

West prepared Syria intervention since last year

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Western countries have been planning a military operation in Syria since last year, the RIA Novosti news agency reported on Wednesday, citing a reliable source in Russia's Security Council.

"The escalation of the threat of military aggression against Damascus is no surprise. This aggression has been prepared since last year. Various options were mapped out and rehearsed by NATO troops," the source said. "Remember the invasion of Iraq? It was also preceded by so-called 'direct proofs' allegedly received by Western intelligence services from their most reliable sources. The opinion of UN specialists was ignored. But later it became known that those 'intelligence sources' were shamefully lying. And we see the result - the Iraqi state almost entirely destroyed, terrorists dominating the country, hundreds of thousands of civilian deaths, and the dire situation of the Iraqi people," the source said.

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