

'The G-7 Are Terrorists!': Hundreds Protest Italy G-7 Meeting on Syria

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Hundreds of protesters poured into the streets of Lucca, Italy, to protest the <u>two-day meeting of</u> <u>G-7 foreign ministers</u> who had gathered mainly to talk about Syria.

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The anti-G-7 demonstrators held banners emblazoned with slogans such as "Tuscany against the G-7!" and "Out with the murderers!" as leaders from Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Canada, Japan and the United States met under the chairmanship of Italian Foreign Minister Paolo Gentiloni.

The crowd was protesting the recent <u>U.S. missile attack against a Syrian army base in Homs</u>, with many blasting the G-7 governments for feigning concern over the crisis under the guise of pursuing their own interests in the resource-rich Middle East region.

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"The G-7 are the terrorists, and those who launched 59 missiles on Syria a few days ago are terrorists. Syrians have been suffering because of the war they caused and their policies," one of the demonstrators said, as reported by Press TV.

Another protester said, "The foreign ministers have long been active, because the region has resources, and oil and natural gas pipelines underground, and also because there are vested economic interests. They want to increase their own capital rather than help people around the world."

On the first day of the meeting Monday, Britain's Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson pushed for sanctions against Russia for its policy on Syria, but the motion was ultimately rejected. The group did not reach a consensus on the conflict, but openly embraced the recent U.S. airstrikes and condemned Syrian President Bashar Assad, echoing the tune carried in many liberal media establishment outlets.

Many have condemned U.S. intervention in the country, and after the most recent strikes, protests under the banner of "Hands Off Syria" cropped up throughout the world, including in Syria itself.

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Lambasting U.S. aggression in the region on Friday, <u>Bolivian Ambassador to the United Nations Sacha Llorenti</u> compared the basis for the unilateral move to former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell's infamous 2003 presentation to the U.N., when fraudulent evidence of an alleged Iraqi weapons program was presented to justify the U.S. war on Iraq.



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Lebanese resistance movement <u>Hezbollah also decried the move</u>, issuing a sharp warning to Washington Friday, calling it a "stupid move carried out by Trump's administration (that) would usher a major and serious tension in the region and complicate the situation in the whole world."

China, too, blasted the attack as a weak move made in order for the <u>U.S. to maintain hegemony</u> in the region.

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