

**Nations unies - Syrie - Remarques à  
la presse du représentant  
permanent de la France auprès des  
Nations unies**  
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(en anglais)

Just a few words on Syria, because I think the situation there is very alarming, so 3 key points:

1/ First of all, we are extremely concerned by the ongoing attacks from the Syrian regime and its allies against the opposition in the South West part of the country.

These are very serious attacks and this is a pattern that we all know too well, a precedent that we all know too well. It is a source of extreme concern. We have seen reports of intense bombings on Deraa over the last few days leading to new and important killings of civilians, and new forced movements of population, schools and hospitals being attacked and targeted. Those deliberate bombings are a clear violation of the agreement on a de-escalation zone and we need a full cessation of hostilities as required by resolution 2401.

2/ We are also extremely concerned by the humanitarian very alarming situation. Thousands of people, if not more, are now stranded in border areas, trying to survive in inhuman conditions. We need all parties to respect their obligations under international humanitarian law and to enable UN crossborder humanitarian deliveries now. There is not a minute to waste in this respect, as many lives are at stake.

3/ Make no mistake about this. All of the above is ruining the current efforts for dialogue. Precisely at a time when these efforts are more urgent than ever, and precisely at a time when there was a glimmer of hope on the political front, as the creation of a constitutional committee in particular could potentially be a turning point towards a credible political momentum. So let's be careful that all these attacks, which are a disaster in themselves, in addition to all this, don't ruin the political process at a time when there was a glimmer of hope. This is my message of the day./.