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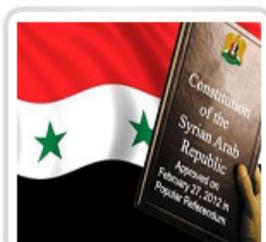
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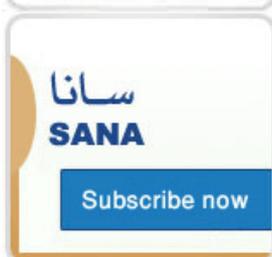
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Syria calls on UN, Security Council to shoulder responsibilities, prevent absurd use of force out of legitimacy

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New York, (SANA)_ The Syrian government calls on the UN Secretary General to shoulder his responsibilities for preventing any aggression on Syria and pushing forward reaching a political solution to the crisis in Syria, Syria's permanent representative to the UN Dr. Bashar al-Jaafari, said.

In two identical letters directed to the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and President of the UN Security Council (UNSC), Maria Cristina Perceval, al-Jaafari added Syria also calls on the Security Council to maintain its role as a valve of safety to prevent the absurd use of force out of the frame of the international legitimacy.

"The Syrian government warned , more than a year ago, against the serious risks of the possibility of using chemical materials by the armed terrorist groups in Syria," al-Jaafari said.

"Syria has informed, in official letters, the UN Secretary General and the UNSC about the activities of these groups, which coincided with a political, diplomatic and media campaign led by some countries which are directly responsible for shedding the blood in Syria and preventing the peaceful solution in order to accuse the Syrian government of using chemical weapon," he added.

The Syrian permanent representative stressed that the Syrian government categorically dismissed any use the chemical weapon." Syrian government is the first side who asked the UN Secretary General to form an objective investigation team to investigate into the use of chemical weapon in Khan al-Assal in Aleppo,"

He pointed out that some hostile countries launched a campaign to accuse the Syrian government of using toxic chemicals in Damascus Countryside on August 21 despite that the Syrian government has allowed the UN investigation mission to visit the site in which the toxic gas was used.

Al-Jaafari said that the US Secretary of State, John Kerry said that the US administration has what he called "secret conclusive evidences" to be published later to the public and international opinion as a justification for waging a military aggression on Syria paying no heed to the international and UN calls for not ignoring the UN charter and international law principles.

He added that Kerry has adopted old stories fabricated by terrorists more than a week ago , asserting that the numbers and information presented by Kerry are "completely false."

On Kerry's statement, al-Jaafari said he would clarify the following:

First, Syria as a state, people and government has a national interest in unveiling the facts related to the claims of using the chemical weapons in Syria, based on this national interest, the Syrian government and the UN agreed to investigate in three sites including Khan alAssal.

Second, those who mobilize fleets and armies to wage an aggression on Syria, are the same who rejected a Syrian proposed draft resolution at the UN Security Council on December 29, 2003 on freeing the Middle East of weapons of mass destruction.

Third, the Syrian government has defied the American administration to show one credible evidence on the allegations regarding using chemical weapon, but Kerry publicly said that he relies on what he called "high credible information" based on internet fabricated photos.

Fourth, the UN General Secretariat has repeatedly stated that the trails of the use of any kind of toxic gases do not fade over time, therefore the UN sent an investigation mission after five months of the request of The Syrian government to probe into Khan al-Assal case. However, the Syrian government didn't hesitate to allow the UN team to enter to place of supposed attack within 48 hours of the arrival of the UN Secretary General's envoy, Angela Kane, the UN disarmament chief.

Fifth, Kerry's statement that the investigation mission is not responsible for determining the side which used the chemical weapon, and that its mission is limited to confirming its use, comes to justify the US administration's violation of the UNSC.

Al-Jaafari said Syria officially requested, in a letter directed to the UN chief on March 20, 2013, the investigation to determine the identity of the side that used the chemical weapon in Khan al-Assal, but this request was rejected by the US, France and British delegation.

He said the world was waiting from the United States to play its role, as a peace sponsor and as a partner to Russia, in the preparation for the international conference on Syria, and not as a state that uses force against whoever opposes its policies.

He expressed the Syrian government's keenness on the safety of its people and maintaining Syria's sovereignty, independence and territorial unity.

Al-Jaafari: Obama and Cameron climbed to the top of the tree and don't know how to get down

Earlier, Dr. al-Jaafari said that US President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron "climbed to the top of the tree and don't know how to get down," which is why they resorted to the House of Commons and the Congress to seek a way out of the trouble they got themselves into, or were placed in by others.

In a phone call with the Syrian TV on Saturday, al-Jaafari said that Obama is under a lot of pressure from the hardline right wing, neo-Zionists, Israel, Turkey and some Arabs, and that he did well by emulating Cameron by referring the decision of waging an aggression on Syria to the congress, which is how Cameron "got down from the tree."

He said that the western media has become a very negative war media, pressuring for aggression against Syria more than military personnel who seem hesitant, citing the example of CNN which began to criticize Obama immediately after his speech, saying that he hesitated and changed his mind.

Al-Jaafari said that civilians at the US State Department, the Pentagon and the White House who are pushing Obama to wage an aggression, which is ironic because military figures are the ones who are usually enthusiastic about military action, yet the US Chief of Staff, Defense Secretary and top officers seem very hesitant when it comes to attacking Syria.

Al-Jaafari pointed out that the US Secretary of State, John Kerry,

claimed that he has evidences on the Syrian government's use of chemical weapon in Damascus Countryside, using the term of "evidences of high credibility".

"It is the same term that the US Secretary of State, Colin Paul, had used at the UN Security Council in 2003 to justify the war on Iraq when he said that he has " evidences of high credibility", al-Jaafari said adding "thus, the one who committed a mistake against Iraq repeats the same mistake against Syria and uses the same terms."

He clarified that the US, France, and Britain are who opposed Syria's request to determine the identity of the side which used the chemical weapon in Khan al-Assal, last March because they know who did that.

These countries also delayed sending the investigation mission to Syria for more than five months, he stressed. Al-Jaafari pointed out that the attack took place at Damascus Countryside at the same time when the UN investigation team started their mission, with the aim of undermining their job.

He pointed to the necessity of differentiating between the use of a chemical weapon of mass destruction and chemical materials that could be made by the armed groups and gangs.

Al-Jaafari asserted that the UN team should confirm whether the chemical materials used were primitive home-made materials or weapons of mass destruction.

He said that 20 years ago, a Japanese extremist group used few kgs of Sarin gas at a metro in Tokyo which caused the killing of hundreds of people, as the Turkish authorities recently announced arresting 12 gunmen linked to Jabhat al-Nusra with two liters of Sarin gas in their possession brought from Libya via a civil plane .

"This proves that some countries facilitate the movement of the terrorists and obtaining dangerous chemical substances that could cause the killing of hundreds of thousands of people," al-Jaafari said.

He stressed that there are many friendly countries to the Syrian people at the UN Security Council, including Russia and China which have enough experience and knowledge on the mechanism of manipulation and they will not pass any resolution against Syria.

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