

# Celebrations have Started in Aleppo: Freed From the US-Supported Terrorist Scourge

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*Holiday season arrived early in Aleppo, the city almost entirely freed from its US-supported terrorist scourge.*

*According to Russia's reconciliation center, "(i)n the past 24 hours, the Syrian troops have liberated another 11 quarters of eastern Aleppo."*

"Thus, Syrian government now controls over 98% of the territory of Aleppo. The total area of the eastern Aleppo's quarters where militants still remain, is no more than three square kilometers" – a surrounded area to be mopped up in short order.

Jihadists capitulated, decisively defeated. Withdrawal of small remaining elements remains to be completed, likely by midweek.

Syria's army declared victory. General Zaid al-Saleh said their choice was "surrender or die." Two tweets by someone named Bassem said "Celebrations have started in Aleppo."

"Aleppo is going nuts over the liberation of Eastern part of Aleppo." It was achieved after nearly four-and-a-half years of fighting.

Syrian television showed images of joyful residents, flooding into streets, embracing government soldiers, a time to celebrate while Obama's war continues elsewhere.

Instead of congratulating Syrians on their important triumph, Ban Ki-moon, ahead of ending his deplorable tenure as UN secretary-general on December 31, one-sidedly supporting imperial interests, issued a disgraceful statement through his spokesman, saying:

"The Secretary-General is alarmed over reports of atrocities against a large number of civilians, including women and children, in recent hours in Aleppo."

"While stressing that the United Nations is not able to independently verify these reports, the Secretary-General is conveying his grave concern to the relevant parties."

"He has instructed his Special Envoy for Syria to follow up urgently with the parties concerned. The United Nations underlines the obligation of all parties on the ground to protect civilians and abide by international humanitarian and human rights law."

"This is particularly the responsibility of the Syrian Government and its allies."

Ban's humanitarian official in charge of aiding US-backed terrorists alone, Jan Egeland, not Syrians in need, disgracefully tweeted "The Gov'ts of Syria & Russia are accountable for any and all atrocities that the victorious militias in Aleppo are now committing."

Fact: America, NATO, Israel, other regional rogue states and their terrorist foot soldiers alone are responsible for years of "atrocities," largely against defenseless civilian Syrian men, women and children.

Fact: Ban, Egeland and UN envoy to Syria Staffan de Mistura support the rape and destruction of the country while pretending otherwise.

Anti-war activists everywhere celebrate Syria's glorious liberation of Aleppo. It was a long time coming.

Freeing the nation entirely of its US-supported terrorist infestation entails a protracted struggle to come.

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