

## West Continues to Aggravate Situation in Eastern Ghouta

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The situation around Eastern Ghouta continuous to be intense due to the regular mortar shells of Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham and Faylaq Al-Rahman militants. At the same time, snipers to prevent the civilians from fleeing Eastern Ghouta to Damascus daily fire the humanitarian corridors.

However, the Syrian army units continue to initiate new assaults on the positions of terrorists to recapture the area and liberate the local population. Tonight, the government forces stormed terrorists' positions after the several-hour-long daily truce in Eastern Ghouta and managed to cut off one of the main supply routes of the militants in the region.

Moreover, for the second time in the past two days, the jihadist of Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham and Faylaq Al-Rahman attempted to return the ground they lost to the Syrian Arab Army in the Harasta suburb.

According to a local source, this assault was unsuccessful, and the militants suffered heavy losses. Tens of jihadists were killed and several military vehicles were destroyed.

Commenting on the situation in Eastern Ghouta, Iranian permanent representative to the UN **Mohsen Qanei** strongly criticized the western media for launching the propaganda campaign against the Syrian government forces.

He also stated that the brutalities of illegal armed groups, which are directly supported by some Western countries against civilians over the past seven years, have reached its critical point.

"These actions are posing a serious threat to world peace and security", the Iranian diplomat added.

At the same time, during the press conference on March 3, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson **Maria Zakharova** stated that the large-scale military operation against various terrorist organizations in Eastern Ghouta had become necessary and inevitable step as the jihadists continued to shell Damascus outskirts. These attacks daily cause numerous civilian casualties.

She underlined that the allegations against the Syrian authorities on the use of the chemical weapons in Eastern Ghouta by the Western states are groundless, false and fabricated.

In conclusion, she highly appreciated the efforts of Russia, Iran, Turkey, and the UN Special Envoy for Syria **Staffan de Mistura** at Astana peace talks and the Syrian National Dialogue Congress in Sochi. According to Zakharova, these platforms are providing the political settlement process in Syria, and actually pushing for peace based on UN Security Council Resolution 2254.

Despite all the attempts of the Western countries to hinder the political process in Syria, and blame the official government for the use of chemical weapons against civilians, the region of Eastern Ghouta will soon be totally liberated.

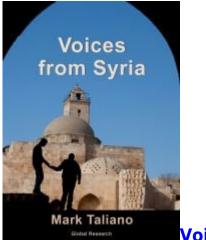
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