

Question and Answer

The Latest Developments on the Syrian Arena, and are the Paris Attacks connected to them?

Question:

The Syrian airspace, especially after Russia's brutal aggression on Syria, has become a militarily arena for American, Russian, Syrian and other aircrafts, in addition to the military conflict on the ground. Successively, the political talks have escalated in Vienna 1, Vienna 2 and Vienna 3 in addition to the side talks... My question is why hasn't there been a military clash between these aircrafts in the air even though they are carried out by different countries? And why was this military escalation accompanied by a political escalation? Finally, what is the expected solution to the issue of Syria? Will the Paris attacks on Friday 13/11/2015 that took place three hours before the Vienna talks on 14/11/2015, affect the solution to the issue of Syria? Or are they irrelevant and that the synchronization of events was a coincidence? Please provide me, without delving into deep political analysis, with a simple answer easy for me and the general public to understand, Jazak Allah Khair.

Answer:

I will begin from where you ended your question. If what you meant by simplifying the answer for it to be clear without confusion or ambiguity, and with clear indications and not shrouded in inference or so ... However this is what distinguishes our publications, whether it is a leaflet, or a statement or an answer to a question. But if what you mean by simplification is not to consider the introductions to issues and their backgrounds, and not to explain its reality and its causes, then this does not occur in political crisis, because the answer must be built on information with the most likely validity or accuracy. It would not be accurate if the reality is not studied thoroughly and the motives and its causes and relevant evidences... otherwise the answer would be superficial or based on whims, and this is avoided in our publications. However we are keen in having the correct and straightforward answer to the best of our ability. Perhaps after reading this answer, you may see the sincerity and correctness of our answer, Allah willing. This is the answer to the branches of your question:

First, the subject of no clashes:

Yes, the states differ in their names and locations, but have the same and one mark on the subject of the Syrian crisis, and even their lines are organized, here are the details:

1. As for the regime in Syria, it is a loyal agent to America, both in the reigns of Bashar and his father. It preserves America's interests and the interests of the Jewish state... and the withdrawal of Hafez from the Golan Heights and handing it over to the Jews, then making it a safe zone for Jews for about forty years, and the participation of the regime in America's coalition during the second Gulf War in 1991, and then the talks and conspiracies run by America in the region and the regime becomes one of its instruments which is fully controlled and disciplined by the American policy... All of which makes the Syrian flight operations of aggression on the people as part of the American policy thus it does not approach the US aircraft, but carries out its mission within a drawn line. And what was published over the past year at the start of the US military coalition's operations in Syria is that the regime was notified of the operations, this saves any further clarification.

2. As for the Russian aggression against Syria, it is by an agreement with the United States and the coordination between the two side's planes, we have explained it in our publication on the subject dated 11/10/2015, and I will quote from it what is relevant: *[This was a disaster for America as it had presented itself as being with the revolutionaries and as such it would be difficult to fight against them openly. They were bringing serious harm onto the regime whilst the American replacement had not yet matured. This then is where the dirty hellish ploy of Russia undertaking its task came to play. Its role is to support the regime openly and to oppose the revolutionaries openly whilst being at war with them is justified in their view. This is whilst the regime was prepared to summon Russia through American instruction and this is exactly what came to pass... As such Russia agreed to play this evil dirty role in Syria in service to America! ...*

The Russian air assaults by air, sea and even by land through their bases and consultants is being undertaken in coordination with America... then every sane person comprehends that if the planes of the two states are circling in the same sky, this means that it is happening either through coordination between them as two friends or it means that there is a war taking place between two enemies where they are clashing with one another and pelting each other with missiles like the reality of any other war. However they are two friends who are coordinating the skies between them in order to accomplish one single objective and not two different ones. Statements that have been made by the two sides confirm such coordination. The Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement it published upon its internet site on Thursday 08/10/2015, "In line with the authorisation of the Russian President Putin and his American counterpart President Barack Obama at the end of their meeting on the sidelines of the UN General Conference, the two respective foreign ministers sought to finalise discussing the ways of settling the situation in Syria, which from one angle includes the necessity to avoid accidents happening in the sky above Syria in addition to strengthening the political settlement in Syria in accordance to the Geneva declaration on 30/06/2012". The statement added that the two ministers: "Also sought to present steps for implementing the Minsk agreements in respect to Ukraine that was signed on the 12th of February..." (Al-Hayat: Electronic copy, Wednesday 7 October 2015)... [End of quote], and I add:

