

No Permission From Congress

Obama plans to go ahead with the airstrikes in Iraq and Syria. He'll do so without asking Congress. Instead, he will act under authorization Congress passed after 9/11. It gave former president George W. Bush the ability to immediately go after those responsible for 9/11.

The airstrikes "will be waged through a steady, relentless effort to take out ISIL wherever they exist," he said. The U.S. will bomb from the sky, and its partner forces will fight on the ground.

Obama wants Congress to give money to train and arm more members of the Syrian opposition.

The White House said Wednesday that it will give \$25 million in military help to the Iraqi government. The money will go to fighting ISIL.

The U.S. will also try to cut off the group's money supply.

The U.S. has been asking allies in Europe and the Middle East to help weaken the terror group. France said Wednesday that it would agree to take part in airstrikes against ISIL in Iraq. Germany has said it will send weapons to fighters battling ISIL.