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Press Statement

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April 2, 2014

We condemn in the strongest possible terms Assad's continued targeting of innocent civilians, including women and children. Yesterday, Assad's forces shelled the town of Jab'deen, in the Qalamoun area as children were rushing out of schools. At least five children were killed and scores injured in the town which hosts nearly 35.000 people, including those who had to escape the regime's killing machine in Yabroud, Homs, and Eastern Ghouta.

The children of Syria have endured all kinds of ill-treatment at the hands of Assad's militias, including torture, rape, starvation, and death by indiscriminate shelling, barrel bombs, and chemical weapons, to name a few.

It is not acceptable that the Assad regime is exploiting the international community's recent busy schedule to escalate violence against Syrian civilians. A strong message must be sent to Assad to make him realize he cannot carry on committing crimes against unarmed people with impunity. We in the Syrian Coalition promise to hunt down the murderers of children in Syria and bring them to justice.

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