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## **RUSSIA CLAIMS TO BE READY FOR CONTACT WITH THE FREE SYRIAN ARMY**

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has recently said in a news conference in Moscow that Russia sent a request about the 'Free Syrian Army' to the United States. Also, that Russia has asked the United States for details on the army. 'We will be ready to establish contact with it if it's really a capable military group of patriotic opposition consisting of Syrians. We do not hide this fact. But this structure is already a phantom. I have asked John Kerry to provide us with information about the whereabouts of this Free Syrian Army and who commands it.' (News Conference after talks with Laos counterpart)

Regarding Russian-U.S. Diplomatic relationship, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said 'I haven't heard about the plans to undermine our work in Syria from the US side or from anyone else.' He also warned of any attempts to topple Syrian President Assad 'The overthrow of the ruling regime in Damascus would be a most violent breach of the UN Security Council resolution, which approved the Geneva communiqué of June 30, 2012. This communiqué sets out only peaceful political and diplomatic means to solve the Syrian law.' (News Conference)

Walid Al-Moualem, deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of Syria, addressed the general debate of the General Assembly's seventh session on October 2, 2015. He criticized the world leaders for inaction against terrorism. Talking about the Western countries, he said 'What is the guilt of the innocent people of your countries who (are starting) to pay the price of terrorism supported by some of your politicians ?'

Meanwhile, he applauded Russia's efforts in collectively combating terrorism and undertaking air strikes at the request of the Syrian Government. Yet, he said that terrorism cannot be fought only from the air, and all of the previous operations to combat it have only served its spread and outbreak. (UN)

The Syrian Minister also commented on the UN Security Council's resolution under Chapter VII and described them as 'only ink on paper'. He said that certain governments are still funding, sponsoring and supporting terrorism and thereby fuelling extremism in the region. (UN)

Syrians nevertheless believed in the 'political track', the preservation of national sovereignty and unity. As the only way to achieve a political solution was through Syrian-led national dialogues and without interference, his country had agreed to participate in relevant conferences as well as in the brainstorming committees of experts proposed by the Secretary-General's Special Envoy. (UN)

'How can we ask the Syrian people to head to the ballot boxes, while they are not safe in the streets and inside their homes, while they are under the missiles and mortar shells launched by terrorist groups supported by well-known countries ?' he underscored. (UN)

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