US Deploys B-52 Bombers to Qatar for Fight Against IS

WASHINGTON - The US Air Force deployed B-52 bombers to Qatar on Saturday to join the fight against the Islamic State, or ISIS, in Iraq and Syria, the first time it has used the long-range bombers operationally in the region in May 2006 as part of the war against ISIS, a US military official told Xinhua on Saturday.

“The B-52 demonstrates our continued resolve to apply persistent pressure on Daesh and defend the region in any future contingency,” said Air Force Lieutenant Gen. Stephen Wilson, the commander of U.S. Air Forces Central Command.

The US military said it would use the long-range bombers to move to a region in the North-East of the Middle East since the start of the war with Daesh in 1990. The US military official said it could not provide the exact number of B-52 bombers to be based at Al Udeid Air Base Qatar due to “operational security reasons.”

Washington’s decision to deploy its powerful B-52 bombers at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar came as the US military stepped up the fight against Islamic State and Iraq and Syria.

Brown said the bombers would be able to deliver precision weapons and airpower to Qatar from a range of nine to 13,000 km, including strategic attacks, close-air support, air interdiction, and maritime operations.

19 Yemeni Soldiers Killed in Al-Qaïda Ambush

ADEN - About 19 army soldiers were killed dur- ing an attack by milita- nts of the Yemen-based Al-Qaïda in the country’s southern prov- ince of Shabwa on Saturday, a military official told Xinhua.

"Mosul al-Qaïda at- tackers embarked three trucks carrying dozens of terrorist, most of who are from the tribal area of Anfar in southern Anbar province, killed, about 19 soldiers at the military base and also killed the local military official on condition of anonymity”.

"The army soldiers were traveling to Anfar region to receive their monthly salaries, but unfortunately were killed in a bombing and before reaching their military base,” the official said.

However, a triad chief of the Yemeni Interior Ministry said that Qaïda terrorists forced the army soldiers to move to a rugged area and then explo- ded some of the soldiers by lidars.

"Several bodies were burnt to the tribal area of Anfar and separated and other sold- iers said that the airport was shut,” the anonymous official added.

"The security situation is critical in the region, the home- front of the national economy and its inti- mates (Arabia)“.

Russian Warplanes in Syria Carry Out First Operations

The Russian air force on Saturday launched its first air operations in Syria against Islamic State, President Vladimir Putin said. Putin called it a "day of glory" for the country.

The latest wave of strikes marks the beginning of a campaign that could escalate to cover a large portion of Syria, a Russian military official said. Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

Putin described the operation as a "day of glory" for Russia and the Russian people.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.

Putin said the strikes were aimed at destroying what he called "bands of terrorists" in the region.

The operation was the first Russian military operation in Syria since Putin ordered the deployment of Russian air force to the country.