UNSC to Hold Emergency Session on Syria

UNITED NATIONS - The UN Security Council (UNSC) is scheduled to hold an emergency meeting on Saturday to discuss the current situation in Syria as Russia and the United States are at odds with each other over the airstrike on a rebel-held military camp in Aleppo, diplomats told Xinhua here Friday.

The emergency council meeting is to start at 3:00 p.m. EDT (1900 GMT) on Saturday, and the council members are expected to vote on a draft resolution on Syria, said the diplomats.

Russia, the council's president for the month, said on Friday that the draft resolution is a political document that would not lead to any better situation in Syria.

A draft resolution demanding an end to aerial and military flights over Aleppo was not discussed at the council meeting on Syria in July. A similar draft resolution that called for a temporary halt in aerial and military flights, which also failed to garner enough support for adoption, was withdrawn by Russia.

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