

Russian-Turkish Patrol Pelted With Molotov Cocktails in Syria

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A Russian military vehicle was pelted with Molotov cocktails during its joint patrol of northeastern Syria with Turkish forces.

Videos that appeared on Kurdish and Turkish news outlets Monday showed a group of young people hurling rocks at passing armored vehicles near the Syrian border town of Kobani. Another video showed them setting the side of a Russian-flagged Typhoon mine-resistant vehicle on fire with the makeshift explosive.

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Suriye Ayn el Arab'da (Kobani) devriye atan Türk & Rus askeri konvoyuna PKK terör örgütü destekçileri taş ve molotof ile saldırdı.

Molotoflu saldırıya uğrayan Rus zırhlı aracı zarar gördü. pic.twitter.com/HmKt1y1UTr

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Russia's conflict reconciliation center in Syria said no troops were injured and no equipment was damaged in the attack, the RBC news website reported Monday. The convoy resumed its patrol afterward.

"The convoy leader has decided to go around this group of young people in order to prevent possible accidents," the reconciliation center was <u>quoted</u> as saying.

The reconciliation center called the Molotov-throwing incident during the eighth Russian–Turkish patrol a provocation, RBC reported.

Earlier this month, video footage showed angry crowds <u>pelting</u> the second joint patrol with stones.

Turkey and its Syrian rebel allies have grabbed a swath of land in northeastern Syria after launching a cross-border offensive in October against the Kurdish militia.

Turkey has warned Monday that it would launch another military campaign in northeast Syria if Russia and the United States did not clear the area of Kurdish forces.

The countries last month clinched separate deals to remove the Kurdish YPG militia, which helped the U.S. defeat the Islamic State in Syria but is considered a terrorist group by Turkey, from the area.

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