

Russia Denies Its Troops Are Fighting in Northwest Syria

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Russian Defense Ministry

Russia on Thursday denied allegations by Syrian rebels that Russian special forces or ground troops were fighting in the campaign for the rebel-held region of Idlib, the state-run RIA news agency reported.

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Senior rebel commanders said on Wednesday that Russia has sent special forces in recent days to fight alongside Syrian army troops struggling to make gains in a more than two-month assault in northwestern Syria to seize the last opposition bastion.

"Russia has had no and has no ground forces in Syria," the Defense Ministry was cited as saying.

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