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Russian Journalists Attacked in Syria

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Russian state television crew has come under fire from a Syrian rebel group at Golan Heights in the Israel-Syria border, Rossia 24 reported Saturday.

According to Yevgeny Poddubny, a reporter of the VGTRK state-run network, their crew was moving with a column of Syrian government military vehicles toward a checkpoint of the United Nations' peacekeepers on Saturday when they were attacked.

Following a 15-minute battle, the TV crew managed to reach the UN-monitored checkpoint, the reporter was quoted as saying by the channel's website. No information about victims was immediately available.

On Friday Russia offered to send its peacekeepers to the Golan Heights as part of a UN monitoring mission after Austria said it would withdraw its forces, citing danger to its personnel a in war-torn region. The UN officials said the peacekeeping agreements prevent it from accepting Russian troops.

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