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Press Statement
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April 28, 2014

Assad's announcement earlier today that he will stand for election is just part of a nationwide farce in which the regime proves disconnected and irrelevant to what is happening on the ground in Syria. It is just another chapter of repression against the Syrian people's aspirations for freedom, justice and democracy.

Let us remember that Assad is responsible for the death of more than 200,000 civilians; the displacement, inside and outside Syria, of more than 9 million civilians, and the destruction of Syria's economy and infrastructure.

The regime, headed by Assad, has used chemical weapons against innocent men women and children, in what has been described by activists as "the crime of the century." Assad also brought in sectarian militias to slaughter defenseless Syrians.

After all the atrocities committed by Assad's forces, it is vital that the world comes together and takes serious action towards removing the Assad regime, which would be the first step towards meeting the Syria people's aspirations for freedom, justice, and democracy.

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