

“There is no ‘Moderate Armed Opposition’ in Syria”

Syria’s Permanent Representative to the UN

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Syria’s Permanent Representative to the UN Bashar al-Jaafari refuted beyond doubt the Western claims of the existence of a so-called “moderate armed opposition” in the Syrian territory.

This “series of misleading and falsification can no longer continue,” he told a Security Council session on “The Situation in the Middle East” on Thursday.

He stressed that the Western and other countries’ attempts to justify supporting terrorism in Syria using the excuse of “moderate armed opposition” have been exposed and are now clear to everyone.

“Where is that moderate armed opposition...Is it in Raqqa or Deir Ezzor? Is it in Palmyra or Idleb or Jisr al-Shughour or Qalamoun?” al-Jaafari wondered, referring to areas where the terrorist organizations of Jabhat al-Nusra and the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) are in control.

He categorically rejected the attempts of “laundering” the image of the terrorist Jabhat al-Nusra organization which the West is now trying to present as a “moderate armed opposition” group.

Speaking of the humanitarian situation in Syria, al-Jaafari said the humanitarian crisis in the country, whether the internal displacement or cross-border displacement, has the existence of the terrorist organizations and the support provided to them at its very roots.

Such crises have occurred only in the areas where the terrorists entered, killing civilians and driving the residents from their homes, he added.

This, he stressed, makes it a necessity to enforce the Security Council resolutions 2170, 2178 and 2199, in addition to resolution 1624 of 2005 which bans instigating terrorism.

Achieving that end, along with supporting efforts to reach an inter-Syrian political solution without external interference, would be “the only serious way to end the so-called crisis in Syria and to tangibly and sustainably ameliorate the humanitarian situation,” Syria’s UN Representative affirmed.

He made it clear that providing humanitarian assistance to Syria, while being necessary, is not going to solve the problem, criticizing in this regard the UN funding shortfalls where only tiny percentage of the humanitarian aid funds promised has been sent to Syria.

He dismissed the claims of many Security Council member states and senior UN officials who pretend to believe in the ineffectiveness of a military solution in Syria and be leaning toward a political one.

How could anyone take these claims seriously at the time when the foreign support to the terrorist organizations continues through a Turkish-Saudi-Qatari alliance? he wondered.

Commenting on the UN Secretary General's latest report on the implementation of resolutions 2139, 2165 and 2191 pertaining to the humanitarian situation in Syria, al-Jaafari said the report is full of "gaps and serious fallacies".

All the accusations made against the Syrian government in the report were based not on facts but on sources, which were even not acknowledged to tell if they are credible or not, he explained.

He found it odd that a UN report would grossly ignore the countless reports, letters, evidence and testimonies put forth by the Syrian government throughout the crisis, now in its fifth year.

He also referred to the absence of any mention of the Turkish government allowing thousands of trucks loaded with terrorists, weapons and dangerous substances to pass illegally into Syria through the very same routes used by the US humanitarian aid convoys.

These gaps, al-Jaafari warned, are "serious precedents" that could undermine the "remaining credibility" of the UN General Secretariat in dealing with the humanitarian file in Syria.



Al-Jaafari: "Many media outlets promote for terrorism"

Syria's Permanent Representative to the UN, Dr. Bashar al-Jaafari stressed that the unprecedented media machine campaign continues for the fifth year in a row of persevering efforts to provoke towards committing terrorism and violence, and spreading incitement and lies regarding the situation in Syria in a blatant violation of UN Security Council (UNSC) Resolution No. 1624 for 2005 and of journalism ethics if any.

In an open session before the UNSC under the title "protecting civilians in armed conflicts ... protecting journalists" Wednesday, al-Jaafari pointed out the mobilization of many media

outlets for promoting for terrorism and attracting foreign terrorist fighters from all over the world to come to Syria in a deliberate violation of UNSC resolutions related to counterterrorism amidst suspicious paralysis of UNSC and its sub-committees.

“These campaigns were accompanied with attempts to silence the Syrian media through targeting its institutions and personnel”, pointing out that 33 journalists and workers at media institutions were killed and dozens of others were injured or kidnapped by armed terrorist organizations that some UNSC states overtly brag of training them on the Turkish and Jordanian territories and others.

He pointed that the Syrian government worked on dealing with media openly and issued a new media law since the first few weeks of the crisis as a reform step that aims at boosting media work and achieve more transparency and freedom, clarifying that the Syrian government was committed to work with the former UN Special Envoy Kofi Annan and fulfilled his six- point plan including the fifth point on the journalists’ entrance and work.

Al-Jaafari clarified that the Syrian commitment was manifested through granting licenses of the entrance and work of hundreds of Arab and foreign journalists, which was confirmed by Annan.

Syria’s Permanent Representative noted that the Syrian government still welcomes and receives journalists who are willing to enter Syria legally through the official border crossings so that they could work freely.

Al-Jaafari said that the Syrian government paid attention to the safety of journalists and demanded them not to enter the country illegally and avoid the areas where terrorist groups including “Islamic State in Iraq and Syria” (ISIS) spread, adding unfortunately some of the journalists were killed or kidnapped by terrorists as a result of not responding.

“Nonetheless, some journalists still sneak into the Syrian territories illegally through borders with the neighboring countries and with the help of armed groups or the authorities of the neighboring countries, an act that may threaten their lives,” he continued to say.

Al-Jaafari noted that while he was talking before the UNSC, the Qatari al-Jazeera Channel was hosting the terrorists “Abu Mohammad al-Joulani” the leader of the so-called “Jabhat al-Nusra” terrorist organization, which is registered in the list of the UNSC Committee related to al-Qaeda, in an interview that promotes for terrorism and launches more threats to the Syrian government and people.

He affirmed that making such an interview is a flagrant violation of the UNSC resolutions related to counterterrorism, particularly Resolution No. 1624 on preventing provoking towards terrorism, pointing out that it is an obvious attempt of the Qatari regime to “laundering the profile of Jabhat al-Nusra”.

The Syrian TV Channel, al-Mayadeen TV and other channels known for being close to the Resistance are undergoing attempts of jamming within the continuous media war campaign against Syria.

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