

# Obama: Pushing for a Pretext to Invade Syria

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*Addressing the UN General Assembly, Barack Obama stressed that President Assad staying as head of the Syrian state is not an option, saying it would create violent space for extremists to operate.*

Anti-war activist Brian Becker believes Washington is just looking for a pretext to push through a military solution to the conflict.

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