

## 《Russia: Jets strike 72 militant targets in Syria》

The Russian Defense Ministry said Thursday that its planes had flown 53 sorties and struck 72 militant targets in Syria in the past 24 hours.

The Ministry's spokesperson was speaking at the Hmeymim air base in Syria, where Russian jets are based. He denied US allegations that the Russian military had used cluster bombs in populated areas in Syria. Russia started bombing in Syria on September 30, saying it was targeting Islamic State.

Russia has also offered medical assistance to disabled children from Syrian. The first batch of children will head to Russia for treatment shortly after legal procedures have been established.

