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Media Statement
Syrian Coalition
Istanbul, Turkey
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The Syrian Coalition urges the international community and human rights organizations to act immediately and save more than 40 thousand civilians under siege in Qaboun and Barza in Damascus.

The Syrian Coalition warns that civilians in the neighborhoods are under the threat of being attacked as Assad's elite forces are heading towards these areas for a possible land offensive.

Barza and Qaboun have been under siege for seven months with security and military checkpoints set up across the two neighborhoods. Furthermore, Assad's forces have been heavily shelling both areas with artillery while being stationed at Mount Qasioun.

The Syrian Coalition once again reminds the international community of its responsibilities towards putting an end to Assad's crimes against humanity, his continued infringement of international conventions, and his use of internationally prohibited weapons.

Moreover, the international community must protect civilians and support the Syrian Revolution. It must also stop the bloodshed and aid in achieving the aspirations of the Syrian people for freedom and dignity.

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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