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Syria in a State of Civil War

New York, NY- June 13, 2012 - The United Federation for Middle East Peace (“USFMEP”) President, Mrs. Sally Kader, and staff express support for the Syrian population who continue to suffer at the hands of the government forces due to the escalating confrontation between President Bashar al-Assad’s government and the opposition. USFMEP is particularly horrified by the recent bombardments reported in Homs province in Western Syria. Although the UN observer mission has not yet confirmed the number of casualties, they have received reports of numerous civilians, including women and children, who are trapped in Homs province, unable to seek refuge in safer areas. Although both the opposition and the government have tried to facilitate departure of the distressed civilian population, a plan for evacuation has yet to be executed.

Within the past five days, the violence in Syria has continued to rise as witnesses on the ground describe fresh shelling on Homs and eruption of violence and aggression in other cities. The head of the United Nations’ peacekeeping operations, Herve Ladsous, declared on Tuesday that the situation in Syria now amounts to a full-scale civil war. “Clearly what is happening is that the government of Syria lost some large chunks of territory in several cities to the opposition and wants to retake control of these areas,” explained Ladsous.

USFMEP President Sally Kader offers her sincere condolences to the individuals and the families who have been affected by the violence. President Kader also stated, “we strongly condemn the violence taking place in Syria and call on all sides of the conflict to stop the violence and ensure that civilians are protected and the principles of international law recognized.”

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