

## **Russia Accuses U.S. of Supporting the Islamic State** (ISIS) in Syria. "Seeding Disastrous Consequences"

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<u>Russia</u> has accused the United States of having patronised the Islamic State radicals to grow into demonic proportions. <u>Russia</u>'s chief of General Staff, Valery Gerasimov, on Wednesday lashed out at the U.S for being responsible in providing financial and technical assistance to the ISIS in Syria and elsewhere in the past.

The Russian general was speaking at a meeting of foreign military attaches in Moscow. Gerasimov correlated the rise of the ISIS with "Western interference in the region". He said the USA and some "leading Western countries" had been seeding "disastrous consequences" in a number of countries, including <u>Libya</u> and Syria. Their game of overthrowing the legitimate authorities in those states has endangered deeper instability in the region, reported <u>RFEL news</u>.

The Russian military head said it was the agenda of Washington and European for a regime change in Syria that created the current turmoil. He said the U.S and allies were "pumping foreign aid to armed opposition groups, and applying international political and media pressure on the Syrian leadership."

Free Syria Is Terror Group

Echoing the statement of Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, Gerasimov said there can be no distinction between the Islamic State group and Syrian armed opposition groups including the Free Syrian Army. He said Moscow's position is that all armed opposition groups in Syria are illegal terror groups. Russia has been a strong ally of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and had been opposing efforts of the United States and allies to arm anti-Assad groups like Free Syrian Army.

Gerasimov noted that there were "up to 70,000 militants of various nationalities" fighting with Islamic State. The rapid growth of ISIS would not have been possible without the financial and technical assistance provided by the U.S. to fight and topple the Syrian government. The Russian general described the air strikes by Washington and allies in Syria and Iraq as inadequate and ineffective. He also expressed doubts about a hidden agenda behind the recent White House statements, harping on the need for a ground war to crush the ISIS group.

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Meanwhile, "End Times" broadcaster Rick Wiles also aired suspicion that there is a U.S hand behind the rise of ISIS. He said it is hard to believe that the U.S.-led coalition had carried out 1,000 airstrikes against ISIS. In his blog at the <u>Right Wing</u> Watch, he said, "I seriously doubt the theory that ISIS is being attacked because it is the creation of Western intelligence agencies and I will not be surprised to find the Israeli Mossad also having its hands in the creation of ISIS."

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