

# *UN envoy calls for urgent solution to spare bloodshed in Syria*

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United Nations Special envoy for Syria Geir Pedersen speaks to members of the media as he

**arrives at a hotel in Damascus, on November 24, 2024. (AFP)**

Damascus, December 1 (RHC)-- The UN special envoy for Syria says “a serious political engagement” is required to “spare bloodshed” amid the resurgence of foreign-backed Takfiri terrorists in the Arab country.

Geir Pedersen said in a Sunday statement that the latest terrorist attack in Aleppo has “serious implications” for regional and international peace and security. Pedersen called for “urgent and serious political engagement — among Syrian and international stakeholders— to spare bloodshed and focus on a political solution in accordance with Security Council Resolution 2254.”

The resolution agreed in 2015, called for a ceasefire in Syria which had been gripped by foreign-backed militancy since March 2011, with Western countries and their regional allies aiding terrorist groups.

Terrorist groups led by the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) and its allied terrorist factions launched on Friday an attack and took control of parts of the country's second-biggest city, Aleppo, and advanced southward toward the city of Hama.

The Syrian army says it is regrouping, and redeploying troops to strengthen its defense lines as part of preparations for a “counterattack” against foreign-sponsored Takfiri terrorists in the northwestern city of Aleppo.

“The latest developments pose severe risks to civilians and have serious implications for regional and international peace and security,” Peterson said. “I have repeatedly warned of the risks of escalation in Syria... and the reality that no Syrian party or existing grouping of actors can resolve the Syrian conflict via military means.”

Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani also warned about the terror attack in Syria, reiterating that the country's security was key to the stability of the whole region.

Sudani told Syrian President Bashar al-Assad on Saturday that Syria's “security and stability are closely linked to Iraq's national security and play a crucial role in regional security.”

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