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EU's Tusk Accuses Russia of Aggravating Syrian Conflict

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European Council President Donald Tusk said on Tuesday that Russia's actions in Syria "are making a very bad situation even worse," the Interfax news agency reported.

"As a direct consequence of the Russian military campaign, the murderous regime of [Syrian President Bashar] Assad strengthens its position, the moderate Syrian opposition pulls back, and thousands of refugees flee to Turkey and Europe," Tusk said at a joint press conference with Georgian Prime Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili, Interfax reported.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Monday condemned Russia's air strikes in Syria.

"We have been horrified by what has been caused in the way of human suffering for tens of thousands of people by bombing — bombing primarily from the Russian side," she said, the Guardian newspaper reported.

In response, the Kremlin called for a careful and responsible attitude when making statements about Syria and said there is no credible evidence to back up Merkel's claims, Interfax reported.

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