

Syrian Coalition Calls on NATO Members to Combat ISIS in Syria

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As the leaders of more than 60 countries gather today in Newport, Wales, for the NATO 2014 summit, the Syrian people continue to endure the most agonizing suffering at the hands of evil and tyranny, represented by ISIS and the Assad regime.

The Syrian Coalition calls on NATO members to recognize that the threat of extremist ISIS in Syria is as dangerous and lethal as it is in Iraq. In fact, it was in Syria, and during the chaos the Assad regime deliberately created, that the group recruited, allocated resources, and prepared to advance its expansionist agenda spreading violence and brutality across the wider region.

The Free Syrian Army (FSA) has fought, and indeed defeated ISIS, earlier this year by forcing its militants out of large parts of northern Syria. That is why the FSA serves as a credible partner in combating the threat of the extremist group in its stronghold in Syria. David Cameron and Barack Obama said in a joint article published today in The Times: “When the threats to our security increasingly emanate from outside Nato’s borders, we must build more partnerships with others who share our values and want a tolerant and peaceful world. That includes supporting the partners who are taking the fight to Isil on the ground.”

It is vital to remember that Assad helped create ISIS. Partnering with the devil to beat evil should not be an option. In an op-ed published recently in the Wall Street Journal, President of the Syrian Coalition Hadi al Bahra said: “In partnership, we can deal a mortal blow to the terrorist threat facing both our peoples. But time is of the essence, as ISIS and Assad will exploit any delay to destroy those who stand against them.”