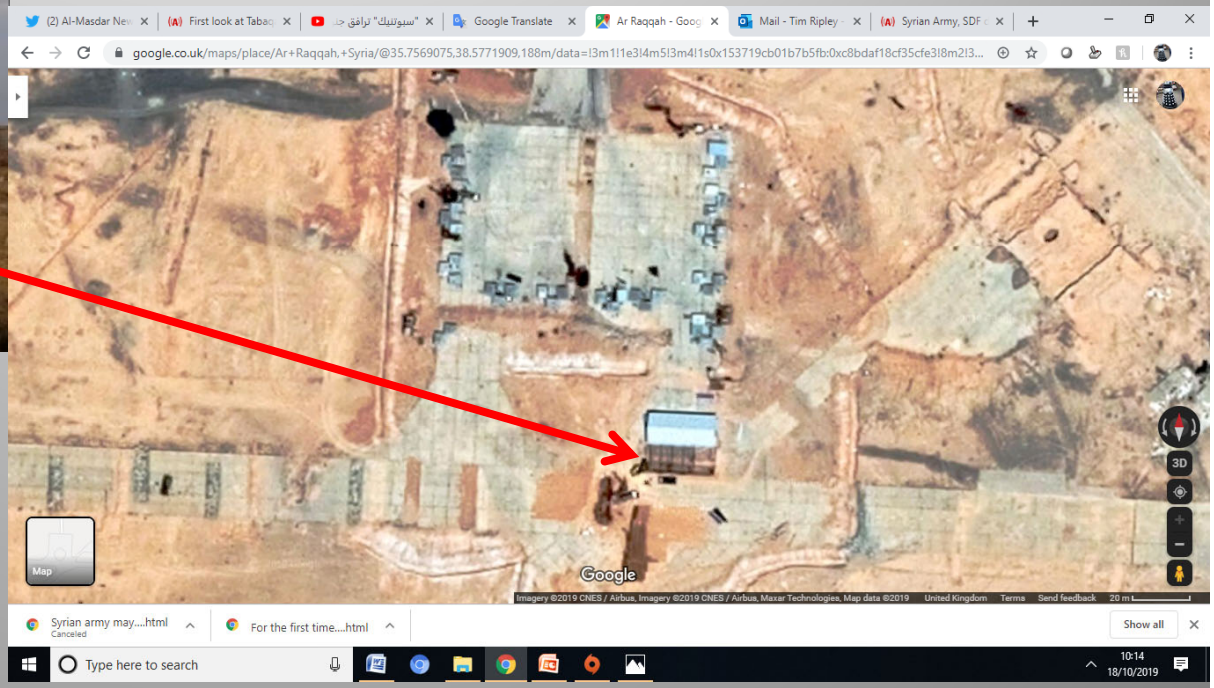
Russian Su-24

Russian Tigr vehicle



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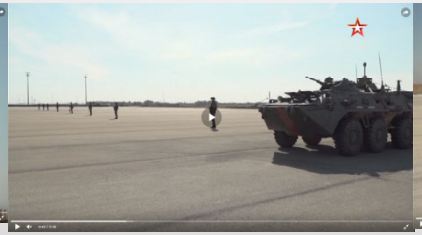
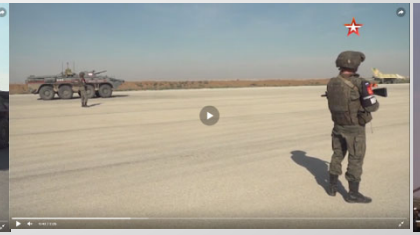

