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'We are not going to make Syria into a proxy war between the United States and Russia. This is not some superpower chessboard contest'. Also, Barack Obama said that Syria's civil war doesn't involve the United States and admitted elements of his strategy had failed. A plan to train and equip opposition forces, which resulted in only a handful of trainees 'did not work the way it was supposed to'.

Xinhua reported from Moscow Friday that the Obama-Putin meeting might have even given 'a green light' to the Russian airstrikes in Syria. It said 'In spite of distinct disputes on such issues as the Ukraine crisis and the Syrian conflict, the two countries (US and Russia) managed to coordinate, sending a positive signal regarding the improvement of bilateral relations and their readiness to cooperate more.'

Barack Obama admitted about the US' limitations in getting into any military involvement in Syria. For one thing, he is not sure the U.S. has the 'resources and the capacity to make a serious impact.' He also said 'We will find ourselves either doing a little bit and not making a difference, and losing credibility that way, or finding ourselves drawn in deeper and deeper into a situation that we can't sustain.'

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