

BREAKING: Stalemate at the UN: Moscow Says NO to a "Humanitarian War" on Syria

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In recent developments Russia's deputy foreign minister Gennady Gatilov confirmed that Moscow will not support the latest UN Security Council draft resolution on Syria.

"Some of our concerns and the concerns of those who think the same as us have been taken into consideration but all the same this is not enough for us to be able to support it in this form...

We still have a whole number of concerns over the content of this text and we will be ready to continue consultations on the draft resolution," Gatilov said.

"We are ready to continue work on modifying it, taking into consideration and based on our principled positions," he said, adding that no vote was expected Saturday or Sunday.

The objective of the US, with the support of France and Britain has been to get a "green light" from the UN Security Council with a view to waging a "humanitarian war" on Syria.

Moscow's UN envoy, Vitaly Churkin, intimated that Russia would use its veto to block a UN Security Council resolution on Syria which "it deems unacceptable".

Moscow's decision coicided with the leak of the Arab League Observation Mission Report, which acknowledges the existence of an "armed entity" integrated by the Syrian Free Army and "armed opposition groups". The Mission report of the Arab League confirms that these armed groups have committed terrorist acts including the indiscriminate killing of civilians. The Mission, however, does not identify the foreign powers behind "the armed entity",

Earlier reports confirm that these armed groups are supported covertly by several foreign powers, including Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Israel. Turkey in liaison with NATO in providing weapons to opposition forces.

Michel Chossudovsky, the Director at the Center for Research on Globalization, in an interview with Russia Today suggested that the current Security Council draft resolution, should be scrapped. "What they should do is throw out that draft resolution and have another one which actually focuses on the foreign forces – including Turkey, Israel, Saudi Arabia – which are supporting an insurgency in a sovereign country namely Syria."

"Chossudovsky believes that the Security Council paid too little attention to the Arab League observer mission's 'extremely explicit' report, which should be taken very seriously."

"The report should be made public," he said. "This observer mission is made up of people who are not necessarily politically inclined. They are independent observers and they are saying the truth."

The AL Mission Report which was leaked to Global Research on February 1, confirms that:

"In Homs, Idlib and Hama, the Observer Mission witnessed acts of violence being committed against Government forces and civilians that resulted in several deaths and injuries. Examples of those acts include the bombing of a civilian bus, killing eight persons and injuring others, including women and children, and the bombing of a train carrying diesel oil. In another incident in Homs, a police bus was blown up, killing two police officers. A fuel pipeline and some small bridges were also bombed."

"Such incidents include the bombing of buildings, trains carrying fuel, vehicles carrying diesel oil and explosions targeting the police, members of the media and fuel pipelines. Some of those attacks have been carried out by the Free Syrian Army and some by other armed opposition groups."

The Mission also underscored the role of media distortion in the coverage of events in Syria as well as the campaign to discredit the Mission's findings, which ironically also emanated through political channels from the Arab League:

"The Mission noted that many parties falsely reported that explosions or violence had occurred in several locations. When the observers went to those locations, they found that those reports were unfounded.

The Mission also noted that, according to its teams in the field, the media exaggerated the nature of the incidents and the number of persons killed in incidents and protests in certain towns."

The Arab League report also pointed to a process of political sabotage of the Mission underscoring the role of "[political] organizations [which] use the media to distort the facts."

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