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## **RUSSIA SPECIAL BRIEFING FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESPERSON MARIA ZAKHAROVA OCTOBER 6**

### **AGAINST ANTI RUSSIA CAMPAIGN**

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**USPA NEWS** - Yesterday, was given a special briefing only dedicated to the situation surrounding the settlement and actions taken by RUSSIA to combat the Islamic State (ISIS, ISIL, DAECH). Maria Zakharova, Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, titled this special briefing 'The anti-Russian campaign launched...

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End of September several declarations were made around the actual situation in Syria :

The Pentagon disputed Russia's claim that it targeted only djihadi groups, with secretary of defense Ash Carter saying that evidence suggested strikes 'were in areas where there probably were no Isis forces'. Carter said the Kremlin's current strategy is 'doomed to failure' and American air strikes will continue 'unimpeded'. (Guardian).

The White House and secretary of State John Kerry said the US would be open to working with Russia to resolve the Syrian crisis but only under amenable terms. 'Russia will not succeed in imposing a military solution any more than the United States was successful in imposing a military solution in Iraq', spokesperson Josh Earnest said. (The Guardian)

Diplomates in the UN wrangled inconclusively over Assad's fate, even as Russia claimed that its intervention in Syria was more legitimate than western bombing. Kerry and Russian foreign minister Sergey Lavrov met and developed 'some very specific steps' for de-escalating the conflict, Kerry said, but they would have to mull them over in Washington and Moscow while military talks resumed 'as soon as possible'. (The Guardian)

So, regarding the 'legitimacy' of RUSSIA and the 'legitimacy' of some Western countries to bomb Syria and Syrian people, Maria Zakharova, Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, made the following statement:

'...After the military component of the anti-terrorist operation by the Russian Air Force began in Syria at the request of the official Syrian government, the international media have launched a strong anti-Russian campaign to condemn the allegedly illegal, illogical and incomprehensible actions by Russia in Syria...'

'The Western media are acting in a fairly simplistic manner. You can see this for yourself on a daily basis. First, they publish statements by officials from countries that still, for whatever reasons, don't understand the consistency and the logic of Russia's policy in that region. These statements set the tone for numerous reports and publications with further comments and links to a variety of unconfirmed, informal or unnamed sources. The key message of these statements is that Russia's goal is to destroy the 'moderate opposition' (exactly their words) in the region.'...

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