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Insurgents not to last in Syria without West support: Analyst

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Insurgents in Syria would not be able to retain their position without the support and intervention of the West, a human rights and international lawyer tells Press TV.

"Without the support of Washington's powers, the fight would not even be occurring because the regime is very stable and in support of actually the Christian minorities, the Alawites...the Kurds, and actually a large percentage of the Sunni population that appreciates the stability that the...regime has," Edward Corrigan said in an exclusive interview with Press TV on Monday.

"There's a massive movement of Salafis, another al-Qaeda and Sunni extremists, which are brought in from Libya and elsewhere to try to bolster the opposition."

Syria has been experiencing unrest since March 2011. Damascus says outlaws, saboteurs, and armed terrorists are the driving factor behind the unrest and deadly violence, while the opposition accuses the security forces of being behind the killings.

The Syrian government says that the chaos is being orchestrated from outside the country, and there are reports that a very large number of the armed militants are foreign nationals.

Corrigan reiterated that the armed groups are preventing the Syrian refugees from returning to their homes in areas that have been declared safe by the military because the resettlement would eventually work to contradict their assertion that the majority or many Syrians are opposed to the government.

"There is a lot of support for the Bashar regime. I think most of the Syrian population is opposed to the foreign-backed parties that are trying to destroy Syria by provoking a civil war," he stressed.

He reiterated that the West is not concerned about the human costs of the ongoing violence in the country, adding that it rather favors that the "Arab or Muslim states" get "weakened" or even "destroyed."

Corrigan described the West's "humanitarian intervention" in Syria as hypocritical.

"This is to cripple Syria and to fragment it, and to prevent it from being part of a region with an element of stability," he concluded.

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