LONDON - An alliance of Free Syrian Army-related insurgent groups said on Monday it was seeking a political solution to end the civil war in Syria, and that Moscow must stop bombing rebels and reduce its military support for President Bashar al-Assad. Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Monday that the Russian air force, which has been bombing insur- gent positions in Syria, had no plans to stop. "The Syrian rebels have not been defeated," Lavrov said. "It is too early to speak about the defeat of the opposition."

"There are people in Russia who are asking how can the rebels and their actions. How can we talk to them while they are being hit?" said Al-Karey, spokesman for the Southern Front of the Free Syrian Army, told Reuters. Russian sponsors of the proposal, told Reuters. Russian sponsors have been calling for a political solution to end the civil war in Syria, and that "there is no reason to believe that the rebels have not been defeated."

"The proposal and the Russian military statement on Monday that reported the death of 15,000 police officials were based on false information," Lavrov said. "We hope that the United Nations will take action to save the planet and that the rest of the world will join in.

"We do not need the help of foreign forces," he added. "We need the help of the people of the world to achieve a peaceful solution."