A. Russia's aggression on Syria in 30/9/2015 directly preceded the Obama-Putin meeting on 29/9/2015, and the meeting lasted 90 minutes; the Ukraine crisis has occupied the first part of it, while the two presidents focused on the situation in Syria in the remaining part. The results of this meeting were seen immediately *"on 30/9/2015 the Russian Federation Council agreed unanimously on Putin's request to use the Russian Air Force in Syria."* (Russia Today, 30/9/2015)

B. Even the sites that were hit by Russia in Syria were mostly in agreement with America, CNN reported on 4/10/2015: *"Gen. Andrei Kartapolov, the military official in the leadership of the Russian Army General Staff said on Saturday evening 3/10/2015: The areas that have been targeted by the Russian air force in Syria were introduced to Moscow as areas harboring terrorists only, by the US military command. The official continued to say as quoted by the Russian agency Tass: "The United States of America notified us via common connections that no one exists but the terrorists in these areas.""*

C. The strong coordination between the Russian and American aircraft in the skies of Syria has been even described as training: *"The US Department of Defense, Pentagon announced on Tuesday 3/11/2015 that the Americans and the Russians tested successfully a mechanism allowing their pilots who carry out operations in Syrian airspace to communicate directly to avoid any accidents. Pentagon spokesman Geoff Davis said that the American fighter jet "conducted a communications test on Tuesday, which was prepared with*

the Russian fighter jet" in Syrian airspace, pointing out that the test lasted "three Minutes "and" achieved its objectives ".... For its part, Russian news agencies said, citing a general in the Russian armed forces saying that the US and Russian air forces have conducted joint training in Syria on Tuesday." (Al-Arabiya Net, 03/11/2015)

Accordingly, the US and Russian aircraft fly in a safe air space from all parties: the American aircrafts bombs Syria with the knowledge of the tyrant regime, the Russian aircrafts bombs Syria with the knowledge of the Syrian regime as well... and the Russian aircrafts roam the skies in Syria in agreement with the United States, and full coordination between the US and Russian air forces... Thus, their collision is out of the question because those who roam Syrian airspace are close allies, their target is Islam and Muslims: قَاتِلْهُمْ اللَّهُ أَنَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ **"May Allah destroy them; how are they deluded?"** [At-Tawba:30]. If the harmony between them ends then their collision will be probable.

Second: Accompanying political actions with the military operation:

As is it is known, the regime in Syria is a humiliated agent to America, which considers Syria as the area of its influence that serves its interests, and it is now aware that Bashar has fallen or almost is in a position that compromises his service to the interests of American service, it is looking for an alternative agent to succeed him, and is afraid that he is toppled before it can find a successor... That is why they support him in various ways, including the military actions to achieve two things:

Firstly: To support the tyrant Bashar and prevent his fall before America finds the alternative successor agent to the former agent, and to prevent the occurrence of a vacuum being filled in a way not according to America's calculations... **Secondly:** To continue with the successive pressure on the people of Syria to accept the alternative made by America from the coalition and factions that they call "moderate", and some of the regime's aides.

That is why there are diverse methods in the military actions led by the United States in Syria, whether belonging to Iran or to its party or to its collaborators or to Russian forces recently, and all are for this purpose, which is to create the atmosphere for a political action to achieve America's interest in the first degree, and consolation to Russia for an easing of sanctions and the issue of Ukraine... Hence there was the escalation in military actions to create the political climate. And following up on the events of this matter, this will be seen clearly; there were successive meetings together with the military actions:

- On October 23/10/ 2015, the first Quartet (Russia and the United States, Saudi Arabia and Turkey) meeting was convened. *"The Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said, "The participants in the Saudi Russian, American, Turkey quartet meeting in Vienna on Friday, 23 October, agreed on the external support for the political process in Syria... and stated that all ministers agreed on the need to preserve Syria as united, secular, and sovereign." Kerry described the meeting of the four ministers in Vienna as "constructive and fruitful". Kerry said that Tehran may receive a proposal to join the negotiations of settlement of the Syrian crisis, according to Bloomberg news agency from the American official..."* (Russia Today, 23/10/2015).

