



#RussiaWarCup

This summer, Russia will be hosting the 2018 FIFA World Cup, the world's most famous sporting occasion that unites people across the globe in their love for football. But is Russia fit for hosting the competition?

Football is known for its values of respect and sportsmanship, for its promotion of peace and solidarity. Yet, this summer's World Cup host Russia has allied with Bashar al-Assad's regime in Syria in the war against its own people. This regime is responsible for the death of hundreds of thousands of people and for the displacement of millions. Russian and Syrian regime airstrikes have bombed hospitals, schools, and markets. They have crippled youth and prevented them from playing football. The Syrian regime has even turned one of its largest football stadiums, the Abbasiyeen stadium, into a military barracks.

Russia's siding with a criminal regime has tarnished all values football represents. Its hosting of the World Cup aims to whitewash its war crimes. So what can football fans do?

Embarrassing Russia might show that support for the Assad regime is unacceptable, and might persuade them to start peace talks in Syria. That's all Syrian people want – an end to the killing. You can help.

- Hold up banners & artistic designs, shout chants during World Cup matches calling for a "World Cup of peace for Syria".
- Ask participant team players to dedicate goals to "peace for Syria".
- End live media interviews with "peace for Syria".
- Tweet #PeaceForSyria during World Cup matches.