

US Hostility to Sovereign Independent States: Syria and North Korea Address the UN General Assembly

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Bipartisan hardliners in Washington oppose these countries and all other sovereign independent states.

Peace and cooperative relations with them defeat US imperial interests – served by endless wars, instability and chaos.

In his UNGA address, Syrian **Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem** affirmed his country's commitment to eliminate US-supported terrorists, along with ending foreign occupation of northeast and southwest areas.

Things have come a long way from Syria's darkest days, most of the country liberated. Much remains to be accomplished before its long-suffering people can breathe free again, Washington aiming to prevent it, bent on regime change.

Al-Moallem blasted nations hostile to his country's liberating struggle, notably the US, NATO, Israel and the Saudis.

The so-called US coalition "has fought everything but terrorism," he explained.

"Instead, it has proved that its goals are almost the same as those of terrorist groups, mainly fostering chaos, death and destruction."

It raped and destroyed Raqqa, massacring countless thousands of defenseless civilians on the phony pretext of combating ISIS it supports.

It's terror-bombing is all about wanting pro-Western puppet rule replacing Syrian sovereign independence, using cutthroat killer terrorists as imperial foot soldiers.

Syria's liberating struggle replicates what's gone on in other US war theaters, wanting sovereign states colonized and controlled.

Their governments seek peace, stability, and normalized relations with other nations, unattainable objectives as long as Washington wages endless wars of aggression.

Syria today "is safer and more stable, thanks to the achievements against terrorism, and given the government's unrelenting efforts to rehabilitate areas destroyed by terrorism and bring back normalcy," al-Moellem explained, adding:

"The situation (in much of the country) is now suitable for the voluntary return of the Syrian refugees to their homeland which they fled due to terrorism and the unilateral coercive economic measures which targeted them in their livelihoods."

Damascus prioritizes the safe return of all internally and externally displaced refugees.

Al-Moallem said nations uninvolved in aggression against Syria are welcome to participate in its reconstruction. Others are "not welcomed and not invited..."

Syrians alone have "final stay in any matter related to the Constitution and any other sovereign affair" – free from foreign interference not easily achieved.

Damascus condemns use of CWs, terrorists and their sponsors alone guilty of using them many times, Assad and government forces falsely blamed for their high crimes.

"Every time Syria declared willingness to receive professional and objective teams to conduct investigations into chemical weapons allegations, these countries would place hindrances because they already knew that the findings will not be compatible with their vicious goals and intentions," al-Moallem stressed.

Syria supports the right of people everywhere to be free from aggression and foreign domination.

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In his USGA address, North Korean **Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho** said his country's nuclear disarmament depends on guaranteeing its security, along with reciprocal good faith steps by Washington not forthcoming so far.

He rejected hollow US promises, mixed signals, and unacceptable pressure, hoping for a second Kim/Trump summit.

"(D)eadlock" with Washington persists because Trump regime hardliners rely on "coercive methods that prevent trust building," holding Pyongyang hostage to its unacceptable demands along with "slandering" its government, said Ri.

Believing "sanctions can bring us (to) our knees is a pipe dream of people who don't know us," he stressed.

Measures taken since Kim/Trump June summit talks have been one-way, good faith shown by Pyongyang along, not Washington.

Ri called on the Trump regime to follow through on promises made in June summit talks.

In October, Pompeo will visit Pyongyang to prepare for a second summit. He and Bolton are the problem – systematically unraveling things both leaders agreed on.

Hostility and betrayal defined US policy toward North Korea throughout its post-WW II history.

Washington breached earlier agreements, not Pyongyang – eager for rapprochement and normalized relations, what the US consistently rejected.

Is this time different with the most extremist ever US regime in power? Since June, US relations with North Korea deteriorated badly.

Instead of stepping back from the brink on the peninsula, Trump regime hardliners show intractable bad faith – pressing their demands in return for hollow promises sure to be broken like every time before.

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