- On the evening of 29/10/2015, the Quartet's second meeting was held, *"It finished in Vienna on Thursday night / Friday 30/10/2015, the meeting of the Quartet gathered the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Russia and the United States on ways to find political solution to end the crisis in Syria, without any statements by the four ministers to the media at the end of the meeting... and the US Secretary of State, John Kerry, met with his Iranian counterpart, Mohammad Javad Zarif, and said that the Vienna talks will not lead to*

immediate political solution, but it may be the best chance to save Syria from hell.” (Al-Arabiya Net, 29/10/2015)

It is noticeable here America is keen to conduct the meetings with its alliances and followers, Russia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Iran, in order to complete the group, and then proceed with the American plans without the disruptions of Europe! It was keen to invite Iran to the meetings: *“America announced on 27/10/2015 that it has been invited Iran to attend the conference in Vienna, and the spokeswoman of the Iranian Foreign Ministry, Murdhiya Afkham, declared immediately, saying: “We have received the invitation, and it was decided that the Foreign Minister will participate in the talks.” (The Middle East, 28/10/2015). Not only that, America tried to exclude Europe from the first meetings and even get rid of the European disruptions during the negotiations and that the negotiations continue in the presence of its alliances and its followers, and this annoyed France, and as a reaction its foreign minister was invited to a working dinner on 27/10/2015. Fabius said that a “working dinner” will be held at the headquarters of the Foreign Ministry in the presence of “France’s partners in dealing with the Syrian crisis,” and he added that the meeting will discuss ways for the political transition for a united, democratic Syria respectful of all components of the people, as well as support our war on terrorism.” But America was not interested as it sent its Deputy Secretary of State, Tony Blinken, instead of John Kerry.” (BBC, 27/10/2015). It is apparent that the French meeting was just an attempt to reserve a seat in the negotiations in Vienna.*

America almost succeeded in continuing the exclusion of Europe if it wasn’t for the outbreak of the Syrian refugee crisis and the transition of its effects to the heart of Europe, it was even said that the refugee crisis made the Europeans forget the Greece crisis. And it was focused upon in the European media during the last four months, particularly from Britain and France, and the crisis has escalated in Europe, and became the reason for Europe especially France and Britain, to be involved in the Syrian crisis. The European presence became inevitable in the meetings regarding the Syrian crisis, however, it is clear to the observer that the real talks are between America and its alliances and its followers “Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Iran.”

- On 30/10/ 2015 a large meeting of the seventeen countries was held and Europe took part in it as well as other countries... as well as the United Nations representatives, the European Union, and the Arab League... but it was known that the actual leader in the course of the meetings is America and alliances and its followers!.

One of the highlights reported about this meeting: *“The new negotiations on the Syrian crisis in Vienna began this morning with the participation of about twenty... including Iran, in an effort to reach a political solution to end the crisis and ensure the departure of Assad through a transitional phase.. and in the meeting and many delegations participated from the United States, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, China, Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Lebanon, Iran, Jordan, Qatar, Egypt, Oman, Iraq and the UAE, along with the United Nations and the European Union. This is the first talks on Syria, involving Iran along with global and regional powers seeking to resolve the Syrian crisis.” (Al-Jazeera Net, 30/10/2015). This meeting was closer to a meeting to satisfy, especially to Europe... and it was announced that the next meeting will be held in two weeks.*

- On 14/11/2015 a meeting was held and in its statement contained: *“The statement said that representatives of the 17 countries in addition to the European Union, the United Nations and the Arab League agreed during the Vienna meeting on a specific timetable for the formation of a transitional government in Syria within six months and to hold elections within 18 months despite the continuing dispute over the fate of Bashar al-Assad. The Vienna*

International meeting began on Saturday, in the presence of the United States and Russia, in an effort to find a political solution to the conflict in Syria against the backdrop of unprecedented attacks in Paris and disagreements regarding the fate of Bashar al-Assad, based on a diplomatic source. This is the second international meeting within 15 days; it comes hours after the Paris attacks which have left at least 128 dead.” (Al-Arabiya Net, 14/11/2015 Vienna - AFP).

