

Russia opposes Military Deployment and Sending of Foreign Troops to Syria

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MOSCOW: Russia won't support a possible deployment of Arab League peacekeepers to Syria because the alliance lacks legal authority for such a move, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

Moscow was sceptical regarding any plans to dispatch the peacekeepers to Syria, Deputy Foreign Minister Gennadi Gatilov told reporters.

He expressed doubts that if the U.N. Security Council makes such a decision, it will "not lead to anything good, nor to the settlement of the problems of this country."

However, Moscow would support an Arab League mission to Syria in the future because it has been "positive in general" and Russia has been ready to continue work on a U.N. resolution on Syria, the diplomat said.

He also criticized the Syrian opposition for acting in non-constructive ways and rejecting any possibility to start a political process.

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