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Agreement With Russia, Turkey Essential to Solve Problems in Syria, Obama Says

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A man drives a motorcycle near damaged buildings in Old Aleppo's Kadi Askar area, Syria.

WASHINGTON — U.S. President Barack Obama said on Wednesday the problems in Syria would not be solved without support from Russia, Turkey and other partners, and he said Iran needed to be part of those discussions.

"In order for us to resolve it, there is going to have to be agreement among the major powers that are interested in Syria that this is not going to be won on the battlefield," Obama said. He said he did not expect a formal set of agreements with Iran on how to combat Islamic State militants.

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