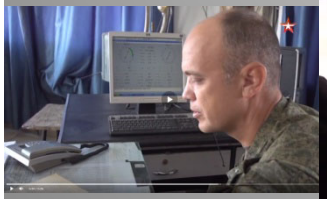

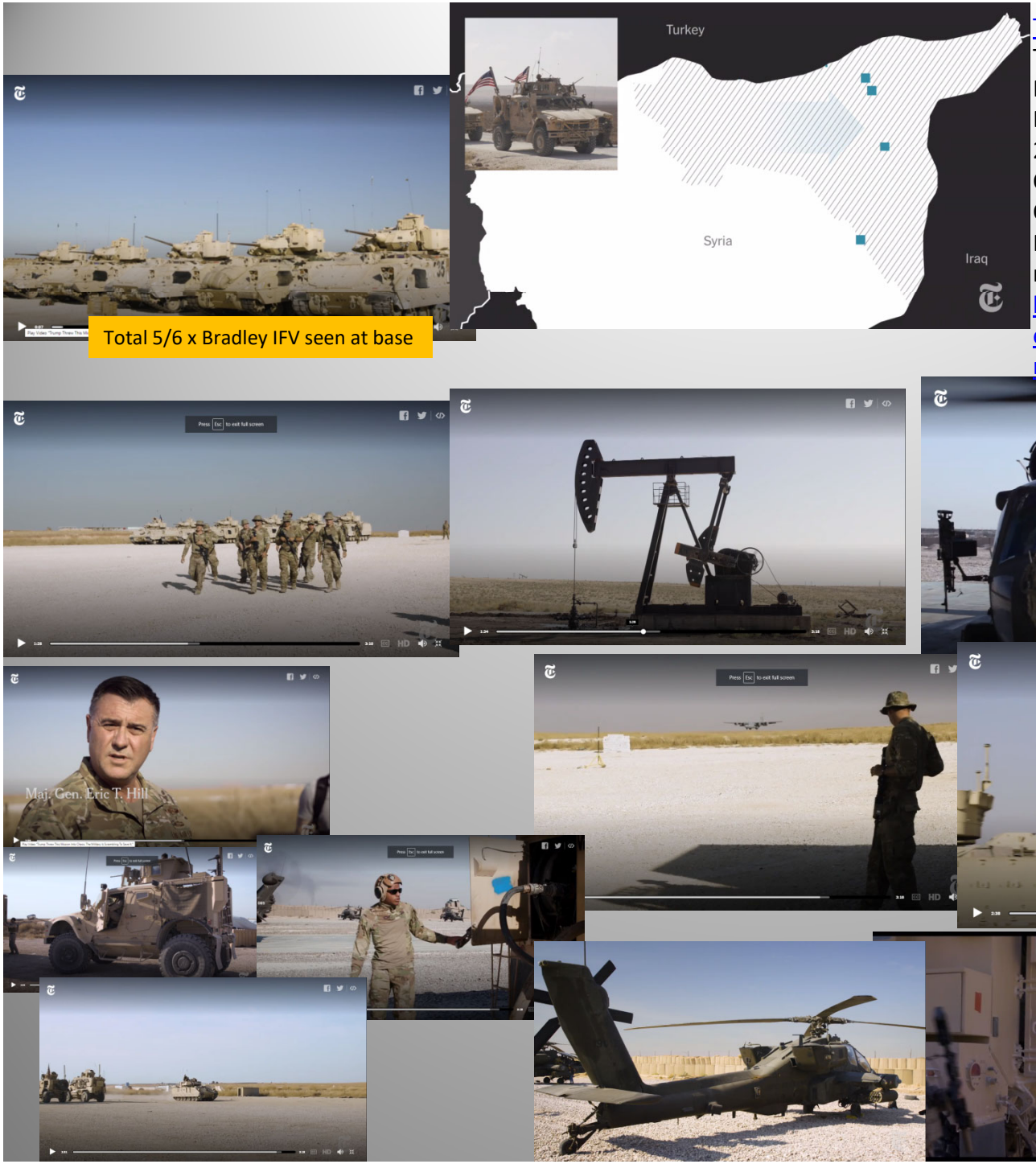

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By NEIL COLLIER and BEN LAFFIN | Nov. 24, 2019 | 3:17

On a rare visit to U.S. Bases (geolocated as Omar oil field) in eastern Syria, we saw how President Trump's message is being reinterpreted on the ground.

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Omar Oil Field – Green Village

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British Army Bushmaster mine proof vehicles in North East Syria, 29 November 2019. Location identified from map.

