**Listening Exercise 143**

Russia and ISIS 1

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Guidelines:

1. Review the questions and vocabulary
2. Listen to the audio twice (control + click the link). (If link does not work from email, save to computer and then open).
3. Answer the questions
4. Refer to the answers to confirm correct responses and gauge understanding

**Nota: Esta es una entrevista con Fernando Bazán, experto en assuntos del Oriente Medio, hablando desde la Argentina.**



1. How does the speaker characterize Russia’s role in air attacks in Syria?

* 1. Following U.S. lead
  2. Ineffective air operations
  3. Leading the way
  4. Too little, too late

1. According to this interview, which is the most important news to happen in the Syrian conflict?
   1. Civilian bombing casualties
   2. Indiscriminate bombings
   3. Russian bases in Iran
   4. U.S. precision weapons
2. What will long range heavy bombers change?
   1. Casualties
   2. Dynamics
   3. Justification
   4. Modifications
3. Russia’s capability to drop large amounts of ordnance will:
   1. Be delayed
   2. Deteriorate
   3. Increase
   4. Not change
4. Who does the speaker appear to favor in this interview?
   1. Iran
   2. ISIS
   3. Russia
   4. United States

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| *¿Cómo podríamos describir la situación que en este momento se vive en esa zona?* | *How can we describe the situation that currently exists in that area?* |
| Sí, lo que está viendo en el terreno es que Rusia ha tomado, si no era dudas, en la punta de lanza respecto a lo que son ataques aéreos. La noticia de la semana, que creo es la noticia también del conflicto, es que comenzaron las operaciones aéreas rusas en bases de Irán. Esto, sin duda, va a cambiar un poco la dinámica de los ataques, que es ya justamente al incluir bombarderos de largo alcance, como son el TU-22, está modificando la dinámica del conflicto. | Yes, what you are seeing on the ground is that Russia has taken, without a doubt, the spearhead with regard to airstrikes. The news of the week, which I think is also the news of the conflict, is that Russian air operations began at Iran bases. This, undoubtedly, will change the dynamics of the attacks a little, already just by including long-range bombers, such as the TU-22, it is changing the dynamics of the conflict. |
| Rusia hasta el momento realizaba ataques de gran altitud, pero con poco material bélico. Esta está cambiando que ya son bombarderos pesados que puedan operar prácticamente en la zona de conflicto. Teniendo en cuenta que operan en el límite con Irán. | Russia so far has conducted high-altitude attacks but with little ordnance. This is changing, they are heavy bombers that can operate practically from the conflict zone. Given that they operate on the border with Iran. |

**Vocabulary**

la punta de lanza spearhead

largo alcance long range

material bélico ordnance

límite border