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USA Draws a Line On Protecting Cia-Backed Rebels In Syria

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President Barack Obama has not spoken about the Central Intelligence Agency program publicly, but he has said that Russian Federation risks slipping into a quagmire in Syria and is operating from a position of weakness.

The Russian military intervention to prop up Syria's government has brought new scrutiny of the CIA's secret support to Syrian rebels fighting Bashar Assad.

The head of Al-Qaeda's Syrian affiliate has called on jihadists in the Caucasus to attack Russian civilians and soldiers in retaliation for Moscow's air strikes in Syria. The government controls western areas of the city, and an array of insurgent groups control the east. Russian Federation has been one of Assad's strongest supporters since the start of the uprising in 2011.

Moscow says it targets only banned terrorist groups in Syria, primarily Islamic State.

The United States is willing "to forge an alliance with the devil", he said. Russian Federation has denied the allegation.

A spokesman for the Islamic State group, Abu Muhammad al-Adnani, vowed in an audio message that Russian Federation, like the USA, will be defeated.

Although Washington sent the refusal to Russia's proposal on Wednesday, Moscow is ready to cooperate with the U.S. on Syrian issues in any format and through any channel, Lavrov said.

"Our talks there are very professional, they're very constructive, and I expect them to lead in very short order to an agreement", U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter told a news briefing.

Both officials said the attack would begin soon. Yet American officials also believe that getting Assad out of Syria is a key precursor to defeating the Islamic State movement, which is driven in part by Sunni disaffection with the Alawite governing class. And the Russians are working to keep Assad in power.

"They are highly effective". On the one hand, the chief American goal in Syria is to destroy the Islamic State, an extremist army with billions of dollars at its disposal.

“When you get close to the Syrian Army’s checkpoints, be sure that you do not carry any kind of weapons, carry your personal identities and your necessary needs with you”.

Foreign states opposed to Assad have supplied TOW missiles to a number of rebel groups via an operations room in Turkey, one of the states in the region that want Assad gone.

The Observatory’s director Rami Abdulrahman identified most of the reinforcing fighters as members of jihadist groups. “It increased in the last days, and it has proven its effectiveness”, he said.

A few held placards that read: “Thanks, Russia” and “Syria and Russian Federation are together to fight terrorism”.

Brad Stapleton, a visiting research fellow at the Cato Institute, said more carnage will likely ensue.

Two shells landed near the Russian Embassy in Damascus on Tuesday, while a small pro-Moscow demonstration was taking place, but there were no reports of casualties or damage to the embassy building.

The White House said at the time that a USA air strike in Iraq had killed Hayali, whom it described as the second-in-command of the group which has seized swathes of territory in Syria and Iraq.