

Russia sends battalion of military police in Aleppo to help maintain security

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Moscow: Russia has sent a battalion of military police in Aleppo, after the Syrian regime took full control of the ravaged city.

Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu on Friday said that that a battalion of military police has been sent to maintain law and order in the liberated territories.

The Russian military police is a subdivision of the military that is meant to ensure order and discipline in the army. A Russian battalion normally numbers between 300 and 400 soldiers.

"We sent in a battalion of military police yesterday (Thursday) evening to maintain order in the liberated territories," Shoigu said.

According to the statement, the battalion, which is manned only with contracted soldiers, will also ensure security of the reconciliation center's personnel, as well as Russian deminers and medics arriving in Aleppo.

Russian media earlier this month reported that scores of Chechens have been sent in as military police to Syria, with one video showing them chatting in the Chechen language while getting ready for their sendoff and wearing military police uniforms.

Meanwhile the Russian President Vladimir Putin has hailed the recapture of Aleppo as a "very important part of the normalisation in Syria" and said that everything needs to be done for fighting to stop on all Syrian territory.

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