

Syrian Foreign Minister Says Damascus Remains Committed to Dialogue



Damascus, February 17 (RHC)-- Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Muallem has reaffirmed his country's commitment to inter-Syrian dialogue without preconditions.

In a meeting with UN special envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura in Damascus on Tuesday, al-Muallem said that his government will continue to protect citizens and distribute humanitarian aid, chiefly in the zones controlled by terrorist groups.

The meeting comes days after diplomats from a group of countries in Munich, including the U.S., Russia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Iran, agreed to seek a temporary "cessation of hostilities" in Syria within a week.

The International Syria Support Group (ISSG) also agreed to "accelerate and expand" deliveries of humanitarian aid to various besieged Syrian towns.

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