

# *Russia Warns U.S. to Respect Syrian Sovereignty*

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Moscow, September 22 (RHC)-- The Russian Federation has warned the United States of violating the sovereignty of Syria. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov called on U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to respect Syria's sovereignty, the ministry said in a statement on Sunday.

Lavrov urged "the necessity to strictly comply with the United Nations statute, norms of international law and unconditional respect of Syrian sovereignty," the statement read. Lavrov's remarks came after U.S. President Barack Obama authorized airstrikes against the ISIL Takfiri terrorists in the region earlier this month.

The ISIL Takfiri terrorists currently control parts of Syria and Iraq. They have threatened all communities, including Shias, Sunnis, Kurds, Christians, Izadi Kurds and others, as they continue their atrocities in Iraq.

The terrorist group has links with Saudi intelligence and is believed to be indirectly supported by the Israeli regime. Syria has been gripped by deadly violence since 2011 with ISIL Takfiri terrorists currently controlling parts of it mostly in the east.

The Western powers and their regional allies -- especially Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Turkey -- are reportedly supporting the militants operating inside Syria.

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