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Press Release**Russia Starts Bombing Syria**

(Translated)

Russia began to bomb different areas in Syria on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 where it began these operations directly after the Federal Assembly agreed by consensus to allow Russian forces to be used outside of Russia. To support this decision the authorities took the support of whom they have named the High or Grand Mufti of Russia Taljat Taj ud Din who said the following word for word in a meeting he held with the News Agency 'Ria Novosti': "We strongly support the use of the Russian Federations' armed forces in the war against terrorism however we hope that it will not participate in ground operations". With that the Federal Assembly supported unanimously the criminal decision of the president by which support is provided to the killer of thousands of women, children and elderly in ash-Sham whilst the one who is called 'Mufti' expresses his support for such a decision.

In respect to this we state that: Anyone who speaks or makes statements in the name of Muslims regarding the supporting of the tyrant of Sham then he is not only a liar as he does not represent the Islamic Ummah but also he is a partner in all of the tyrant's dirty criminal acts. Even if Taljat Taj ud Din is infamous for his lunacy we nevertheless warn all the Muslims in respect to the Russian authority's involvement in this criminal action in the blessed land of ash-Sham from the threat of Allah as Allah (swt) said:

﴿وَلَنِ اتَّبَعَتْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ مِّن بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ إِنَّكَ إِذَا لَمِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ﴾

**"So if you were to follow their desires after what has come to you of knowledge, indeed, you would then be among the transgressors" [Al-Baqarah: 145]**

As regards to support Bashar al-Assad is a war on terror, this demonstrates the hypocrisy of Russia and the scenes are clear to everyone for their support to the armed factions in the east of Ukraine and which it has called a 'People's Revolution'. This is if we don't talk about the role that America has imposed upon it to assist their agent Assad to extend the life term of his regime after the failure of his military forces to preserve the secular regime in Syria.

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