

# It's Official: Obama Rejects Fighting Terrorism in Syria

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*His actions say it all. In over a year of bombing, US warplanes struck zero Syrian and Iraqi terrorist targets – none. It's unsurprising he rejected Putin's offer to cooperate in fighting ISIS and other terrorist groups.*

On Saturday, Sergey Lavrov said the following:

We are ready to back the patriotic opposition, including the so-called Free Syrian Army, with our air support (in jointly fighting ISIS and other terrorist groups).

However, Washington is refusing to inform us of the locations of the terrorists and where the opposition is based. The most important thing for us is to find people who will be true representatives of the armed groups who will confront terrorism among other things (serving the interests of Syrian people, not foreign powers).

Russia is “the only country...support(ing) all political forces in Syria (concerned about maintaining its sovereignty). Foreign players” must have no say about internal politics, decisions for Syrians alone.

We have to make them choose their own process for how their country should live on and protect the interests of every confessional, ethnic or political group.

“Of course, this work should be done in preparation for elections, both parliamentary and presidential” – free from foreign interference.

Putin stressed similar sentiments, saying Russia's intervention “will not solve all problems, but it will create conditions for the main thing – a beginning of a political process to encompass all healthy patriotic forces of the Syrian society,” concerned about a future free from foreign interference and domination.

Putin and other Russian officials reject Washington's demand for Assad to go. That's for Syrians alone to decide. Assad's red carpet welcome in Moscow shows Moscow's solidarity with Syria against the scourge of terrorism, along with directly challenging Washington destructive imperial agenda.

Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov made similar comments on BBC's Hardtalk program,

saying:

Unfortunately all our 'partners' (sic) have failed up to now to identify a serious opposition that has no links to terror, no links with extremist organizations, no links with ISIL, Al Qaeda and others.

He politely stopped short of explaining reality on the ground. US-recruited, funded, armed, trained and directed ISIS and other terrorist groups alone are fighting Syria's government.

No moderates exist. The so-called Free Syrian Army is more myth than reality - terrorists alone fighting Assad, imported from scores of countries, non-Syrians, wanting the nation's sovereignty destroyed, serving their own interests and Washington's, seeking unchallenged regional control.

Peskov stressed the importance of preserving Syria's "territorial and political integrity, not to let the whole region, including the countries that are bordering with Syria, go into a nightmare of collapse and hegemony of terror."

Russia wants Syria saved "from terrorists and extremist organizations." It wants their scourge kept from spreading. It intervened because Washington failed to fight terrorism as promised. It's part of the problem, not the solution.

Media reports about Russia joining forces with Syrian opposition groups against Assad are false. Lavrov was clear and unequivocal saying Moscow supports all Syrian elements against terrorism, a scourge vital to contain and defeat.

After meeting with his Russian, Turkish, and Saudi counterparts in Vienna, John Kerry lied claiming Washington supports "a global effort of all people of conscience, and nations, to do everything possible to bring (war in Syria) to a close."

Obama didn't wage it preemptively in 2011 to quit. US policy fundamentally opposes peace and stability. Endless violence and chaos serve its imperial agenda. An atmosphere of calm and lawfulness defeat it.

Kerry's sole aim is furthering America's hegemonic aims, endless wars of aggression its main strategy, millions of lost lives a small price to pay. Conquest and domination alone matter, an agenda reflecting pure evil.

The choice for freedom-loving people everywhere is clear. Defeating this monster is top priority. End its scourge or it'll end us.

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