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Great idea. A "polio peace".

Walter

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**From:** Maureen Quinn  
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Hi Terje,

Since so many of the regional Foreign Ministers met Bill Gates in September at IPI, is it worth our considering connecting the Gates people and regional foreign ministers now that polio has been confirmed in Syria? Would seem to be all about creating humanitarian space. This is specific and obviously in the neighboring countries' interest. Even Israel could be impacted.

According to the WHO web site – 'a day of tranquility' is used in conflict zones for mass immunizations. Maybe the Arab League or the OIC (since includes Iran) could agree/support/organize on 'a day of tranquility' in cooperation with WHO?

Best,

Maureen

**SPOKESPERSON'S MORNING HEADLINES FOR WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2013**

**SYRIA:** The Arab League-█. envoy held talks with Syrian President Bashar Assad on Wednesday as part of his efforts to drum up support for a long-delayed international peace conference aimed at ending the country's intractable civil war, a government official said. It was the first direct contact between the men in 10 months. (AP)

There are fears many civilians may still be trapped in a besieged suburb of the Syrian capital Damascus, despite thousands being allowed to leave. The BBC's Lyse Doucet, who witnessed the exodus, says the government believes only rebel fighters remain in the suburb of Muadhmiya. But she says there are unconfirmed reports thousands more civilians are too frightened to leave. (BBC)

Syrian President Bashar Assad Tuesday sacked his vice prime minister for being absent without leave and holding unauthorized meetings abroad, the official SANA news agency said. The president's move came after Qadri Jamil, a vice premier for economic affairs, met Saturday with the U.S. point man for Syria, Ambassador Robert Ford, in Geneva to discuss proposed peace talks. (Daily Star, Beirut)

Analysts said it could be a strong warning that Mr. Assad planned to remain fully in control of any peace talks or political transition — a message delivered as Lakhdar Brahimi, the joint United Nations-Arab League envoy on Syria, visits Damascus to try to catalyze a peace process. (NYT)

**Ten Syrian children have tested positive for polio, the World Health Organization said Tuesday, sparking fears of a major regional outbreak amid mass migration and the collapse of Syria's health services under the pressures of civil war. (WP)**

Syria's government and rebels were urged on Tuesday to respect "vaccination ceasefires" and permit access to hundreds of thousands of children threatened by an outbreak of polio – another sign of the mounting cost of the country's conflict. Half a million children under the age of five are at risk of contracting polio, which is incurable and can result in lifelong paralysis as well as death. The mass movement of Syrians fleeing to neighbouring countries means there is a high risk the virus could spread. (Guardian, London)

There is hardly even the smallest chance of having Syria's chemical weapons destroyed on European soil, argues analyst Ruslan Pukhov. Neither Greenpeace members nor any other liberal activists will ever allow it to happen. Moscow, for one, cannot shoulder such a responsibility either, as it is accused of being "a concerned party." (Nezavisimaya Gazeta, Moscow)

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