

# Syrian Coalition Holds Russia Responsible for any Possible Escalation in Southern Syria

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The Syrian Coalition stressed that Russia will bear full responsibility for any possible escalation in southern Syria, in addition to the responsibility of the Assad regime which has become a mere facade for the Iranian occupation and the infiltration being carried out by the Iranian militias operating under various names.

Neither the Russian nor the Iranian occupations will be able to break the will of the Syrian people or end their struggle against occupation and tyranny. The Syrian people will eventually achieve their goals no matter the odds.

The Coalition emphasizes the need to support the institutions of the Syrian people, most importantly the Syrian Interim Government and the Free Syrian Army to ensure all basic services are provided to Syrian civilians, most importantly health, education, and security.

The major countries, the friendly countries, and sponsors of the political solution are obliged to shoulder their responsibilities towards the Syrian people and work to restore the political process back on track. Action needs to be taken to ensure an end to killings and crimes, the release the detainees, and the achievement of a political transition in accordance with international resolutions and the Geneva Communiqué of 2012.

May our wounded recover, our detainees be free, and our fallen heroes rest in peace. Long live Syria and the Syrian people, free and with honor.