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No New Sanctions Over Syria Bombing

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The European Union summit in Berlin will not call for new sanctions against Russia for its bombing campaign in Syria, Interfax reported on Friday.

"No resolution on sanctions in connection with Syria was adopted at the summit," French President Francois Hollande told journalists.

The document summarizing the discussions called on "the Syrian regime and its allies, including Russia" to halt their attacks on Aleppo and take immediate measures to provide security for humanitarian aid there and in other parts of the country.

It further stated that "individuals violating the norms of international humanitarian law and human rights must be held accountable," but does not specify how this would be achieved. Instead the document only said that the EU would "consider all options if the current violence continues."

Thursday's summit in Berlin followed the most recent Normandy format talks between Russia, Ukraine, France, and Germany, which took place on Wednesday.

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