

US-Led Coalition's Primary Objective in Syria is To Destroy the Government rather than The Islamic State (ISIS)

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The major goal of Washington and allied nations is to destroy the Syrian government, not to defeat the Islamic State, a prominent Canadian international criminal lawyer told Sputnik Thursday.

"If they [the United States and its partners] were serious about dealing with ISIL [IS] they would be meeting in Damascus right now with President Assad to ask how they can help him and Russia destroy ISIL instead of playing political games and pretending the Syrian government does not exist," Christopher Black stressed.

The lawyer blamed Washington and its allies for lack of proper cooperation with Russia on terrorism.

"The United States and its dependencies in Europe and Canada do not want to cooperate with Syria or Russia on this [counterterrorism efforts] because their primary objective is not as they claim to destroy ISIL but to destroy the government of Syria as they did the government in Libya and Iraq," Christopher Black stated.

A Russia-proposed draft resolution on anti-terrorism fight coordination unmasks real US and NATO aims in the region, Black noted.

At the same time, the lawyer suggested, if Washington and NATO agree to the Russian draft resolution, it will signify a dramatic shift in their policy toward both Syria and Russia.

Russia's renewed draft UN Security Council resolution focuses on the fight against IS radicals in view of the latest terrorist attacks in Paris that claimed the lives of 129 people and injured over 350, according to Russian Permanent Representative to the United Nations Vitaly Churkin.

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