

Why Syria crisis must be taken seriously by its allies in Russia

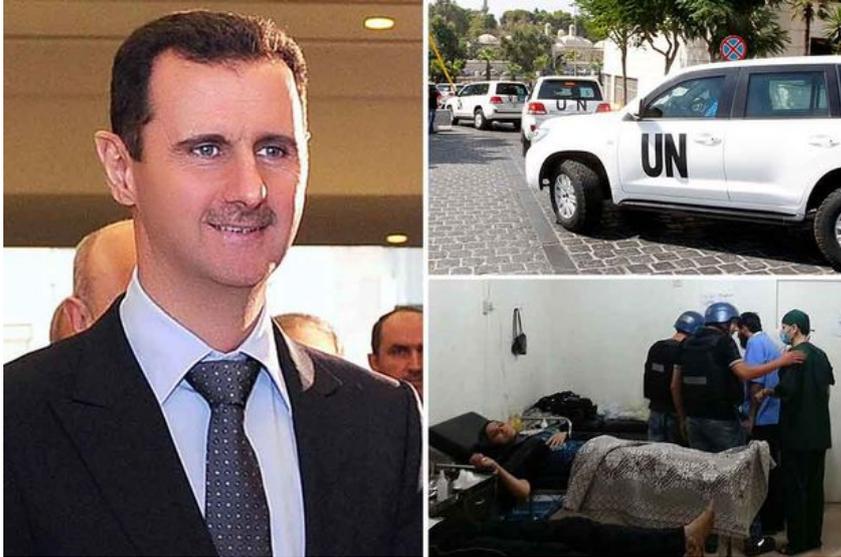
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My instinct is that we may need to do something.

Frankly, the Russians have to understand that we are going to do something.

I'm wholly in favour of making it look like we are willing to act on this gas attack.

But this thing can only be brought to an end with Russia on board with us.

I hope Russia will stop playing games with the UN Security Council and come into serious discussions.

There is still a faint hope that we might be able to get them on board.

But Putin has to believe that if they don't, Barack Obama is going to attack.

We have to be ready to use force. It's always tricky threatening to use force - because you might have to.

If the Russians go on as they are and won't work with us then we have to rely on "humanitarian" intervention. In that case your intervention has to be strictly limited - targeting Syrian-held chemical weapons.

What you can't do is what happened in Libya.

The Russians are very paranoid with us after our action there and they feel we took advantage of them in the Security Council.

We have to be very careful on this and stay on the right side of international law.

A lot of the world - and particularly the Russians - are very sceptical.

When you are arguing the case for humanitarian intervention your targeting has to be very well judged.

In Libya we did extend the Security Council resolution. But the Security Council is not working at the moment and that is very damaging.

They don't trust us and we don't trust them. A lot will depend now on what the UN inspectors say.

I don't like the militant talk coming out of No10. We are not major players.

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We might send a few cruise missiles - but that's it.

The key is President Obama. He is moving towards taking firm action.

The skill in this ghastly situation is to turn it to your advantage.

It's perfectly legitimate to say: "If you don't want military action then Syria has to give up all its gas supplies."

* Lord Owen is former Foreign Secretary

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"We've got a new offer. It's about Syria again. Qataris propose an attractive deal and swear that the idea is approved by Washington.

We'll have to deliver a Chemical weapon to Homs, a Soviet origin gas-shell from Libya similar to those that Assad should have. They want us to deploy our Ukrainian personnel that should speak Russian and make a video record. Frankly, I don't think it's a good idea but the sums proposed are enormous. Your opinion?"

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Turkish security forces found a 2kg cylinder with sarin gas after searching the homes of Syrian militants from the Al-Qaeda linked Al-Nusra Front who were previously detained, Turkish media reports. The gas was reportedly going to be used in a bomb.

May 6th, 2013 -
digitaljournal.com/article/349585

Geneva - Carla del Ponte, member of the UN Human Rights Commission, has unequivocally stated that chemical weapons have not been used by the Syrian army but by fighters among the rebels.

In an interview with a Swiss-Italian television station, Carla del Ponte used the following words; according to Reuters:

"Our investigators have been in neighboring countries interviewing victims, doctors and field hospitals and, according to their report of last week which I have seen, there are strong, concrete suspicions but not yet incontrovertible proof of the use of sarin gas, from the way the victims were treated. This was use on the part of the opposition, the rebels, not by the government authorities."

2013 - youtube.com/watch?v=fPEfSal8hmM

Syria rebels testing chemical weapons on animals in a controlled environment

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the yaks used CW in Falluja and the rest of Iraq....

What you are saying it is ok to use WMD as long as we use them but its not okay for other countries to even have them....WTF is all that about....

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Western countries choice and pick policies in the middle will not bring long term peace and security in the region. When Egyptian are being killed by military general , it seems liked the action and silently endorsing the dictatorship over democracy .

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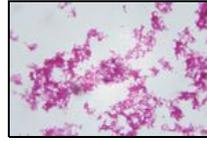
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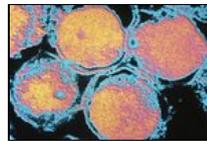
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