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RABAT (AP) - Foreign ministers from the 22-member Arab League have confirmed Syria's suspension from the organization because of its bloody suppression of anti-government protests.

The foreign ministers also gave the Syrian government three days to respond to an Arab peace plan that involves sending an Arab League delegation to monitor compliance.

The ministers announced their decisions in a statement after an emergency meeting Wednesday in Rabat, Morocco.

The suspension \_ first announced Saturday and upheld during the meeting \_ is a surprisingly harsh and highly unusual move for a member of Syria's standing.

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