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## REPORTS: UMAR SHISHANI GIVES ULTIMATUM TO JABHAT AL-NUSRA IN DEIR EZZOR

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Russian-speaking social media accounts linked to the Islamic State of Iraq and as-Sham report that ISIS Amir Umar Shishani has issued an ultimatum to Jabhat al-Nusra in Deir Ezzor.

The reports say that Umar Shishani has given Jabhat al-Nusra fighters until Friday morning to show repentance by either presenting themselves at the mosque or by remaining indoors. Those who do so will not be harmed, the reports say.

The same reports circulated among Arabic sources:



Other reports cited the Uzbek and Dagestani ISIS faction named Sabiri's Jamaat as saying that 200 Jabhat al-Nusra fighters had vowed not to fight ISIS. It is not possible to confirm these reports.

The rumors of Umar Shishani's ultimatum comes after reports that Jabhat al-Nusra and Ahrar a-Sham had left Deir Ezzor city on Thursday.





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As ISIS battled Jabhat al-Nusra and other insurgent groups in Deir Ezzor in recent weeks, tens of thousands of civilians have fled the area.

The Financial Times reported:

Albara Hashem, an activist from Deir Ezzor who works with the Syrian Revolution Co-ordinators Union, said his organisation estimated that about 40,000 people had fled.

"They have fled to safer cities in the province and are staying in school buildings or with relatives," Mr Hashem said. "Jabhat al-Nusra and its allied rebel forces asked residents to leave for fear they would become victims of the clashes – there have been a lot of bombings and explosives have been planted in the area."

In a previous report, the FT cited local activists as saying the battles in Deir Ezzor are largely over control of the area's oil wells:

"The war in the east is drawing in the jihadists especially, because they are so tied to the oil for financing," said an activist in Isis-controlled Raqqa province, who asked not to be named.

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