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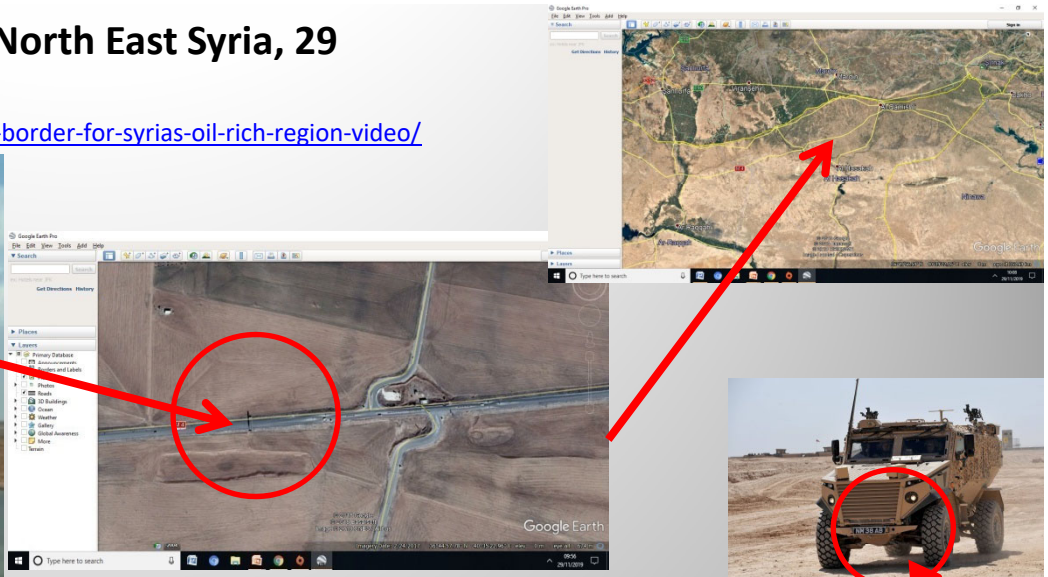

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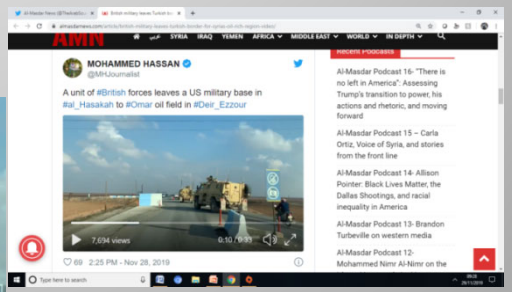

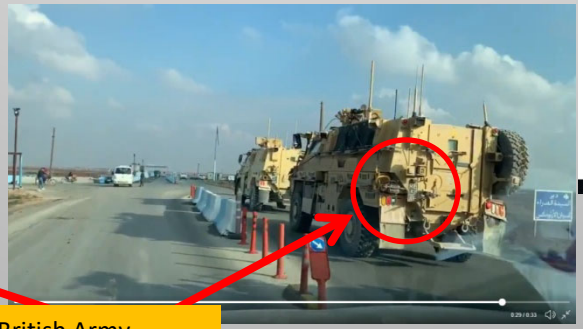

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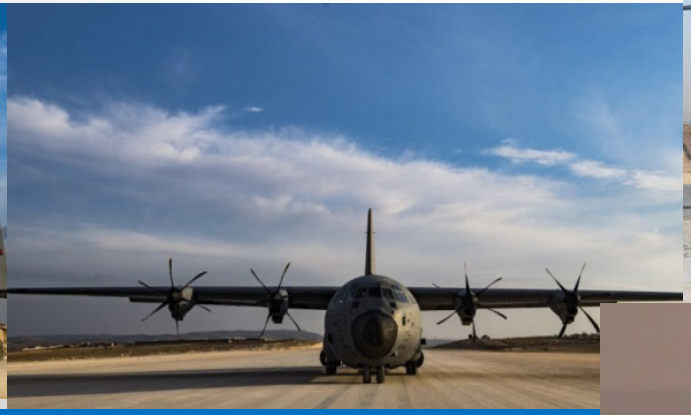
Thales Bushmaster armoured vehicle Purchased by UK MOD in 2008. The above is an Australian Army vehicle https://www.armyrecognition.com/australia_australian_army_wheeled_armoured_vehicle/bushmaster_thales_armoured_vehicle_technical_data_sheet_description_specifications

US air base in Syria :Kobani Landing Site



USAF C-130J at air base at Kobani Landing Zone, in Jan-Feb 2018, US DoD

US Army AH-64Es at Kobani Landing Zone ul 28 2017, US Army

Kobani Landing Zone 11 Jul 17, Arab Source

Kobani Landing Site 1 June 2018, via Google Earth

US Air Force V-22 Osprey tilt rotors land US Central Command chief, General Joe Votel, at Sarrin in late February 2017 during a visit to the SDF/YPG headquarters in the town.
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