

## France Accuses Russia of Killing Civilians in Syria

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Russia uses state-of-the-art precision-guided weapons in its Syrian aerial campaign, accurately striking targets aimed at.

Painstaking efforts are taken to hit ISIS and other terrorist elements only, scrupulously avoiding civilian casualties. Photographic evidence proves it. Claims otherwise are Big Lies.

Washington (like Israel) considers civilians legitimate targets, deliberately massacring them in all its wars, indifferent to rule of law principles and human suffering, reflecting rogue state viciousness.

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius [pictured left] showed his government's opposition to Russia's war on ISIS – calling on it to cease its military operations, accusing it of killing civilians.

After meeting with Syrian defector Riad Hihab, he said:

"(w)e discussed the absolute necessity that Syria and Russia end their military operations against civilians and in particular the ordeal in Madaya and other cities besieged by the regime."

Fact: Syrian military forces continue fighting to liberate cities, towns and villages held captive by ISIS and other terrorist elements.

Fact: Russia's effective aerial campaign is crucial to their success.

Fact: France is part of the problem, not the solution, supporting the scourge it claims to oppose.

Fact: Fabius willfully lied, claiming Russian aerial operations kill civilians, without citing a shred of corroborating evidence.

Another round of so-called peace talks are scheduled to begin on January 25 – with virtually zero chance for success. Washington, France and other rogue partners want war, not peace.

They want Syrians disenfranchised, arrogating to themselves authority to decide who'll govern the country, wanting its sovereignty destroyed.

Hihab is a traitor, bribed to betray his nation and people – chosen as opposition coordinator in upcoming talks, irresponsibly demanding Assad must go.

French President Francois Hollande is in lockstep with Washington, insisting he "has no role in the Syria of tomorrow."

According to Fabius, UN-mediated peace talks have "two elements. On the one hand, the immediate end of bombardments and on the other hand that the agenda of these negotiations are sufficiently precise and there is no doubt in particular over who will govern" – demands assuring failure.

Putin insists Syrians alone must decide who'll lead them, free from outside interference. "We do not want (the country) to end (up) like Iraq or Libya," he said, wanting peace and stability restored.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova blasted Fabius' willful lie about Russia's aerial campaign killing civilians – calling his claim totally "unfounded."

"Russia's aims in Syria are transparent," she stressed, "call(ing) on all countries to unite efforts in the fight against terrorism"

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