“The German minister also said, “Although it still seems far-fetched, but that all parties gathered around the table”... For his part, Kerry said in a joint press conference in Vienna with his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov, and the Special UN envoy to Syria, Staffan de Mistura: The five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council agreed to issue a decision in favor of a cease-fire in Syria, and to hold elections within 18 months.” (Emirates Today, 14/11/2015).

Thus, the ongoing military actions and negotiations are continuing and all led by American to achieve both goals mentioned above:

First: To support the tyrant Bashar and prevent his fall before America finds the alternative the successor agent to the former agent, and to prevent the occurrence of a vacuum that can be filled in a way not in accordance to the American calculations...

Second: To continue with the successive pressure on the people of Syria to accept the alternative made by America from the coalition and factions that they call “moderate”, and some of the regime’s aides.

The American predicament in Syria, is that it is creating multiple alternatives, as it did in the different types of the so-called Coalition and other of its followers and tools, but all of these do not receive acceptance in the inside... Therefore it is stepping up its military actions, whether directly from it or from Iran and its party, and recently from Russia, all in an attempt to put pressure on the people of Syria to accept America’s creation as an alternative agent successor to Bashar the former agent.

Third: The expected solution in Syria:

A deeper look into the ongoing events in Syria and its related international, regional and local issues cast a light on the expected solution, as follows:

1. The Syrian regime is an agent of America in the era of Bashar and his father before him, and this matter does not need further explanation...

2. The Kaffir colonists depose of their agents once exhausted of its role and become unable to achieve their interests...

3. But at the same time they are keen to get an alternative agent to succeed the former agent...

4. And this is America’s dilemma here, the alternatives they created and the coalition is like the magician’s spell that never works.

5. America has failed to find the next agent to replace the current agent and it was afraid that Bashar would perish before they find an alternative, and the Muslims fill the void.

This shows that the expected solution is one of three:

- That America continues to stall negotiations in Geneva 1-2-3... Vienna 1-2-3... and its sisters... extending the period of negotiation after a month or two... and find an interim rule for a year or two... Thus, waiting for an alternative acceptable from the people and who can serve its interests, at the same time continue to support Bashar so that he does not perish

before his time, through various devilish supportive means by it and its agents, and Iran and its militias, and Russia and its followers...

- To impose a rule, backed by an international force, or without it, made from its creations from the coalition and moderate factions, and declare a secular state that fights Allah and His Messenger (saw).

- That the sincere people come to power, the people of ash-Sham, the abode of Islam, and they stamp on the Kaffir colonists and their creations and their secularism, and establish the rule of Islam, the righteous Khilafah, and Islam and its people become victorious, and humiliates Kufr and its people, and matters be as Al-Aziz Al-Hakim says:

﴿وَقُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَزَهَقَ الْبَاطِلُ إِنَّ الْبَاطِلَ كَانَ زَهُوقًا﴾

“And say, "Truth has come, and falsehood has departed. Indeed is falsehood, [by nature], ever bound to depart." [Al-Isra: 81]

And, the people of Ash-Sham and every brother to them in Islam will prevent, by Grace of Allah and His Strength, every rule in the land of Ash-Sham, but the rule of Islam, and every flag but the flag of Al-Uqab, the banner of the Messenger of Allah (saw), the banner of there is no god but Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, and then purify the land of Ash-Sham from the abomination of the agents and the colonists.

Fourth: Impact of the Paris attacks and synchronization with the Vienna Conference:

As for the synchronization of the Vienna Conference and the France bombings: the conference took place just hours after the bombings, so the synchronization being intentional is ruled out or that it has an active influence in the Vienna Conference. It is only to the extent of America exploiting the attacks to make France desist from demanding to wage a war on Bashar's regime, rather to become preoccupied with fighting what it calls terrorism far away from Bashar, who remains in his position until America finds the alternative. France opposed America in focusing the air attacks on what it calls terrorism, and not targeting the regime and now France has become focused on so-called terrorism and not the regime... All this renders America to work in knitting its threads of plots in Syria to find a secular solution hidden in its sleeve instead of the Khilafah in which the people of Ash-Sham demand. It does that and it is seen as reassuring for the survival of Bashar until it finds an alternative and fulfills its plots, and after he was supported by Iran and its party and the henchmen and followers, and finally by the support of Russia and the aversion of the threat of France on the regime.

