

## **Syria: Putin yelping like a chihuahua again!**

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### **Libya redux**

We've heard it all before Putin, remember Libya and the Slavic Balkans, you disgraceful, cowering dog? Yelping like a chihuahua over Syria achieves NOTHING other than a global demonstration of YOUR COWARDICE, lack of will or worse, your duplicitous criminal corruption! Why do you CONSTANTLY fail to support your ALLIES in the face of OVERT Western CRIMINAL aggression? Do you lack the COURAGE to DO SOMETHING ABOUT the SITUATION or are you merely performing, creating the impression that you oppose when you're really PART OF THE PROBLEM, a complicit player behind the scenes?



***Putin***

IT'S TIME TO BACK TALK WITH ACTION OR LOSE ANY VESTIGE OF CREDIBILITY YOU MAY HAVE ONCE HAD; you are an EMBARRASSMENT to the RUSSIAN PEOPLE and STATE.

Report from the Telegraph follows:

### **Syria: Russia accuses West of being "accomplices" in violence**

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Sergei Ryabkov, the Russian deputy foreign minister, offered an analysis of the conflict that differs radically from the view of Western capitals. He stressed that President Bashar al-Assad had promised a new constitution that would pave the way for political reform.

"The Syrian leadership has assured us of its readiness to quickly hold a referendum on a new constitution and move toward elections," said Mr Ryabkov. "This means that the opposition bears full responsibility for improving the situation and finding a way to stop the bloodshed."

The intransigence of Mr Assad's opponents was the main cause of the violence, added Mr Ryabkov, and Western governments were only encouraging this hardline stance.

"Western states that push the Syrian opposition into uncompromising measures, which

arm them and give them advice and instructions, are accomplices in the process of inflaming the crisis," he told the ITAR-TASS official news agency.

The sensible course would be for the West to restrain the opposition and encourage its leaders to seek a compromise with Mr Assad.

"The responsibility rests with those who while holding the levers of influence over the opposition still fail to call it to order and demand that it accept the Syrian government's offers and begin real talks," said Mr Ryabkov.

Last Sunday, Russia and China jointly vetoed a resolution before the United Nations Security Council that would have urged Mr Assad to transfer power to his deputy.

The deputy foreign minister said the Kremlin was willing to repeat the exercise, warning that Russia "will have to again and again resort to strong measures" at the Security Council if more draft resolutions that blame the conflict on Mr Assad are proposed.

The bombardment of Homs, which has now lasted for a week and claimed at least 300 lives, has focused Western countries on the humanitarian situation inside Syria.

But Russia believes that any such concerns are merely a cover for the real goal of toppling Mr Assad. "Russia does not share the West's views about so-called 'humanitarian intervention'," said Mr Ryabkov.

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