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Syrians will never kneel to US-led Western powers

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A prominent member of the Syrian Social Club tells Press TV that the West tries to kneel Syrians by destructing their country and its infrastructure by the hands of its foreign armed terrorists inside the country.

The comments come as Hezbollah's Secretary General has warned that certain countries are trying to prolong the anti-Syrian armed rebellion to benefit from its devastating effects. Nasrallah also noted that US and its allies are in no hurry to end violence in Syria and want it destroyed over the country's stance against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands.

Press TV has conducted an interview with Haitham Alsabahie, member of the Syrian Social Club from London to shed more light on the issue. He is joined by two additional guests: Mr. Ala'a Ebrahim, a Damascus-based freelance journalist and Jihad Mouracadeh, political analyst from the Lebanese capital city of Beirut. What follows is an approximate transcription of the interview.

Press TV: We have seen more and more terrible crimes being committed in Syria. Things that are almost unbelievable with beheadings and just right-out torture and throwing people off of buildings; most of these being committed by the so-called opposition and yet we see these Western capitals from Washington to Paris coming out and supporting, giving their support and saying that there are the representatives of the Syrian people. Why do you think we are seeing these so-called democracies of the West supporting this type of group?

Alsibahie: First of all good evening to you and to your viewers and your guests.

Let me say something here; I think the Western countries and the enemies of Syria are surprised after nearly two years, I mean we are talking about 21 months [of armed rebellion] here. they thought in the beginning that this is going to end up in three to six months, that the Syrian government would fall and they will control Syria. of course this did not happen and they needed help. Where they got the help from? They got help from some countries like Pakistan, Afghanistan, Libya, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia,..., you know, sending the Takfiris and sending the Jihadis through Turkey, trained in Turkey and pushed through, towards, the Syrian border [with Turkey]. These sort of fighters have no knowledge of Syria, they came to kill and maim and kill and maim only. Actually now they are taking the ground from what is so-called Syrian rebel or so-called the Free Syrian Army [self-proclaimed FSA]. The Free Syrian Army is completely behind the scene and these Takfiris are taking control on the ground, of everything.

I mean this is where they control the area and of course they commit atrocities; they do not care who dies, who gets killed. This is their way to prove themselves on the ground.

Press TV: [Lebanon's Resistance Movement] Hezbollah's Secretary General Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah has said, actually, the West wants this to be come prolonged and to continue. They are in no rush to have this conflict end because it will cause even more destruction, not only of the country but also of the various groups; he has actually sent a message to al-Qaeda saying that the West is basically playing you and has invited you from all these different parts of the world and now inside of the country not only destroying Syria itself but each other. Your take?

Alsibahie: there is one thing I would like to say to your guest from Lebanon [Jihad Mouracadeh], I mean the Syrian army and the Syrian security forces are Syrians, they are our fathers, they are our children, they are our families. They are the legitimate forces who are supposed to defend the country and that is their job. They should defend the country from any element coming from outside [of the country] pushed by other countries to our country.

Would you like other countries to be interfering in Lebanon and sending people to put car bombs? Of course not! I think your Lebanese army was taught to take care of that. This is normal, I mean always it is very difficult when we talk about the Syrian army and these gunmen and Jihadists, nobody should try to legitimize these people, they are criminals, they are killers, they came to kill and maim [Syrian] people. I now will tell you something; I will not be surprised, I will not be surprised about interference or intervention by the foreign forces in Syria, I am worried about seeing a proxy war between Qatar and Saudi Arabia on the Syrian soil.

Qatar is backing the Muslim Brotherhood up to the limit, Saudis have no choice [but] sending al-Nusrah and the Takfiris and these criminals, collected from allover the world, sending them to Turkey and sending them to the Syrian border. When a country like Turkey goes through this, is not that act of war against Syria? and some Syrian people asking now for the Syrian army to go out of its border.

Press TV: Mr. Alsibahie, tell me your perspective at this point in time.

Now we see a wide range of perspectives between the guests right now here, but in your

perspective what is the situation that is happening? Now, we had a statement by Hezbollah's [Seyyed Hassan] Nasrallah that said, 'The only entities that are really benefiting from what is happening inside of Syria right now, is Israel [Zionist regime] and the United States.'

Your perspective on that?

Alsibahie: This is obvious. I mean the United States and Israel and their allies who follow them would like to see Syria demising power in the region and Syria is a main player in the region and now this attack on Syria is meant to destroy the infrastructure [of the country], to weaken the army, to weaken the government, to put Syria -back-- economically and to destroy the country, so the country could kneel to them; [but] we will never!

I would like to say to your guest in Lebanon [Jihad Mouracadeh], I mean we do not like, and this is a big issue in Syria, we do not like the sectarian issue, we never talk about the sectarian issue and if you want a democracy in Syria and Syria to be open, we do not want to welcome people like you who spreads sectarianism in Syria. This is not a type of democracy, keep it to yourself in Lebanon. We do not talk about sectarianism in Syria.

You tell me what is the [Syrian] government made of? Ok! Dr. Bashar al-Assad [the Syrian president] is Alawite, [but] the Interior Minister Mohammad al-Shaar, who is he? The Foreign Minister Walid Moallem , who is he?