

UN Resolution On Syria :

Imperialist Rivalry Escalates the Civil War

The United Nations Security Council unanimously approved a draft resolution setting out timetable for ending the five year civil war in Syria raked up by the US imperialism with nefarious aim of changing the Assad's government. It also talked about the political solution to the crisis.

According to the resolution, the process will begin in January 2016 pushing for a ceasefire and starting a dialogue between the government and opposition forces on the formation of a transitional government which is supposed to be set up within six months. Then the UN-supervised election would be conducted after 18 months.

The resolution left many key questions unanswered – who would be included in the ceasefire, who would participate in the talks, who would comprise the transitional government, and who would be allowed to conduct the elections.

There are deep divisions of hegemonic interests of imperialist powers that are responsible for the Syrian crisis. The US imperialism, in its bid to establish hegemony over the oil rich Middle East, has been campaigning for change of regime in Syria headed by President Assad. It backed, financed and armed the so-called opposition, who are none other than Al Qaeda linked groups. While Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Qatar are directly involved in this game, other western imperialist powers are supporting it.

On the other side, the Russia wants to prevent the US from depriving Moscow of its of its only ally in the Middle east and intervened militarily to provide air support to Syrian government forces attacking the so-called opposition forces.

The US imperialism is insisting on the ouster of Assad while Russia is supporting Assad as a bulwark against "terrorism". It is opposing any attempt to change the regime in Syria.

The UN resolution did not mention the name of Assad neither denying not giving a role to him in the process envisaged in the resolution. It is an attempt to hide the deep divisions among the powers involved under carpet which undoubtedly emerge soon with more intensity.

The signs are already there to see. Saudi Arabia collected an assortment exiled leaders living in the West and made them to demand for the removal of Assad. One of them is Riad Hijeb, who was selected as "Chief Coordinator" of anti Assad opposition forces. Hijeb was appointed as Prime Minister by Assad in 2012. But two months later he defected taking cash offered by the French intelligence to join western backed drive for regime change.

Another major point of division is the who the "rebels" are. The UN resolution says the terrorist groups will be excluded from the process. But which groups are terrorist and which ones are opposition is left unanswered. Both sides agree that ISIS as terrorist. The US is not ready to specify which groups it considers as terrorist. Jordan was given responsibility of listing the terrorist groups. After consultation with other countries of the region, it prepared a list which contained more than 20 groups as terrorist; most of them are being funded and armed by the CIA if US imperialism.

As the UN is voting the resolution, NATO announced deployment of to Turkish border with Syria, which has been conduit for ISIS and other groups. At the same time, Russian military deployed advanced air defence system to Syrian base Hmeimim near Turkish border. This system has the capacity to target 36 aircrafts simultaneously.

The talk of peace and simultaneous military buildup by the imperialist forces clearly indicates that the civil war is going to be intensified bringing more destruction to the Syrian people. The clash of exploitative class interests among the powers that created the civil war in Syria are at the root of the present crisis. Unless and until the imperialist domination, military intervention are resisted by the toiling masses, peace eludes not only Syria but also Middle East and toiling masses of the world.
