

# Assad: Any Political Presentation Not Relying on Terrorism Combat 'Ineffective'

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Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said Sunday that the West still deals with terrorism in a hypocritical way, adding that any political presentation that does not essentially rely on combating terrorism and ending it is practically 'ineffective'.

In a speech before heads and members of public organizations; vocational syndicates; and chambers of industry, trade, agriculture and tourism, President Assad said the West call it 'terrorism' when it hits them, and 'revolution, freedom, democracy and human rights' when it hits us.

"In spite of the complexities of the situation in Syria, the reality has appeared clearly and masks have dropped from many faces and fake terminologies have fallen down and lies have been divulged," Assad said.

✖ "How could those who spread the seeds of terrorism combat it?" President al-Assad wondered, adding that "who wants to combat terrorism could do it through rational and realistic policies based on justice and the respect of peoples' will of determining their future, managing their affairs, restoring their rights on the basis of spreading knowledge, combating ignorance, improving economy, raising awareness of the society as well as developing it."

"Changes of the West cannot be counted on as long as they follow the double-standards policy," the President said, adding that "we have not depended but on ourselves since the first day."

On Russia and China's stances, the President said that "Russia has constituted, along with China, a safety valve that prevented the transformation of the Security Council into a tool for threatening peoples and a platform for aggression on states, particularly Syria."

"Our approach has always been the response to all initiatives that we receive regardless the intentions because the Syrian blood is above all else and halting war is a priority," the President added.

President Assad said that Iran has provided support to Syria stemming from the fact that the battle is not a battle of state, a government or a president rather it is the battle of integrated axis, which does not represent states in so far as it represents an approach of independence, dignity, interests of nations and stability of homelands.

"After years of war, the Syrian people have been resilient, sacrificing for the sake of the

homeland, and if they had wanted to give up, they would not have waited all this time and paid as much as that.”

“Any political presentation that does not essentially rely on combating terrorism and ending it is practically ineffective,” President al-Assad said, adding that “countries supporting terrorists have increased their support to them recently and in some cases, they directly intervened to back them.”

President Assad also said: “The blood of our faithful brothers from the Lebanese Resistance has mixed with the blood of their brothers in the Army and they have their prominent role and effective performance along with the Army in making achievements.”, clarifying that ...it is impossible for non-Syrian brothers or friends to come and defend our homeland on behalf of us, “Each part of Syria is precious and invaluable and each spot equals in its demographic and geographic importance all other spots.”

The President stressed that there is a huge difference between the foreign-produced “opposition”, which gets orders from its masters abroad and the internal opposition that participates with us for overcoming the crisis and increasing the immunity of the homeland.

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