Turkey-Backed Syrian Rebels Strip IS of Religious Stronghold

MOSCOW - Russia does not seek confrontation with the United States (US) and is not trying to influence the upcoming presidential election, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Sunday.

Putin said he would work with any US leader willing to work with Russia. "Syrians must decide on their own future," Putin said.

Russia's Foreign Ministry said all participants in talks in Lausanne should decide their own fate and have a peaceful, rational dialogue and that the country should remain whole and secular, after the meeting ended without an agreement.

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UN Meeting to Set Global Goals in Sustainable Urban Development for 2 decades

LAUSANNE - Talks between foreign ministers from the United States, Russia, Turkey, Iran, Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Iraq came to a close Saturday evening without any of the delegations suggesting that a breakthrough had been reached on how to tackle the Syrian crisis.

Together with high-level diplomats from key regional partners, US Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov convened in the Swiss city of Lausanne for more than four hours in a bid to resolve the long-standing civil war in Syria.

The talks in Lausanne last week, known as the Geneva II, which also included the US and European Union nations, had brought in 1,200 fighters from the group earlier than thearchipelago. During the battle, the IS planes and artillery had captured the town of Dabiq, a town in the northern countryside of Aleppo province.

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