

Press Release

## International Conferences, Peace Initiatives, but not Ceasing nor Subsiding Russian Shelling!

(Translated)

The bloody events are unfolding in Eastern Ghouta and in Idlib; the Syrian Human Rights Network said that about 370 civilians have been killed in Eastern Ghouta since the beginning of this year, pointing out that among the dead were 63 children and 72 women. In the Idlib governorate, especially the city of Sarakib, which has been in the eye of the storm since 25th December, the Russians and the criminal regime poured their rage on it, to be declared by its local council as a disaster-stricken area, where the death toll during January was about 30 people and more than 60 civilians were injured. This is in addition to targeting schools and hospitals, a large part of which is no longer functioning.

Since the outbreak of the Syrian revolution in 2011, several Arab and international initiatives were set up, their alleged goal was to reach a peaceful solution to the conflict! How can it be said that it is a peaceful solution, while it is being held on the remains of children and the blood of innocents. The incessant raids have left no stone upon stone, and the massacres continue to take more civilian lives day after day?!

Years of failed conferences intended to sow ash in the eyes of public opinion, starting with the Geneva conferences that ended with the resignation of Lakhdar Brahimi after he succeeded Kofi Annan and was replaced by Steffan de Mistura, a UN envoy to Syria in July 2014; then through the talks in Vienna, which began its rounds in November 2015, after the Russian military intervention in Syria in support of the regime in late September and which ended on 26 January 2018 after more than nine international rounds, resulting in only more killing, displacement and dislodgment.

We have not forgotten the negotiations of Astana, which led to an agreement on the establishment of four zones of de-escalation and reducing fighting and not to stop the fighting altogether, including in Idlib, which is bombarded with intense hatred today. The last such conferring (conspiring) series was the conference held on 30 January 2018 in Sochi at the invitation of Moscow, which recommended to set up a committee to rewrite the Syrian constitution and call to hold democratic elections.

Conferences and initiatives have continued throughout these years with the alleged goal of bringing peace, while the Russian fighter jets and air raids do not cease nor subside. These are negotiations that did not and will not aim to overthrow the brutal regime but aim to overthrow the resolve of the sincere people of Syria and give more time to the criminal Bashar and his allies to defile their hands with the blood of the civilians, and to displace and dislodge them.

Seven years of bitter war waged by the regime and its allies in the various rebel regions in Syria, and five years of inhuman siege on Eastern Ghouta, which is currently the last and largest stronghold of the opposition, and we hear only initiatives and international calls for the need to cease fire for the delivery of humanitarian aid, as if what is happening was not under the patronage of this brutal international force!! And as if what is happening demands sending food and blankets, and from who?! From the murderer or those who participated and helped him in shedding the blood of the innocent people of Syria!!

Did not the echo of the whining and the screams that spread throughout Syria reach the ears of those who move their armies in obedience to their masters in pre-prepared plays?! Have not yet these traitor rulers realized that the Islamic Ummah has disbelieved in them and their futile initiatives!?

So, O Muslims, remove your conspirator rulers, and support the Deen of Allah by making it rule the Earth for justice and the anticipated true peace to prevail, by the elimination of Kufr and its lackeys and abolishing the falsehood and defeating it from the whole world. The Almighty says:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَنْصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَتَعْسًا لَهُمْ وَأَضَلَّ أَعْمَالَهُمْ﴾

“O you who have believed, if you support Allah, He will support you and plant firmly your feet. But those who disbelieve - for them is misery, and He will waste their deeds.” [Muhammad: 7-8]

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