

Press Release

Baerbock on a Colonial Mission

**The German Foreign Minister's Demands in Damascus are
Blatant Blackmail That Only One Response Can Silence!**

(Translated)

On January 3, 2025, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock, accompanied by her French counterpart Jean-Noël Barrot, met with Syria's current ruler, Ahmad Al-Sharaa. The Foreign Minister stated: "After the painful chapter of Assad's rule, Syrians now have the opportunity to reclaim their country's destiny. This joint visit is a European offer to help achieve a fresh start. This requires political dialogue involving all ethnic and religious groups. Women's participation is crucial here...Women's rights are the yardstick of a society..."

Regarding the Kurds, she asserted: "Reliable security guarantees must be established, and the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) must be integrated into the new security framework. Initiating talks between various factions to this end is an important first step, facilitated by German participation. All mentioned groups must partake in the constitutional process and Syria's future government. This has been made clear to the new leaders in Damascus."

The minister also emphasized the need to: "Seize the opportunity to locate, declare, and swiftly eliminate any remaining chemical weapons in Syria in collaboration with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. Safely destroying these weapons is crucial to protect both the population and the region."

She added: "It is in Europe's security interest to reintegrate Syria into the international community. This would preserve the country's unity while preventing Syria from becoming a pawn for foreign powers or a testing ground for extremist forces like ISIS."

Furthermore, she insisted that: "The new beginning in Syria must not be undermined by steps toward Islamizing the judicial or educational systems."

Any German or European support, she clarified, is contingent upon ensuring that no new Islamic structures emerge.

Rather than demonstrating a cooperative stance during her first visit to Damascus, the Federal Foreign Minister arrived with a list of demands aimed at maintaining Syria's secular system. Support will only be offered under her terms to shape a Syrian regime that aligns with Western visions of state and society.

The proposals formulated by the minister are, in reality, threats to the new leadership in Damascus: either economic aid and development, or isolation and sanctions; either the integration of minorities and the preservation of territorial unity, or fragmentation and division; either disarmament and arms reduction, or further military strikes on strategic weapons systems.

By hinting at various forms of pressure, the minister seeks to construct a scenario of threats to subdue Syria's new leaders. This signifies that Germany's role remains unchanged after the fall of Assad's regime. The objective is still to thwart the Islamic Syrian revolution! Since 1974, Germany has maintained diplomatic and economic ties with Assad's dictatorship while systematically suppressing Syria's Islamic liberation struggle.

On the political front, Germany supported UN Resolution 2254 to exclude Islamic forces and promote secular opposition as a counterpart to the Assad regime. Legally, Germany has criminalized armed struggle in Syria through unjust judicial rulings under the pretext of combating terrorism, while simultaneously providing military and financial support to separatist and counter-revolutionary forces like the Syrian Democratic Forces.

Baerbock's warning against the "Islamization of the judiciary and education systems" in Syria unveils her true mission: preventing society's foundations, its rules and general principles from being rooted in the beliefs of Syria's Muslims.

This colonial dictate by the German Foreign Minister can only be silenced by one response: the complete severance of diplomatic ties. This would send a clear message to the German government that compromising Islam and the blood of martyrs is unacceptable, and that the nation will not tolerate it.

The German government would do well to refrain from issuing further threats to Syria's Muslims. The language used by the Foreign Minister reflects the neoconservative rhetoric of those who have declared war on the Islamic Ummah divide and scatter it by any means. This policy will fail in Syria just as it failed in Afghanistan.

The idea of a Khilafah (Caliphate) is deeply embedded in the beliefs, identity, and rich Islamic history of the people of ash-Sham. Soon, this idea will manifest in the political reality of ash-Sham and the entire Middle East, decisively ending all colonial schemes and erasing the whispers of their architects. The Prophet Muhammad (swt) said: «أَلَا إِنَّ عَقْرَ دَارِ الْإِسْلَامِ الشَّامُ» **“And the place of safety for the Islam is Ash-Sham.”**

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