



The Corrupt Syrian Politics of Turkey

News:

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan accepts Russian Federation Defense Minister Sergey Shoygu. The meeting, which was closed to the press started at 15.15 in the headquarters of the Presidential Palace in Tarabya. Chief of General Staff General Hulusi Akar, MIT Undersecretary Hakan Fidan, Chairman Ibrahim Kalin also took part in the meeting on July 2, 2017. (Source: <u>Hurriyet</u>)

Comment:

It was the first months of the Syrian revolution. Yet, neither the armed struggle nor the secular opposition had been established. But Assad regime bombarded with tanks and cannons the Syrian people who rebelled. A group of Syrians who lived in Turkey arranged a meeting with the Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu and wanted help from him. Davutoğlu said: "If you do not establish a council, neither we nor the world will recognize you."and sent out those who came for help. After that, the forefront of a secular-democratic-based Council was established. Conferences are held in Antalya, Istanbul and a Council is formed from the Syrians living outside of Syria. This opposition Council was then transformed into a Coalition in Qatar's capital Doha with the touch of the United States, denouncing "there is no counterparts of it in the field") in the expression of the US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. On the other hand, Turkey cooperated with the US in military, political and intelligence under the name of "operational mechanism". Turkey took part in the Crusader Coalition established by America. He opened his expedition to the Coalition forces with America, and he approved the design which approved the passage of foreign troops. He supported the conferences of Geneva and Astana which were the plots against the Syrian people. Turkey played a major role in the fall of Aleppo, "succeeding" in the failure of the regime, Russia, Iran and its militia in Aleppo. As Turkey's Syrian policy has been progressing within the framework of the international system (the US), the role of the dispersed Turkey seemed to be in the presence of the people of Syria and in the face of the regime. Turkey would use this soft power as soon as it came to its place, standing close to the country's emigrants and the groups known as "moderate". He used this yesterday for Aleppo as for today he's using it for Idlib.

Turkey does not even feel the need to conceal its betrayals anymore. What Davutoğlu said yesterday, he says the opposite today. The Turkish regime consider to cooperate with the killers of the Syrian people; America, Russia and Iran a diplomatic success. Just yesterday, President Erdoğan said, "What is Russia doing in Syria?" While criticizing Iran and America for its policies, now the President's spokesman İbrahim Kalın said, "There is being worked on a mechanic where probably in the Idlib region, mainly us and the Russians, around Damascus Russia and Iran, in the Deraa

region in the south, Jordan and Americans will take place. And there is even a suggestion from the Russians that perhaps the Kyrgyz and Kazakhs could send certain numbers of forces also." America is using the mentioned states as Trojan horses. He lets them make his dirty works done. Turkey cooperates with the United States and the Russians openly continue to support the groups that Turkey accepts as a terrorist organization.

As a matter of fact, President Erdoğan met with the Russian Defense Minister, Shoygu, in Istanbul on Sunday, June 2nd. As far as the media is concerned, "The situation in Syria, Astana negotiations and reducing the tension in Syria" is said to be discussed. It is not a mystery that actually Idlib is the only subject. Within the decision taken at the Astana meeting, it was determined that Russia and Turkey would settle down in Idlib. And now the details of the subject are discussed. Turkey, together with the Free Syrian Army (FSA) on August 24, 2016, launched the Operation of the Euphrates under the name of the struggle with ISIS in Cerablus and El Bab in the north of Syria, withdrawing moderate opposition groups in Syria and has weakened Aleppo and caused it to fall. Now, Russia and Turkey, who will settle in Idlib under the pretext of conflict and PKK / YPG, will hand over Idlib to the regime. The similar strategy applied in Aleppo will be implemented in Idlib this time. Turkey has sacrificed Aleppo to start relations with Russia after the plane crisis. Now, he will sacrifice Idlib to advance the relationship.

Syrian revolutionaries do not have to be astrologer to understand that unless they pay attention to their relations with their sponsors unless they give a deceptive premium, such as ceasefire-conflict-negotiation, and unless they are united under an Islamic-political leadership that does not lie to their people, they will be conceived by many international and regional states. Therefore, the people of Syria and the Syrian revolutionaries must open their eyes; they must be vigilant against the traps of the countries that have done business with their killers, and should not allow them to divide themselves radically and moderately. The truth is that Kufr is only one nation. And the unbelievers are the obvious enemies of Islam and Muslims.

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