

UN, OPCW Team Complete Syria Chemical Weapons Destruction



Damascus, October 2 (RHC)-- The international mission to eliminate Syria's chemical stockpile has wrapped up its operations in the war-torn country, the United Nations says. UN spokeswoman Stephane Dujarric said on Wednesday that the joint mission of the UN and the Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) has successfully completed its destruction operations after almost a year.

The UN Security Council adopted a resolution in September last year to rid the war-torn country of its chemical arms. Under the resolution, the OPCW was mandated to oversee the elimination of Syria's stockpile.

On September 14, 2013, Russia and the United States agreed on a deal under which Syria would have its chemical weapons eliminated and the U.S. would in return not carry out planned strikes on the Arab country.

The war rhetoric against Syria intensified after foreign-backed opposition forces accused the government of President Bashar al-Assad of launching a chemical attack on militant strongholds in the suburbs of the capital Damascus on August 21st last year.

Damascus has vehemently denied the accusations, saying the attack was carried out by the militants themselves as a false-flag operation.

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