

Islamic State Says It Has Captured 2 Russian Soldiers in Syria

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Islamic State, a terrorist group banned in Russia, has released a video showing two Russian soldiers it claims were captured in the Syrian city of Deir-al-Zor, Reuters [reported](#) Tuesday.

The Syrian Army, backed by Russia forces, said it took Deir-al-Zor in a siege Sept. 5 in which a Russian [general](#) and at least one other [soldier](#) were killed.

The video released by Islamic State's AMAQ media wing shows two men in grey tunics, one in handcuffs and the other with apparent bruises on his face.

Newsweek [reported](#) Sept. 28 the capture of two Russian servicemen, but Moscow denied the claim.

The Dozhd television channel [posted](#) the alleged video in which one of the soldiers says they were captured in an ISIS counter-attack Sept. 28.

A representative from the Russian Hmeimim air base in Syria denied the claim and said there had been no captures of any Russian personnel, Dozhd reported.

"There have been no incidents linked with any capture of prisoners or entailing losses among Russian servicemen either in the province of Deir al-Zor or in any other Syrian province," the Defense Ministry added in an online statement Tuesday.

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