

# U.S. and Allies Appoint Bin Laden Admirer Zahran Alloush as Negotiator in Syria “Peace Talks”

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*On January 25th, which was [the date when peace talks on Syria were to start](#), U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry insisted that the organization founded by Osama bin Laden admirer, Zahran Alloush, represent the anti-Assad forces in the upcoming Syrian peace talks, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov very reluctantly accepted.*

Alloush had founded and led the jihadist organization, Jaysh al-Islam.

“Jaysh al-Islam ex-leader Zahran Alloush gave a speech on the merits of Hajj in 2013 and praised Usama bin Laden, addressing him by the honorific ‘Sheikh’ and the honorific ‘rahimahu Allah. ... Alloush addressed the Al-Qaeda organization Jabhat al-Nusra as ‘our brothers’.”[Wikipedia](#)

Al-Nusra had [helped in carrying out a U.S.-Turkish-Saudi-Qatari arranged sarin gas attack in August 2013 that President Obama blamed on Assad](#) and that Obama still cites as [his reason and justification for bombing Assad’s army](#). Even when Obama entered the White House in 2009, he was aiming to find a way to remove Syria’s President, Assad, from power. Setting up this gas-attack ([and blaming it on Assad](#)) turned out to be the way to make that possible.

Al Jazeera announced on 25 December 2015 that [“Russian Air Raids Kill Prominent Rebel Commander”](#) Alloush. Both Russia and Assad now will have to negotiate with [Mohammad Alloush](#), his survivor. Even French leader Francois Hollande supports Alloush — despite the recent jihadist attacks in France. Apparently, anything to get rid of Russia’s ally Assad is okay with Western leaders.

The Saud family actually required Alloush to head the anti-Assad delegation. The Saudis were insisting on it [even back in early December 2015](#). Kerry and the rest of the West weren’t entirely comfortable with that demand. A ‘compromise’ was reached: there will be two heads: Alloush, and [another figure supported by the Saudis: Asad al-Zoubi](#). This is yet another example of [the Saud family’s leadership of the Western alliance against Russia and its allies](#).

Thus, on the one side of these peace talks will be Assad (the non-sectarian Shiite leader who is [supported by the vast majority of Syrians](#) and is also supported by Russia and by Iran); and, on the other side will be Zaroush and al-Zubi, two favorites of the Saud family (supported by the West, which is led by the Saud family, who [financed Al Qaeda](#)).

Lavrov faced a bad choice: either take the blame for preventing the peace talks, or else accept the Saud family's 'compromise' position; and he chose the latter.

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