

Syrian Human Rights Committee (SHRC)

End State of Emergency in Syria

لا لحالة الطوارئ في سوريا

On the 41st anniversary of imposing the state of emergency in Syria

Join us in a peaceful vigil to
"END STATE OF EMERGENCY IN SYRIA"

Monday, 8th of March 2004 from 1.00pm until 3.00pm

IN FRONT OF THE
SYRIAN EMBASSY IN LONDON

Address of Syrian Embassy in London
8 Belgrave Square
London
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Nearest Underground Stations:
Hyde Park Corner (Piccadilly Line)
Knightsbridge (Piccadilly Line)
Victoria (Victoria, District and Circle Lines)

The vigil is supported by:
Arab Commission of Human Rights
Committee of National Charter in Syria
Kurdish Unity Democratic Party in Syria (yekiti)
Muslim Association of Britain (MAB)
Muslim Brotherhood in Syria

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Appeal to show solidarity with the Syrian People

On the 41st anniversary of imposing the State of Emergency and Martial Laws in Syria on Monday 8th March 2004 (1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.)

Syria has been suffocating for the past 41 years as a result of the State of Emergency and Martial Laws which were imposed on the 8th of March 1963 following the coup de tat which brought the Ba'th Party to power. Pursuant to the state of emergency many oppressive and arbitrary laws were included and other courts, both special and exceptional, have been held. Under the pretext of the state of emergency and martial laws, prison cells have been filled and thousands from the Syrian political, social and ethnic spectrum have been detained because of their beliefs or affiliations, they were inhumanely tortured, massacres have tolled the lives of tens of thousands of innocent citizens. However, the ruling regime in Syria has been insisting to pursue a repressive and despotic style despite all appeals and calls that have been made by Human Rights Organisations.

Therefore, the Syrian Human Rights Committee has declared the 8th of March 2004 a national day of protest against the state of emergency and martial laws and calls on Syrians as well as Syria's friends and those who uphold human rights all over the world, to hold a peaceful vigil in front of the Syrian Embassy in London on the 8th of March 2004 between 1.00p.m. - 3.00 p.m. to denounce the on-going violations of human rights in Syria and call for the following:

- 1 The lifting of the state of emergency and martial laws, the abolishing of exceptional courts, repressive laws and unfair rules derived thereof.
- 2 The release of all political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, stopping all tyrannical detentions and pursuits outside the realms of the law and justice, and the compensation of all those who spent years in prison and suffered immensely on all levels.
- 3 Opening the cases of those who have disappeared and are unaccounted for and reinstating their or their relatives' rights and offering them compensation.
- 4 Allowing the return of those exiled and deported whether voluntarily or forcibly and offering them legal guarantees of a safe passage, and reinstating the civil rights and liberties to all those whom were stripped thereof and compensating them for the harm that came unto them as a result.
- 5 Reinstating the Syrian citizenship to those whom were stripped of it without due right and in contradiction of the Constitution.
- 6 Allowing public freedoms including the freedom of expression and the formation of political parties and civil organisations in order to steer the country towards a democratic future.

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