

Syria Rejects Peace Proposal by U.S. and Saudi Arabia



Vienna, January 27 (RHC)-- The Syrian ambassador to the United Nations and head of the government delegation to intra-Syrian peace talks has strongly rejected a proposal offered by some countries, including the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, for the resolution of the Syrian crisis, saying the so-called peace plan is “not even worth the ink.”

Bashar al-Ja’afari made the remarks at a press conference held at the end of UN-brokered indirect peace negotiations between the Syrian government and opposition groups in the Austrian capital city of Vienna on Friday, referring to what he described as an informal paper about reviving the political process in Geneva proposed by the U.S., Britain, France, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

“Every word and sentence of this unofficial paper is rejected. And it is not worth the ink that it is printed on because the people will not and do not accept solutions which come down on parachutes or on the backs of tanks,” Ja’afari said.

Furthermore, he blasted the five countries and told reporters that the proposal was “tantamount to a black comedy.” “All of them have participated in the bloodshed of the Syrian people,” he said of the five nations, denouncing Washington as the creator, financial supporter and protector of the Daesh Takfiri terrorist group.

How can the U.S., which "has Syrian blood on its hands... and attacks Syria directly,... speak of a political solution and the future of Syria? How can countries like Britain and France, which follow the American policy... be the makers of any political solution in Syria?" Ja'afari added.

The senior Syrian negotiator also blasted Jordan for opening "its territories for foreign terrorists" and becoming "a haven for training camps" for them. He also questioned Amman's eligibility as a determiner of Syria's "politics, sovereignty and future."

Ja'afari went on to lambast Saudi Arabia for co-authoring such a proposal, describing Riyadh sarcastically as anything but a "beacon of freedom in the east."

Speaking about the Vienna two-day meeting, he said the Syrian delegation had constructive discussions with UN Special Envoy on Syria Staffan de Mistura. "We used the meeting to answer many questions, especially with regard to Sochi's congress," Ja'afari said.

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