

Syria Hails UN Resolution Banning Support for Militants



Damascus, September 29 (RHC)-- The Syrian government has welcomed a UN Security Council (UNSC) resolution that prohibits providing support for the foreign-backed militants. Regarding the move as a victory for the war-torn Arab nation, Syrian Information Minister Omran al-Zoubi expressed on Sunday his government's support for the UNSC Resolution 2178.

The Security Council members voted unanimously to approve the resolution that intends to tighten the grip on foreign fighters in conflict zones. The resolution further prohibits efforts to recruit, organize, and offer supplies and funding to foreign militants. The binding resolution also calls on all countries to prevent the movement of militants on their soil.

The development comes as Western countries and their regional Arab allies have expressed concerns that foreign fighters entering Syria and Iraq may eventually pose a threat to their homeland once they return to native countries.

Press reports estimate that more than 12,000 foreign militants have joined the foreign-sponsored militancy in Syria over the past three years.

Syria has been gripped by deadly violence since 2011. 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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