

Emergency General Meeting Motion 11th December - Should LSESU Officially Condemn the Decision Taken by the British Government to Bomb Syria?

Motion Passed

Final Results:

- Yes- 229
- No- 86
- Undecided- 6

Proposer: Aysha al-Fekaiki

Secunder: Layla Doyle

Opposition: Josh Hitchens, Victoria Murphy

This Union notes:

- The history of Western interventionism.

This Union believes:

- That any foreign military intervention in Syria is not the answer to opposing Daesh and delivering peace to Syria.
- That civilians will undoubtedly be killed as a result of the airstrikes- an estimated 181 civilians have already been killed as a result of the American-led air campaign against ISIS, and this number will only increase with Britain's involvement.
- The British government does not have a comprehensive plan to address the effects of such intervention, for example the increased number of forcibly displaced peoples seeking refuge in Britain- almost one out of every four refugees is Syrian (UNHCR).
- The British government's decision to bomb Syria is a display of symbolic imperial might and collaboration with European powers.

This Union resolves:

- That the General Secretary of LSESU should put out a public statement condemning the decision taken by the British government to bomb Syria.
- That the General Secretary of LSESU should lobby the NUS to also put out such a statement.