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Media Statement
Syrian Coalition
Istanbul, Turkey
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The Syrian Coalition urges the United Nations, the Security Council, and human rights organizations to send a strong warning to Assad that he must immediately release 200 civilians detained in a mosque in Qaboun, Damascus.

The Syrian Coalition warns that thousands of civilians in the area are also under threat of being massacred by Assad's forces, as armored vehicles and Assad's elite forces have recently arrived in the area.

It is essential to remember Assad's brutal offensive against Qaboun, while Barza and Qaboun have been under siege for almost seven months. Recently, Assad's forces have been heavily shelling both areas with artillery stationed at Mount Qasioun, and are now preparing to mount a land offensive.

We ask for Mercy for our martyrs, health for our wounded, and freedom for our detainees.

Long live Syria and its people, free and with honor.

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