Syria & Geneva III: The Peace Process at a Glance

**The Main Actors**
- **The U.S.:** Efficiency and support are critical in a hard line stance against the Assad regime.
- **Russia:** A direct opponent and supporter of the Assad regime, with significant influence in the region.
- **Iran:** A direct opponent and supporter of the Assad regime, with significant influence in the region.
- **The Soviet Kurds (PKK):** A direct opponent and supporter of the Assad regime, with significant influence in the region.
- **Al-Nusra:** A direct opponent and supporter of the Assad regime, with significant influence in the region.

**The Timeline of the Geneva III Peace Process**

14 Nov 2015: The Geneva Conference was announced for 20 December 2015.
20 Jan-5 Feb 2016: The Geneva Conference was postponed to 29 February 2016.
13 Mar 2016: The Geneva Conference was postponed again to 17 April 2016.
17 Apr 2016: The Geneva Conference was postponed to 29 April 2016.

**Geneva III: Today**

**The Negotiations**
- Direct talks between the government and opposition will begin in Geneva.
- The US and Russia will coordinate efforts to ensure the talks are successful.

**On the Ground**
- The situation on the ground remains complex and volatile.
- Relief efforts are ongoing to provide aid to those affected by the conflict.

**The Peace Process**
- The process will be challenging due to the complexity of the conflict.
- All parties must be willing to make concessions for the process to be successful.

**Sources**
- The Washington Post
- The New York Times
- Foreign Policy
- BBC News
- CNN
- Al Jazeera

**Not Invited to Geneva**
- Saudi Arabia
- Qatar
- Iran
- Turkey
- The UK

**Points of Consensus**
- A shared commitment to a political solution to the conflict.
- A willingness to engage in direct talks.

**Points of Disagreement**
- The nature of a political transition.
- The role of external actors in the conflict.

**Defeasance of Damascus**
- The government's ability to hold power is uncertain.

**Assad's Future**
- Uncertain due to the ongoing conflict.

**Genocide & Confrontation**
- The conflict has led to widespread human rights abuses.
- International efforts are ongoing to address the situation.

**IBSG**
- A new initiative to support a political solution to the conflict.
- Announced by the UN and the Arab League.