



Full stability, security in Syria a key regional goal for Iran/Deepening Tehran-Damascus ties imperative

President described relations between Iran and Syria brotherly, close and stronger than ever, saying, "One of the important regional goals and foreign policy principles of the Islamic Republic of Iran is establishment of full stability, security and normal conditions in Syria for the ."return of Syrians' to their normal life

Dr Hassan Rouhani met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Syria Walid Muallem on Wednesday and said, "After the victory of the Islamic Revolution, close Tehran-Damascus relations started with the special attention of the leaders of the two countries and these relations will continue to stand in all fields serving the national interests of the two nations".

He also expressed congratulations to the people and the government of Syria for the victories over the terrorists, adding, "We have no doubt that your victory against a great conspiracy in this region led by the United States and some other countries is a great victory and success for the Syrians and the entire region".

Syria still has hurdles until it reaches full victory, said Rouhani adding, "Overcoming these hurdles is a common goal for the two countries".

"Therefore, it is essential that we further develop our cooperation and coordination in all fields," he said.

Dr Rouhani also went on to state that the relations between the two countries should stand strong in long term, saying, "To realise this goal, we need to take our steps with sensitivity and care by considering the interests of the two nations".

He also referred to the recent visit of the First Vice-President to Damascus and described it very important and successful, adding, "The visit has had good achievements for the two nations".

During the meeting, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Syria Walid Muallem also congratulated the 40th anniversary of the victory of the Islamic Revolution, and appreciated the Iranian nation and government's unhesitating support of Syria.

He said, " The Syrian nation and government praise and rely on Tehran' s unwavering stances in supporting Syria' s territorial integrity and combatting terrorism and foreign occupation"

" Without a doubt, the Islamic Republic of Iran' success in foiling the United States' conspiracies is a great success for the entire region, including Syria, " he continued.

Muallem went on to describe First VP Dr Jahangiri's visit to Damascus very effective, adding, "This visit has set off a powerful move for development of relations between the two countries".

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