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THE BIG SPLIT: P13

Tory MP cuts short Majorca trip to defy Cameron on Syria attack

- Leading Conservative Member of Parliament says United Kingdom should take a back seat because there is a danger that Britain could get involved in another war.
- "I will be voting against or abstaining on use of military force against Syria."



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Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: who was due to speak to local Conservatives tonight but will now head back to London for crucial vote. Photo: Rachel Fox.

U.S. readies strikes, Syrians prepare for attack

London.—People in Damascus stocked up on supplies yesterday and some left homes close to potential targets as U.S. officials described plans for multi-national strikes on Syria that could last for days.

United Nations chemical weapons ex-

perts completed a second field trip to rebel-held suburbs, looking for evidence of what - and who - caused an apparent poison gas attack that residents say killed hundreds of people a week ago.

But as U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon appealed for unity among world powers

and sought more time for the inspectors to complete their work, Washington and its European and Middle East allies said their minds were made up and that President Bashar al-Assad must face retribution for using banned weapons against his people.

Syria's government, supported notably by its main arms supplier Russia, cried foul. It blamed rebel "terrorists" for releasing the toxins with the help of the United States, Britain and France and warned it would be a "graveyard of invaders".