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## **THE UNITED STATES AND ITS PARTNERS ARE NOT SEEKING REGIME CHANGE IN SYRIA**

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The US Secretary of State also said he did not rule out the possibility of Syrian government forces loyal to Assad being viewed by Washington as a viable part of the operation against IS terrorists.

'The United States and its partners are not seeking so-called regime change as it is known in Syria,' Kerry said in a news conference inside the Kremlin, before immediately adding that the U.S. continues to believe that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has no possibility of remaining the country's leader in the future. However, Kerry said the talks didn't focus on 'what can or can't be done immediately about Assad' but rather on establishing a political process where Syrians will be able to choose their own leader.' (ABC news)

'The US has previously had officials hint that their stance on Syria could change, but this is the first time such a high-profile official has openly renounced regime change. That it was Kerry is particularly noteworthy since Kerry led the failed 2013 effort to get Congress to approve of a US invasion to impose regime change there, repeatedly likening Assad to Hitler during the effort' (Mintpress News)

'Although the U.S. has pushed for Mr. Assad to be removed from office, officials have done little to actually affect regime change. A costly U.S.-led train-and-equip program aimed at helping anti-regime forces in Syria was shut down in October after it failed to produce more than a handful of fighters.' (Washington Times)

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