

# Russian Foreign Ministry Says U.S. Air Strikes Worsening Situation in Mosul

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Russia's Foreign Ministry commented on the "degradation of the humanitarian situation" in Mosul on Thursday.

"People are not only fleeing from the atrocities of the Islamic State fighters, but also from the bombing by the coalition led by the United States," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said. "Reports of these air strikes come with alarming regularity. To deny, and even hide these facts, becomes simply meaningless."

On Oct. 16 Iraqi and Kurdish forces began a two-pronged offensive on the Islamic State stronghold of Mosul, the second-largest city in Iraq.

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