

US Working to Block Syrian Liberation of Aleppo by Supporting Al Qaeda's Nusra Front

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In an exclusive interview with Sputnik this week, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov indicated that the United States was attempting to create a safe-zone in Aleppo that covered al-Nusra Front fighting positions. The US attempt was made during Lavrov and US Secretary of State John Kerry's negotiations to reconstitute the Syrian cessation of hostilities.



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Black noted that he agreed with Lavrov's assessment, but argued it is unlikely the US government is being "used" to provide cover for al-Nusra Front in Syria. "I believe that Secretary Kerry, the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency are very much on the side of al-Qaeda," he asserted.

Black further alleged that the Geneva peace talks are being carried out with the goal of "preserving" the anti-Assad terrorist organizations "so that at some point they eventually can reconstitute themselves and seize control of Syria."

Last week, Black returned from a three-day visit to Syria where he sat down with Syrian President Assad, First Lady Asma Assad and a number of other military and political leaders. The trip was particularly significant since the United States has largely severed ties with the Assad government since the start of Syrian civil war in 2011.

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