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Nest of terrorists in Idlib, Syria should be uprooted – Lavrov

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The Russian airbase Khmeimim in Syria has been under fire from the terrorist group Jabhat al-Nusra in Idlib recently, and the *“nest of terrorists must be uprooted,”* Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Wednesday.

He made the statement at a news conference with his Iranian counterpart, Mohammad Javad Zarif, in Moscow.

Under the new name Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, the terrorist group *“not only controls the situation there, but also shells positions of the Syrian Army and settlements,”* Lavrov said.

The head of the Russian Defence Ministry’s Center for Syrian Reconciliation, Maj. Gen. Viktor Kupchishin, said on Tuesday that militants violated a ceasefire in the Syrian provinces of Aleppo, Idlib and Latakia over a period of 24 hours.