

Is the U.S. Trying to Torpedo Syria Peace Talks?

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Yesterday was a roller coaster. First, the U.S., Syria and Russia agreed to avoid war if Syria placed control over its chemical weapons [under international control](#).

Then, the State Department [backed away from a deal](#), and we worried that the U.S. was still going to attack.

When Obama [said he'd accept](#) a negotiated diplomatic settlement, things looked good.

But now, the United Nations resolution being drafted by the Senate [would say](#) that the Syrian *government* was responsible for the August 21st chemical weapons attack.

Syria would never agree to such a UN resolution. And Russia has already said [it would veto](#) the resolution.

Please remember:

- The U.S. government itself *admits* that it [doesn't have clear evidence](#) that Assad was behind the chemical weapons attack
- High-level intelligence officials think it [might have been the rebels](#) who used such weapons
- Congress members who have seen the classified intelligence from the U.S. government are [not impressed](#), and top chemical weapons experts are [skeptical](#)
- The manipulation of intelligence to justify war against Syria is arguably [greater than with the Iraq war](#)

But the U.S. is attempting to do an end-run around the lack of evidence by having the UN *assign* guilt to the Syrian government ... or to torpedo peace talks entirely.

Moreover, the U.S. is sending mixed signals – [even now](#) – about attacking Syria.

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