

## US Warplanes Massacre Syrian Civilians Unaccountably

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Longstanding US policy has no regard for human life.

High crimes committed globally, notably in its war theaters. Syria is in the eye of the storm, US aggression continuing against a sovereign independent state, now in its sixth year with no prospects for resolution.

On Friday, Damascus responded to US-led "coalition" airstrikes, killing or injuring nearly 100 civilians in the city of Manbij near Aleppo – Obama's latest atrocity against a beleaguered people.

The <u>Syrian Arab News Agency</u> (SANA) said Damascus "condemns in the strongest terms targeting innocent civilians and infrastructure by the so-called international coalition and (foreign-supported) armed terrorist groups," citing its Foreign Ministry.

It demanded UN action to stop "attacks and atrocities committed against civilians, calling for bringing the perpetrators to justice."

Commenting on Jabhat al-Nusra's announcement of changing its name to Jabhat Fateh Al-Sham, the ministry described it as a desperate attempt to erase its notorious track record of crimes and bloodletting.

The myth of so-called "moderate opposition" permits "overt support for terrorism roiling Syria and the world."

US-led deadly airstrikes on civilians along with its death squad mercenaries reflect Washington's longstanding imperial ruthlessness – raping and destroying countries into submission, puppet regimes replacing sovereign governance, aiming for hegemonic global dominance no matter the human cost.

Over half a million Syrian deaths attest to America's barbarity – along with millions more in multiple other war theaters post-9/11 alone – a policy of endless carnage, appalling ruthlessness, no end to this in sight.

Separately, Russia's Foreign Ministry said (US-supported) Jabhat al-Nusra renaming itself to Jabhat Fateh al-Sham won't change Moscow's policy to destroy the group entirely.

"(A)ttempts of terrorists to change their image are in vain," the Ministry said. "No matter (what) it...call(s) itself, (it) has been and remains an illegal terrorist organization..."

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"has no other aim but to create the so-called Islamic Caliphate through cruel and barbarous methods. Consistent fight against these fanatics will be continued with the support of the world community until they are fully destroyed."

No so-called "moderate rebels" in Syria exist. All anti-government forces are imported death squads. Operating with foreign support makes conflict resolution unattainable.

It's time for Syria with the support of Russia to act decisively in waging actions on all terrorist elements in Syria, stepping up operations to eliminate them all – the only way to restore peace and stability.

Diplomacy hasn't worked and won't because Washington wants war, not peace until Assad is forcibly ousted.

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