

Minister Baird Condemns Ongoing Violence in Syria

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(No. 329 - November 3, 2011 - 4:20 p.m. ET) Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird today released the following statement condemning the ongoing violence in Syria:

“Canada welcomes the efforts of the Arab League to halt the violence in Syria. However, the continued violence in Homs, which claimed the lives of 20 civilians today, demonstrates that President Assad has already reneged on his commitment to end his campaign of terror.

“Canada reiterates its strong condemnation of these violent attacks. The Assad regime has lost all legitimacy. We again call on President Assad and those backing him to relinquish power and step down immediately.

“During my meetings with representatives of the Syrian National Council, they have continuously outlined their appetite for change. Canada will support these calls and support the Syrian people in their quest for a brighter future, one which respects freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law.”

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