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European Powers Might Sanction Russia over Syria

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Moscow, Oct 13 (Prensa Latina) Several European powers might implement new sanctions against Russia due to its stance on the Syrian conflict, according to British media, quoted in this capital on Thursday.

The Financial Times reported that countries like France, the United Kingdom and Germany, among others, might be preparing a package of restrictions against Russia, specifically due to the situation in the Syrian city of Aleppo.

Russian President Vladimir Putin told the French station TF1 on Wednesday that in fact, the responsibility for the crisis in Syria and in the Middle East lies on the West, which promoted the so-called Arab spring and funded the armed groups.

In no way we will let terrorists hiding behind human shields blackmail us, because terrorism must be fought to the end, Putin stressed.

The Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, Maria Zajarova, pointed out recently that the terrorists of Jabhat An Nusra are establishing their commands in hospitals and schools, and are using civilians as human shields in Aleppo.

For its part, Reuters reported that the so-called Syria list might include at least 12 Russian figures, although it acknowledged that it will have to be approved by all 28 members of the European Union (EU).

The EU is implementing sanctions against at least 200 figures and 70 legal entities from Syria, including an oil embargo, the freezing of accounts from the Central Bank of that country and restrictions to investments, among other measures.