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The recent announcement that Vladimir Putin and Recep Tayyip Erdogan had come to an agreement regarding an end to fighting in Aleppo and the delivery of aid to civilians was good news.

That the Syrian opposition met with the Russian authorities in Ankara under the mediation of Turkey regarding putting an end to the tragedy in Aleppo was likewise a promising development.

Putin's spokesperson Dimitry Peskov's statement that Mr. Putin ordered the urgent construction of field hospitals in Aleppo was also quite significant in terms of reflecting Russia's responsible and humane approach to the issue.

While countries such as Russia, Iran and Turkey share centuries-old historical, social and cultural relations and ties with the region, it has been disturbing to see political actors from far-flung parts of the world wade into the conflict in pursuit of certain interests and goals.

The time has come for Aleppo, Syria, Iraq, the Middle East and the Islamic world to free themselves from the foul designs of imperialism. Participating in the bloodshed in Aleppo will only achieve one thing: turning local actors into an instrument for insidious imperialist plans that serve the architects of the "Greater Middle East Project."

Most of the places devastated during the attacks in Syria have subsequently come under the control of Kurdish PYD-PKK forces. The Kurds, lest it be forgotten, are staunch allies of certain meddling Western powers. This is concrete proof of who actually benefits from war and instability. The real threat in the region is not the poor civilians, but the insidious and opportunistic subcontractors of imperialism.

Biggest Blow

Contrary to the plan in effect, the biggest blow dealt to the dark schemes aimed at the region will be to stop the bloodshed, to establish peace and stability, to protect the downtrodden Syrians by delivering them from disaster to salvation, and to protect the unity and integrity of Syria. A solid alliance between Russia, Turkey and Iran is the only way to realize this mission.

It is crucial for Russia to render its existing alliance with Syria lasting and stronger than before. Russia is at a historical turning point with regard to protecting not only the regime supporters but all the Syrian people, opposition or neutral.

I sincerely believe that Mr. Putin and the Russian government will urgently take the most rational and humane decisions at this critical crossroads. Russia should make great use of this opportunity to be the pioneer of a historic mission in Syria and set an inspiring example.

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