

# Rival powers race for oil in eastern Syria

Government forces and U.S.-backed militia are racing to control the oil-rich province of Deir al-Zour in eastern Syria as so-called Islamic State militants continue to retreat from their former strongholds

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