

Irish Politician to ST: The West, EU, US Aggravate Syrian People's Suffering by Sanctions

Irish politician to ST: It is not up to anybody other than the Syrian people to decide their representation

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*The Irish politician **Clare Daly**, who recently visited Syria along with European delegation, has affirmed that the West and the European Union are aggravating the Syrian people's suffering by sanctions and the U.S. support for Saudi Arabia and Israel in the region.*

She has spoken for many times before the Irish parliament about the terrible suffering that the Syrian people have had to endure and she pushed her country's government to argue in the EU to lift sanction imposed on Syria and to oppose the influence of Israel as well as to stop the west's facilitation to those who are waging war on Syria.

"Ireland is a small country in Europe but internationally we punch well above our weight. Our country is supposed to be neutral and our people are very proud of that position, even though our government bends the rules and facilitates the US military in using one of our airports in the west of Ireland. They say this is only allowed on the basis that the planes are unarmed and not involved in military exercises. This is ridiculous. Why do they keep flying through our airport every day if they are not involved in military exercises in the Middle East? We have used the parliament to highlight these issues, have been arrested breaking into the airport at Shannon to try and search the planes ourselves. This put a lot of attention on the issue and what is going on in the Middle East. We push our government to argue in the EU to lift the sanctions and to oppose the influence of Israel, and for the West to stop facilitating those who are continuing to arm and finance those waging war in Syria," the politician said in an email sent to the Syriatimes newspaper about the role of the Irish Members of Parliament in explaining the reality of events in Syria.

She underlined that western powers or those they are bolstering, who are arming and financing the 'rebels' need to back off and facilitate an agreed negotiated settlement to end the war through the offices of the UN or an agreed international body.

"Pre-conditions to such negotiations like the removal of president **Bashar al-Assad** are unacceptable. It is not up to anybody other than the Syrian people to decide their representation," Daly added, indicating that the EU delegation's members, who recently visited Syria, will do what they can to allow Syria

decides its own fate far away from outside interference.

“Incredible experience”

The Irish MP told us that the EU delegation came to Syria to see for themselves what life is like for ordinary Syrian people after seven years of war and their real feelings about what the future should hold.

“We had an incredible experience in a very short time. Syria is obviously a very beautiful country with an almost unrivaled history, wonderful food and friendly people. People have suffered much and the presence or effects of war are very obvious everywhere, but we met so many people who are proud of their country and want the chance to rebuild it, that it was a very humbling experience for us. People proudly spoke of Syria’s mosaic of different religions and traditions but all united by the love of their country,” Daly asserted.

She pointed out that the delegation visited areas that had been secured by the Syrian army after they had experienced terrible destruction of homes, buildings, and families.

“There was a strong determination to get things back to the way they were. The people we met who have been displaced are the most vulnerable, many are deeply traumatized and sad and they will need a lot of help and support to move on with their lives,” Daly underscored.

She concluded by saying:

“To witness the resilience of the human spirit in the face of huge challenges was really striking. We look forward to our return and will do what we can to urge the world to allow Syria decides its own fate, free from outside interference.”

By the end of last month [October], a delegation composed of activists from Ireland, Romania, Spain, Norway and Sweden visited Syria.

Since 2011, a foreign-backed terror war has been waged against Syria targeting its people, army, civilization and infrastructures in accordance with US-Zionist plot that aims to fragment the region and to have hegemony over its wealth.

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