

Syria Calls Upon U.S. and Allies to Stop Supporting the Islamic State under a Fake Counter-Terrorism Mandate

Al-Moallem: Seriousness of US and its allies in combating terrorism entails immediate halt to supporting, financing and training terrorists, work under the umbrella of the UN

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Deputy Prime Minister, Foreign and Expatriates Minister Walid al-Moallem stressed that the seriousness of the US and its allies in combating terrorism entails to immediately halt supporting, financing and training the terrorist organizations and to stop facilitating their flow into the Syrian territories through coordination with the Syrian state.

In an interview with Russian RT TV channel, Minister al-Moallem said that **if the US is serious in combating terrorism of the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and Syria** (ISIS) and other organizations, It must start to move in the framework of the United Nations (UN) without excluding anyone including Russia, Iran and Syria.

"The move to establish an international alliance to face the terrorism of the ISIS is not debatable as a title... From decades , Syria called for holding an international conference on combating terrorism as it has realized the danger of terrorism... Since the beginning of the crisis, Syria said that terrorism will affect its supporters and funders and will spread outside the country to reach even Europe and the US," al-Moallem said.

He added "We must distinguish between the international efforts in the framework of the Security Council's resolution No. 2170 to combat the terrorism of the ISIS, Jabahat al-Nusra and other al-Qaeda-linked terrorist organizations, and the hidden intentions of the US and its allies as the members of this alliance are the same countries which have conspired against Syria for more than three years."

Al-Moallem reiterated that the air strikes will not be fruitful without the coordination with the active forces on the ground or without a military action on the ground.

He criticized the US, saying that it is funny when the US says that it will not coordinate with the Syrian Government, and it will coordinate with the so-called "moderate opposition" as this opposition is killing the Syrians in the same way as what the ISIS and Jabhat al-Nusra are doing, considering that the US talk about "moderate opposition" is "funny".

He added that there are suspicions on the desire of the US and its allies to achieve a

political solution in Syria as they are training the armed groups in a step towards allowing them to enter Syria to continue fighting the Syrian Arab army which means that they want the crisis to continue and they want to blow up any political solution.

"Any violation of Syria's sovereignty is an aggression.. this aggression is clearly defined at the international law," Al-Moallem said, noting that Syria is still stretching a hand to cooperation and coordination for countering the terrorism of the Islamic state in Iraq and Syria (ISIS), al-Nusra Front and other terrorist organizations according to the UN Resolution No. 2170.

The Minister added "We in Syria are proud of the standing coexistence among all components of the Syrian people and we firmly reject any attempt of discrimination on ethnic or religious basis among the Syrian people," reiterating that the Kurdish people are a dear part of the Syrian society.

Al-Moallem pointed out that Russia and Syria have been partners in combating terrorism for more than three years, stressing that the Russia's military support to Syria aims at strengthening its own capabilities in countering terrorism.

He pointed out that Syria's coordination with Russia, Iran and the BRICS group countries is continuous, asserting that Moscow would not allow the passing of any resolution under the Chapter VII.

He stressed that Syria demanded the implementation of the UN Security Council's Resolution No. 2170 by all the countries, particularly the neighboring countries which had been and are still supporting terrorism.

Al-Moallem said that some European countries have made communications with Syria through the security apparatus to get information about its citizens who are fighting along with the terrorist organizations.

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