

# Lavrov Rips 'One-Sided' Syria Talks

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Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Monday that the Friends of Syria conference held over the weekend in Tunisia did not appear to make any progress toward starting dialogue in the Syrian conflict, Interfax reported.

Russia did not send a representative to the meeting, which it criticized for not inviting the Syrian regime to participate.

The conference, attended by a range of Western and Arab governments, was designed to formulate steps to help resolve the violent political crisis in Syria.

Lavrov said it was unclear what results the conference brought.

"The meeting that took place in Tunis was clearly one-sided. There were diverse voices that were heard there, and it's still unclear what status the document that was distributed has," Lavrov said Monday at a news conference with the foreign minister of Myanmar, Interfax reported.

On Saturday, an unnamed Kremlin source told RIA-Novosti that a proposal that came out

of the conference for Syrian President Bashar Assad to be given political asylum in Russia was not likely to happen.

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