

Russian Embassy in London Says Security 'Compromised' by Syria Protest

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The Russian Embassy in London has sent a written complaint to the British Foreign Office after a mountain of fake limbs were dumped outside its embassy on Thursday.

Protesters attached hundreds of mannequin arms to the consulate's gates on Thursday afternoon and some people taking part in the stunt handcuffed themselves to the gates.

The loud protest was meant to draw attention to Russia's involvement in Syria, where it has been accused of targeting moderate rebels fighting the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

In an [online statement](#) the Russian Embassy in the British capital expressed “deep concern [over] the unwillingness of the British government to ensure normal operation and security

of the Russian diplomatic mission in London.”

It complained that police officers had looked on without taking any action and its phone lines had been swamped with “nuisance callers.”

“One is under the impression that this disruptive 'protest action' has been thoroughly planned, which is not surprising in the context of the recent official statement [by British Foreign Secretary] Boris Johnson,” the note said. It also added it saw the stunt in light of “an ongoing anti-Russian campaign in the media inspired by some statements of the British officials.”

[Johnson last month said](#) last month he would “like to see” a protest at the Russian Embassy following outrage over continued air raids on the rebel-held city of Aleppo.

“There is no commensurate horror among protest groups,” Johnson said during a speech in the House of Commons, accusing Russia of intentionally targeting hospitals. “I would like to see demonstrations outside the Russian embassy.”

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