This is on one hand and on the other hand, Obama has benefited from these attacks in improving the image of his democratic rule for the elections, it was noted that Obama's statements supporting France in their actions against the ISIS organization and terrorism were mounting remarks! It is as if Obama wanted to appear firm in the fight against terrorism amidst the backdrop of the US election campaigns, and not, as how his Republicans opponents accuse him, that Obama's Democrat government does not stand firmly in the face of terrorism, and this affects the electoral public opinion support for the Democrats. In this context, US Secretary of State John Kerry's statement on Friday 13/11/2015 in Tunisia on the same day that the Paris attacks took place, said: "The days of Daesh are numbered" in his response to the killing of who is known as Jihadi John... America's discussion about the troops that they are training and that they are achieving victories inside Syria against ISIS organization is in the same context.

And there is something that must be pointed out, it is that the West has used the Paris attacks in the "surge" against Islam, claiming that Islam was behind the killing of civilians with the knowledge that it is an established fact that the targeting of civilian non-combatants is considered as illegal from the point of view of Islam, and Islam throughout history. Since the time of the Messenger of Allah (saw), Islam deliberately works to protect the civilian non-combatants from the scourge of war. Islam demands the safeguarding of the vulnerable, the civilians who do not have weapons to defend themselves... and even in wars when meeting the enemy, the Messenger of Allah (saw) used to advise the Islamic Army :

«وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا امْرَأَةً، وَلَا وَلِيدًا، وَلَا شَيْخًا كَبِيرًا»

“Do not kill a woman, or an infant, or an old man”

And the righteous Khaleefs used to advise likewise. Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with him, advised his army commander:

(وَأِنَّكُمْ سَتَجِدُونَ أَقْوَامًا قَدْ حَبَسُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ فِي هَذِهِ الصَّوَامِعِ فَأَتْرُكُوهُمْ وَمَا حَبَسُوا لَهُ أَنْفُسَهُمْ... وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا كَبِيرًا هَرِمًا، وَلَا امْرَأَةً، وَلَا وَلِيدًا، وَلَا تُخْرِبُوا عُمُرَانًا...)

“You will find people who locked themselves up in temples, spare them and leave them for what they locked themselves up for...and do not kill the old, nor a woman, nor an infant, and do not destroy buildings.”

Omar, may Allah be pleased with him, advised his army commander:

(لَا تَعْلُوا، وَلَا تَغْدِرُوا، وَلَا تُمَتِّلُوا، وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا امْرَأَةً، وَلَا صَبِيًّا، وَلَا شَيْخًا...)

“Do not transgress, do not betray, do not mutilate, and do not kill a woman, or a child, or an elderly.”

Thus are the Muslims even in their fight. If one of their soldiers while fighting his opponent, and the opponent's sword fell from his hand he will desist from killing him, but rather he would wait until his opponent picked up the sword and then he kills him in pride and face-to-face... Although these are hard facts in Islam and known to the West from the history of the Muslims and their conquests, however they are taking advantage of those events to mobilize hatred against Islam and Muslims, and it is a blind hatred. Had they perpetrated the crime, and they are many, they will not stand at that but they will justify it, and if the Muslims carried out the crime, they pursue the entire Muslim community present in their country. They even attack Islam itself, as is the case these days... It is a blind hatred that will not be extinguished except after the establishment of the Khilafah, and then it will avenge every oppressed from every tyrant, and the light of the Khilafah and its goodness will spread and prevail, not only over the Muslim countries but to every living sane person in this world...

﴿وَاللَّهُ غَالِبٌ عَلَىٰ أَمْرِهِ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾

“And Allah is predominant over His affair, but most of the people do not know”
[Yusuf: 21]

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