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crisis is making progress despite failures at some stages, Syrian moderate opposition figure Randa Kassis told Sputnik on Monday.

"The importance of this political process is that it will continue and will never stop despite failures at some stages," Kassis, who is a member of a moderate opposition delegation at the Syria proximity talks in Geneva, said.

"We know the causes of failures at each stage of the [Syria peace] talks – they are linked to positions taken by the delegations from the Syrian government and the Riyadh-based opposition, which apparently misunderstood or never read carefully the agreements reached in Vienna [last November]," Kassis stressed.

"They claim that they agree with these agreements, but they put forward demands that contradict these agreements," she added.

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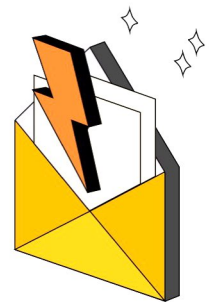


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MOSCOW (Sputnik) - Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic discussed in a telephone conversation the situation in Kosovo and in the Republika Srpska of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, Vucic said that he had a "long and cordial" conversation with Lavrov.

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"Special attention is paid to **regional affairs**, with a focus on the situation in Kosovo, as well as around Republika Srpska (Bosnia and Herzegovina). They noted the fundamental importance of UN Security Council Resolution 1244 in the context of the Kosovo settlement and the need for its strict implementation by all Bosnian parties of the Dayton