

## **Russian Lieutenant-General Killed in ISIS shelling in Syria**

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**UBO: The death of a Russian lieutenant general &ndash; working close enough to the front lines to be killed by ISIS mortar shelling - suggests that the Russian &ldquo;advisors&rdquo; may now be taking a much broader command and control function and the possibility that the number of Russian troops actually involved in Syrian combat may be greater than officially acknowledged.**

From Sputnik News & TASS, Sep 25, 2017 Russia's Lt. Gen. Valery Asapov, who helped Syrian forces during the operation to lift the blockade of Deir ez-Zor, died as a result of Daesh shelling, the Russian Defense Ministry said Sunday. Asapov died after sustaining a "fatal injury" in the "sudden Daesh mortar shelling," the ministry said. "Lt. Gen. Valery Asapov died in the Syrian Arab Republic as a result of the Daesh shelling," the statement said. The ministry specified that Asapov was a member of the group of Russian military advisers providing Syrian commanders with assistance during the operation aimed at the liberation of the city of Deir ez-Zor. The available evidence suggests that Asapov was among those generals close to and favored by President Vladimir Putin, raising even more questions as to the occurrence. **Russia now trying to blame Asapov death on the United States** The death of Russia's Lieutenant General Valery Asapov in Syria is a direct result of the US two-faced policy in Syria, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov said on Monday. "The tragedy that we witnessed, the death of a Russian commander, is the price paid in blood for this double-dealing in the US's policy [in the war on terror]," Ryabkov said according to the Russian state-run news agency TASS.

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