

Russia Warns US Against Attacking Syrian Forces

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Washington demands Russian and Syrian forces halt efforts to liberate East Ghouta – held since 2013 by US-supported terrorists.

Over two-thirds of the enclave is free from their control, Trump administration and Pentagon officials in a frenzy over losing the last US-supported terrorist stronghold in Syria, a major blow to Washington's imperial agenda.

According to Russian Chief of General Staff Gen. Valery Gerasimov, the US is planning a false flag CW attack, blamed on Syria, as a pretext to attack its forces in East Ghouta.

"According to reports, after the false flag attack, the US plans to accuse the Syrian government troops of using chemical weapons, and to provide the world community with the so-called 'evidence' of the alleged mass death of civilians at the hands of the Syrian government and 'Russia supporting it,' Gerasimov explained, adding:

The Pentagon then "plans to launch a missile strike on the government-held districts of Damascus."

"We have reliable information about militants preparing to falsify a government chemical attack against civilians."

"In several districts of Eastern Ghouta, a crowd was assembled with women, children and old people, brought from other regions, who were to represent the victims of the chemical incident."

Al-Qaeda-linked White Helmets arrived on the scene to film the staged incident, satellite video transmitters in place to broadcast the video, Gerasimov explained, adding:

"This has been confirmed by the discovery of a laboratory for the production of chemical weapons in the village of Aftris, which was liberated from terrorists."

Russian military personnel are in Damascus at Syrian Defense Ministry facilities. If they're threatened or harmed, Gerasimov vowed retaliatory measures against US missiles and delivery systems.

During a Monday Security Council session on Syria, US envoy Nikki Haley threatened Russia and Syria, saying Washington will act on its own if the Security Council fails to halt fighting in East Ghouta.

"It is not the path we prefer, but it is a path we have demonstrated we will take, and we are prepared to take again," she roared, adding:

"When the international community consistently fails to act, there are times when states are compelled to take their own action."

Russian UN envoy Vasily Nebenzya responded, saying Damascus and Moscow have "every right to try and remove the threat to the safety of its citizens" - adding the enclave is a "hotbed of terrorism."

Separately, US Defense Secretary Mattis threatened US military action against Syrian forces, saying he's getting reports of chlorine gas use, falsely suggesting Syrian responsibility while admitting he has no evidence proving it.

Asked if he intends another attack on Syrian forces like last April against Shayrat airbase, he said

"I'm not going to strictly define it. We have made it very clear that it would be very unwise to use gas."

He knows US-supported terrorists alone use CWs, Syria falsely blamed for earlier incidents.

If Gerasimov is right, another major incident appears imminent. The Trump administration seems bent on escalating aggression in Syria.

Conflict resolution remains unattainable because Washington, NATO, Israel and their rogue partners reject it.

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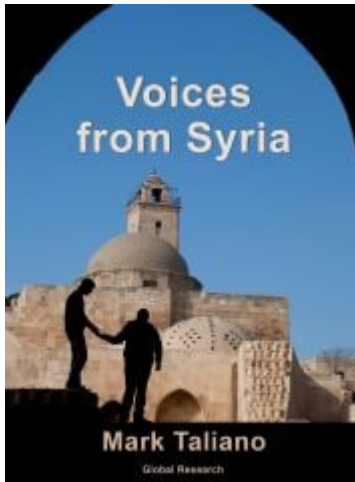
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