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Islamic State Targets Russia in New Online Video

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The Islamic State (IS) has called on its followers to carry out attacks in Russia in a video published online.

The nine minute video was uploaded to Youtube on Sunday by a Telegram messenger account previously used by IS. The clip shows a masked driver shouting, "Listen Putin, we will come to Russia and kill you at your homes... Oh brothers, carry out Jihad and kill and fight them."

The video also shows armed men attacking armored vehicles and tents and collecting weapons in the desert.

The accompanying subtitles, which have so far not been verified, claim that the skirmish is taking place near the town of Akashat in Iraq's western Anbar province.

The video follows recent proposals between Russia and the United States to cooperate more closely in the fight against IS and other terrorist groups in the Middle East.

IS has previously called on its fighters to carry out attacks abroad, with the group claiming responsibility for a spate of deadly attacks in France and Germany in the last month.

The Islamic State is a terrorist organization banned in Russia.

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