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'No good terrorists': Lavrov urges anti-ISIS coalition not to put political interests first

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The statement added that dealing with the IS is “a matter of urgency.”

Around 30 countries took part in the event.

Lavrov has criticized the move not to invite Syria and Iran to the meeting.

*“Syria and Iran are our natural allies in the fight against IS, and their participation in today’s meeting could significantly enrich our work. Moral standards on which the anti-terrorism battle is based shouldn’t become vague,”* he stated.

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"They murdered and humiliate Christians, stage horrific executions of journalists. They try to impose on Muslims an unacceptable attitude to other confessions and to the entire world," Lavrov said.

The minister expressed a strong point of view regarding the IS ambitions for independence.

*"The IS commanders should have no illusions: they do not represent Islam and they would never be allowed to create their state,"* he said.

He also expressed the Russian position in favor of *"the continued independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq,"* as well as *"the advancement of inclusive political process."*

Finally, Lavrov expressed Russia's readiness to participate in the development of additional measures for fighting terrorism.

*"We already provide significant military and other necessary help to strengthen the anti-terrorism potential of Iraq, Syria and other states in the region which are on the frontline in their fight against the IS,"* he said.

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