

Lavrov Bristles Over Syria

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Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov lashed out Friday at countries that are backing opposition groups fighting the dictatorship of Syria's Bashar Assad, saying that was "pushing Syria even deeper into internecine strife."

Lavrov told the UN General Assembly that the fighting in Syria, which has killed more than 30,000 people, must end through a comprehensive cease-fire, release of prisoners and humanitarian aid.

He backed efforts by special UN envoy Lakhdar Brahimi to end fighting and warned that the number of war crimes committed by both sides is growing.

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