

## Conflicting Reports on Farcical Syrian Peace Talks

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*Holding them is a waste of time. Abandoning them makes more sense. Negotiating with terrorists won't succeed. Diplomacy is doomed to fail.*

Instead the US/Saudi/UN-orchestrated charade continues, conflicting reports on whether opposition groups comprised of terrorists intend showing up muddy things further.

Syria's UN envoy/chief government negotiator Bashar al-Jaafari correctly said "any political solution to the (ongoing) crisis...can't be achieved without the presence of a serious party to the dialogue process."

He justifiably accused opposition terrorist groups of "lack(ing) seriousness and responsibility," intending to undermine talks before they begin.

"We have proved our good intentions and the government's positive attitude towards any international UN effort to find a solution, but the problem has always been with the other party," he explained.

He spoke forthrightly and honestly, what's sorely lacking in Geneva under the best of conditions.

On January 31, two days after talks were scheduled to begin, he said "(n)o one...knows who the other party is, and there hasn't been a final list of participants so far," likely to change any time after talks begin.

"When the Security Council resolution (2254) states that the broadest possible spectrum of the position be brought together by the Syrians themselves, and this resolution is being violated, then it means that there are some who want to impose a fait accompli by selectivity and double standards," assuring failure, not success.

Jaafari justifiably blamed Washington and Riyadh without naming them - because they're "not neutral." Spokesman for the US-Saudi-backed terrorist groups, Salem al-Mouslad, said his side is ready to start talks without preconditions, after earlier stressing the opposite - imposing demands impossible for Syria and Russia to accept.

Syrian Judas Riyadh Hijab is coordinator for the Saudi-formed High Negotiations Committee (HNC), comprised entirely of anti-Assad terrorists, cutthroat killers responsible for gruesome atrocities, wanting him removed, all Shias and Alawites genocidally eliminated.

He issued a statement, saying "(i)f (Damascus insists on continuing to commit these crimes

(code language for responsible self-defense against invading terrorists), then the HNC delegation's presence in Geneva will not be justified."

"The delegation will inform (UN envoy/anti-Syrian/pro-Western moderator Staffan) de Mistura (of) its intentions to withdraw its negotiating team if the UN and world powers" don't enforce its demands.

It's unclear what's coming next. Involvement of terrorists in talks assures failure, a combination of tragedy and farce. Syria's conflict will be resolved militarily or not at all.

Russia's formidable air power allied with government ground forces continuing to batter ISIS and other terrorist groups is the only effective way to weaken and eliminate them to a shadow of their current strength.

Relying on Geneva talks to resolve things assures failure, endless conflict, Washington's objective. Peace and stability defeat its agenda - what Western media never explain.

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