**Listening Exercise 144**

Russia and ISIS

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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



1. Does the speaker believe the U.S. will use air bases in Iran to attack Syrian targets?
   1. Depends
   2. Maybe
   3. No
   4. Yes
2. What is implied about Russia’s Syrian air campaign when compared to U.S. air attacks in Syria?
   1. Less effective
   2. More effective
   3. Supporting
   4. Tandem
3. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in describing Russia’s air attacks in Syria?
   1. Consistent
   2. Indiscriminate
   3. Systematic
   4. Targeted
4. What has Russia almost completed?
   1. An air base in Turkey
   2. Another air base in Iran
   3. Second air base in Syria
   4. Treaty to use U.S. air base
5. How many military fronts are likely in Syria?
   1. 1
   2. 2
   3. 3
   4. 4
6. Which is it the U.S. is uncertain about regarding operations in Syria?
   1. Russian Air Force
   2. Syrian military
   3. Syrian rebels
   4. Turkish bases

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| *¿Fernando, esto significa que Estados Unidos consideraría utilizar estas mismas bases para sus bombarderos?* | *Fernando, does this mean that the United States would consider using these same bases for its bombers?* |
| Es difícil responderlo de una manera concreta. A simple vista, la respuesta es no, y digo que es no si uno se observa la dinámica del conflicto respecto de Rusia. Rusia ha mantenido el constante en las operaciones aéreas y las operaciones fueron contra el ISIS. De… en cambio los Estados Unidos realizó ataques precisos y concretos sobre aquellos bastiones que estaban al punto de caer en manos del ISIS. Rusia llevó adelante otro tipo de campaña, viene de los bombardeos sistemáticos a todos los territorios bajo el control del ISIS. | It’s hard to give a solid answer. At first glance, the answer is no, and I say it’s not if one observes the conflict’s dynamics with regards to Russia. Russia has kept up constant air operations and the operations were against ISIS. From…on the other hand, the United States made specific precision attacks against those strongholds that were about to fall into the hands of ISIS. Russia carried on another type of campaign, that comes from the systematic bombing of all territories under the control of ISIS. |
| Por otro lado, Rusia también ya está analizando la posibilidad de abrir una segunda base en Irán y esto, hasta el momento, no está terminada. Pero, sí, ya está prácticamente operativa. Esto se suma a la base que tiene en Latakia, en la propia Siria. Con eso seríamos hablando de 3 frentes. Estados Unidos, hoy en día, tiene el problema de que no sabe que va suceder con Turquía. Ya que Turquía amenaza con retirarse del OTAN. Y es uno de las principales bases que tiene Estados Unidos para realizar incursiones dentro de Siria. | On the other hand, Russia is also already exploring the possibility of opening a second base in Iran and that, so far, is not completed. But, yes, it is nearly operational. This adds to the base it has in Latakia, in Syria itself. With that we would be talking about 3 fronts. The United States, today, has the problem that it doesn’t know what will happen with Turkey. As Turkey is threatening to withdraw from NATO. And it is one of the main bases that the US has to make incursions into Syria. |

**Vocabulary**

bombarderos bombers

precisos precise, specific

bastiones strongholds, bastions

bombardeos bombardments

Por otro lado on the other hand

Latakia province in Syria

OTAN NATO

incursiones raids, sorties, forays, incursions