

“Organized Networks of International terrorism... inside Syria”: Damascus Envoy at Peace Talks Condemns “State Sponsors of Terrorism”

Al-Jaafari: States Which Support Terrorism in Syria Have Killed the Essence of the UN and Violated Rules of the International Law

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The Head of the Syrian Arab Republic delegation to the intra-Syrian dialogue in Geneva Dr. Bashar al-Jaafari said that the fourth round of dialogue with the UN Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura was concluded.

In a press conference following a discussion session with de Mistura at the UN headquarters in Geneva on Friday, al-Jaafari added that we held an in-depth discussion focusing on several topics, the most important of which is the humanitarian situation.

“We agreed that the next round of talks on Monday would be for discussing our amendments to de Mistura’s paper,” al-Jaafari told reporters.



“We submitted to de Mistura a detailed explanation of the measures taken by the Syrian government over the first four months of the year regarding humanitarian assistance,” said al-Jaafari, putting at 42 the number of times when humanitarian aid entered “unstable or restive areas” over the past four months in cooperation with the Syrian government and in coordination with the UN and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent.

“219 trucks have entered the restive areas, not to mention 65 trucks that entered al-Rastan area yesterday,” al-Jaafari added, putting the figure of the locals who received humanitarian aid in unstable areas at 1, 170,000.

“We have 6.5 million internally-displaced people who have been displaced from the areas where terrorists and armed gangs exist, 90 per cent of them are living in government-controlled areas and all of them benefit from humanitarian assistance,” al-Jaafari indicated, pointing out that 1, 700, 000 people have returned to their localities and continue to receive periodical and sustained assistance by the government.

He indicated that the Syrian government has set up 504 makeshift centers for the internally-displaced people and is providing humanitarian assistance to their residents, pointing out that the Higher Relief Committee in Syria is providing health, educational and food services according to an emergency plan already set up with financial compensation provided to those who lost their homes.

These facts take on special importance given that the enormous efforts by the Syrian government are exerted at the backdrop of economic sanctions imposed by the EU and the United States, al-Jaafari added, in addition to a boycott of the Syrian banks and banning investments in Syria.

He lashed out at the “hypocrisy and lies” of some parties in the committee tasked with studying the humanitarian situation in Syria, accusing them of “shedding crocodile tears” over the humanitarian situation while at the same time creating humanitarian catastrophes and causing the living conditions of the Syrian people to deteriorate by imposing unilateral sanctions against them.

“It has become known to all, including the UN Security Council members in New York, that there are organized networks of international terrorism supervised by certain intelligence services which are sending terrorists inside Syria across Syria’s borders with neighboring countries,” he added.

“The countries supporting terrorism in Syria have killed the essence of the United Nations and sabotaged the rules of international law,” al-Jaafari said.

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