

Permanent Members of UN Security Council Push for Aid Delivery in Syria



United Nations, January 15 (RHC)-- The UN special envoy for Syria says the five permanent members of the Security Council will push for "immediate action" to deliver humanitarian aid to beleaguered areas in the Arab country.

Staffan de Mistura made the comments after meeting with ambassadors from Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States in the Swiss city of Geneva. The ambassadors "undertook to press for immediate action in support of this effort in the coming few days," he said.

During the session, de Mistura emphasized "the crucial importance for the people of Syria to see sustained and unimpeded access to a number of besieged areas." Earlier this week, a convoy of 44 trucks loaded with food, medicine, baby formula, blankets and other supplies entered Syria's southwestern town of Madaya.

An equivalent amount of aid also arrived in two other encircled towns of Foua and Kefraya in the northwestern Idlib Province.

The Syrian government recently agreed to facilitate the flow of relief aid into Madaya, which has been the scene of fierce clashes between pro-government forces and Takfiri terrorists.

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