

Russia and China Veto Phony Aleppo Ceasefire UN Security Council Resolution

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US, UK and French dirty hands were behind a Security Council resolution calling for a sevenday ceasefire in Aleppo - on the phony pretext of providing humanitarian aid they're supplying only to terrorists.

Egypt, New Zealand and Spain were used to introduce what they should have rejected outright.

Russia, China and Venezuela responsibly opposed another scheme to give US-backed terrorists time to regroup, replenish their ranks, rearm and continue committing atrocities in Aleppo, largely against defenseless civilians.

A deceptive <u>Security Council statement</u> claimed "(t)he proposed cessation of hostilities would have lasted at least one week and would have demanded immediate safe access to all areas for humanitarian assistance" – without explaining the absence of a way of enforcing what's agreed to. America and its rogue allies consistently violate terms accepted.

Most of eastern Aleppo already has access to humanitarian aid, thanks to Syrian, Russian and allied forces. They alone are combating terrorism and providing it – US, Britain, France and their allies denying it to civilians in need, sending it only to ISIS, al-Nusra and other terrorist groups. So-called "moderate rebels" don't exist.

Syrian UN envoy Bashar al-Jaafari denounced America, Britain and France as the "three musketeers" for terrorism – supported by Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, other Gulf states, Jordan and Israel.

Where were they when so-called "moderate rebels" launched lethal mortar fire on a Russian mobile field hospital in Aleppo, killing two doctors and injuring other medical staff.

Pro-Western Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and the ICRC failed to condemn the attack. Russian Defense Ministry spokesman General Igor Konashenkov expressed outrage over the ICRC's "cynical comments, not worthy of (its alleged) high status...(showing) indifference to the murder of Russian doctors in Aleppo."

The attack was "pre-planned, cold-blooded murder..." America, Britain, France and their rogue allies failed to condemn it. Who provided terrorists with coordinates of Russia's facility? Were US dirty hands responsible?

Clearly Washington spurns peace, wants endless war, Syrian suffering to continue, Assad

ousted and pro-Western puppet governance replacing sovereign Syrian independence.

Addressing SC members before the vote, Russia's UN envoy Vitaly Churkin said it violated the 24-hour rule – the draft resolution submitted only hours earlier in the day.

It was proposed while Russia and America agreed to meet on December 7 to discuss withdrawal of all militants from eastern Aleppo as a pre-condition for ceasefire.

The draft resolution included nothing about withdrawal. Previous ceasefires always turned out the same way. Terrorists used them to their advantage, cessation of hostilities never achieved for a single day.

Efforts by what Churkin called the Western "P3 troika" always make matters worse in Aleppo, not better.

He denounced efforts to prevent ceasefire in Aleppo, saying "someone (always) topples it." Russia/US talks while Obama remains in power are virtually worthless, ending in failure every time.

It remains to be seen if Trump wants responsible conflict resolution or intends being a warrior president like his predecessors.

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