

The Syrian Coalition Presents Its Vision for a Transitional Period and Sends a Message to the International Community

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Representatives of the Syrian Coalition (SC) took part in a conference hosted by the British Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the 9th and 10th of January, 2013 in Wilton Park, United Kingdom. The SC presented a draft vision for a transitional period based on a controlled gradual transition of power, ensuring that governmental institutions continue working in full function, troops withdrawal to their bases, collection of weapons from civilians, and mobilizing national efforts towards rebuilding Syria.

The SC emphasized that the draft plan's main goal is realizing the demands and objectives of the revolution, achieving the transition process with minimum human and material losses, and maintaining the state's institutions in cooperation with defectors from the current regime.

The SC presented specific demands to the international community for the current period and the transitional period after the fall of the regime; the demands were in the political, economic, military, and technological areas.

The SC delegates also affirmed that a political solution must be in accordance with the ongoing military operations on the ground, and requested that the International Community fulfills its promises in Marrakech conference to the SC through its "Support" and "Local Councils" Units. The current efforts of the SC are focused on the formation of a temporary government following the SC's success in unifying the military command. The SC is currently working, through specialized units of technocrats, to serve as cores for ministries in a future government. The temporary government will cooperate with technocrats within the current ministries who didn't announce their defection from the Assad regime, in addition to local councils already represented in the SC.

The SC thanks the Friends of the Syrian People member states who have participated in this conference for their support to the Syrian people's rightful demands and SC's efforts to achieve them, for there can be no political solution without removing Assad and his close circle of associates from power.

The SC calls on the International Community to take quick steps towards annulling any remaining legitimacy of the Assad Regime by allotting Syria's seats in the Arab League and the United Nations to the temporary government formed by the Syrian Coalition, and transferring the Assad Regime's frozen bank accounts to it.

