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(U) Majd al-Assad, brother to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, passed away this morning following a long illness, according to media reports.

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