



Responding to Putin's recent statements and emphasizing on the Continuity of the revolution

In a clear continuation of the Russia's policy of falsifying facts, and during a press conference held in the Chinese capital Beijing, Russian President Vladimir Putin said, "If the Syrian opposition considers the Assad government victorious, then this is true and realistic"!

Putin ignores the fact that the realism he claims to appreciate requires him to recognize that there is no real Syrian government left, nor a regime headed by Assad, as it has been completely transformed into mere terrorist militias, lacking all the elements of legitimacy. The head of the regime has become a war criminal of a high caliber, and most of the regime's institutions have collapsed, being unable to provide the most basic needs of Syrian citizens.

Throughout the eight years of the Syrian revolution, it has been proven to Russia and President Putin that neither the killing of innocent women and children, nor the destruction of mosques and houses are an indication of victory. Nor is the use of internationally banned weapons like cluster bombs, white phosphorus, and chemical weapons, which the Russian Federation deployed in Syria.

If Russia is convinced that Assad has won, then it is reasonable to wonder what keeps its aircrafts, warships and military bases in Syria, when it has often claimed that without its military intervention in the country, the Assad regime would have fallen, and would indeed fall as soon as it leaves.

We advise the Russian president not to rely on statements made by fake opposition, who do not represent the revolution, in formulating declarations of victory or defeat, like some of the figures and platforms that Russia forcibly inserted into revolutionary bodies, and falsely considered part of the Syrian opposition



We in the National Army, the National Liberation Front, and the various revolutionary components, reaffirm the continuation of the Syrian revolution against the war criminal Bashar al-Assad until he and his corrupt regime are finally uprooted. We will continue fighting until the freedom and dignity of our people are achieved, and Syria is completely liberated from tyranny and occupation by Iran, Russia, and sectarian militias.

We also reiterate that Russia's statements regarding the invasion of liberated Syrian areas will only strengthen our determination to defend our land and our people.

In conclusion, the Russian president, who talks about "political peace tracks" and is keen to emerge as the seeker of solutions through the Astana conferences, ought to have instructed the Russian air force to stop committing horrific massacres in Syria - at least during the meeting in the 12th Astana Kazakh capital yesterday. In conjunction with conclusion of the Conference, Putin's warplane burned villages and towns in Hama and Idlib, and committed the most heinous massacres against innocent civilians. This reflects the true image of the political solution that Russia is looking to achieve in Syria, on top of piles of dead women of children.

The continuation of Russia's obstinance, its support of the war criminal Bashar al-Assad, and its partnership with terrorist Iranian militias will only lead to the continuation of killing and destruction in Syria, and the expansion of the popular and revolutionary resistance. This comes after Russia's failure to secure and implement reconciliation agreements in areas where it had declared Assad's victorious, and as the hold of Assad's militias over these areas keeps slipping, as is the case in the southern Syria recently. Russia should recognize the impossibility of achieving security and stability in Syria while Bashar al-Assad and his criminal regime remain in power.