

Statement on the Violence in Houla, Syria

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May 26, 2012 - Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird today issued the following statement:

“Reports of a ‘massacre’ at Houla are very disconcerting because of its depravity. The number of children feared dead is especially reflective of the regime’s utter contempt for humanity and decency.

“Canada continues to be seized with developments within Syria’s borders and the broader region.

“The international community must redouble its efforts to get adherence to Joint Special Envoy Kofi Annan’s six-point plan or move on and explore other diplomatic solutions to the crisis.

“We again call on all parties to immediately and fully respect the ceasefire, cooperate with the UN observers, and support the efforts of Joint Special Envoy Kofi Annan to resolve the crisis.

“We continue to work with our international partners to isolate the regime, limit the damage it causes to Syria and the broader region, and support the Syrian people’s hopes for a better, brighter future.”

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