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US military strategy against ISIL aimed at removing Assad: Activist

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There is evidence that the US strategy to fight the ISIL terrorist group in Iraq and Syria is focused on removing the government of President Bashar al-Assad, according to an American social activist in Chicago.

The US military campaign against ISIL, including coalition airstrikes and deploying more military assets to Iraq and Syria, points to the strategy to overthrow Syria's democratically elected government, said Joe Iosbaker.

“Their main goal in all of this is the removal of the Assad government, there's always more evidence of this,” said Iosbaker, a leader of the United National Antiwar Coalition and a member of the Committee to Stop FBI Repression.

He cited a recent announcement by the White House to arm and train foreign-backed militants in Syria, saying the US has “a military aim to overthrow Assad.”

“The US has the greatest responsibility for the creation of ISIL,” he noted.

The US military is deploying more assets into Iraq to fight ISIL and to be better positioned to search for and rescue pilots of downed planes, US officials said Wednesday.

A US official told CNN the move was not in response to a decision by the United Arab Emirates to stop flying combat missions over Syria after a Jordanian pilot was captured.

The ISIL Takfiri terrorists, who were initially trained by the Central Intelligence Agency in Jordan in 2012 to destabilize the Syrian government, have seized some territories in Syria as well as neighboring Iraq.