



## Aircraft Game between Turkey and Russia is Coquetry for Alliance to Blockading Syria

## News:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that a Russian fighter aircraft violated Turkish airspace on Friday. In a statement, the Turkish foreign ministry said a Russian SU-34 jet crossed into Turkish airspace at 11:46 local time on Friday, ignoring several warnings made in Russian and English. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned on Saturday that Russia would "have to face consequences if it keeps up such violations". He said he had asked repeatedly for a meeting with Putin, without success.

Foreign Minister Çavuşoğlu said, "The Russian aircraft violated our airspace once again two days ago. This was also determined by the NATO center in Spain". And he added the following statement: "We do not regard Russia only as a neighbour, but more as an important partner. We want a normalization of our relations, but it is not possible to realize this through single-sided steps. Russia has to show the same approach." (Source: <u>bbc.com</u>)

## Comment:

Date November 24, 2015: Turkey downed a Russian jet on the grounds of violating its airspace. At that time, Turkish General Staff made the following statement regarding the downed Russian aircraft: "On 24th of November, about 9:20 a.m. local time, the aircraft of unknown nationality had repeatedly violated Turkish airspace near the town of Yayladagi in Hatay province, despite of being multiple warnings (10 times within 5 minutes). Two F-16 planes on aerial patrol duty in the area intervened against the plane in question in accordance with the rules of engagement, at 9:24 a.m. local time on 24th of November 2015."

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The downing of the Russian plane in November was difficult to make of both by the Turkish authorities as well as their Russian counterparts. They were baffled, because both Russia and Turkey knew very well that they both were actors of the same project in the Syrian issue. Why should they want this project to fail? However this plane was shot down by someone else's will other than theirs. You may call it the exploitation of rules of engagement or you may say that the Turkish soldier reacted to the blockade of Turkmen Mountain by Russia; it is not of big importance. What is important is that this downing took place out of Turkey's political will. So, what does it mean that two months later, today, Turkey announces the violation of its airspace once again by a Russian fighter jet (SU-34/the same as the previous)? 1) First of all this means the following: Russian fighter planes and other foreign war jets have riddled the Turkish airspace. And Turkey is a mere spectator of this situation.

2) Warning Russia that one of its fighter jets had violated Turkish airspace, while at the same time idly and silently watching Russia razing cities like Aleppo and Idlib to the ground and killing innocent children is a proof of Turkey's level of narrow and bigoted view of being a nation state. President Erdogan's and Prime Minister Davutoglu's statements of Ummah are nothing more than empty talks. So where are those leaders who talked of 'our Aleppo, our Sham, our Idlib'? How are leaders who even lack the will of speaking a weighty word against Russia after it violated their airspace going to benefit Sham, Aleppo, Idlib and the Ummah?

It is noteworthy that Turkey's declaration of its airspace's violation came right after U.S. Vice President Joe Biden's visit to Turkey and right at the beginning of the Geneva negotiations. This shows only that the USA demanded from Turkey and Russia to solve this crisis, because the USA is in need of Russia and Turkey together in Syria. Therefore this declaration of the air space violation and the developments is the substructure preparation to solve the artificial crisis between Russia and Turkey. These two countries who work in accordance with the USA's order and instruction are simply playing hard to get and are coquetting in order to solve this crisis and to announce peace. There is only one reason for Turkey's frequent, numerous and sincere olive branch extending peace messages to Russia: Bringing the Syrian Revolution to the table in Geneva and putting all gained values on sale like on the bazaar; and persuading the non-consenting to agree to this plan with Russia. While doing so, they are threatening whole of Syria with blockading and total killing.

Unfortunately, the Turkish people and the Muslims are not aware of this Turkey's vileness.

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