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See last item - AQ is on our side in Syria.

Otherwise, things have basically turned out as expected.

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SPOT REPORT

Syria Update
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ARAB LEAGUE RESOLUTION ON SYRIA

- (U) Syria rejected a resolution issued by Arab League (AL) foreign ministers, which requested the UNSC create a joint UN-AL peacekeeping mission for Syria and demanded an immediate cease-fire. The resolution further called for the AL to end its current observer mission, tighten economic sanctions, halt diplomatic cooperation with the Syrian government, and provide political and material support to the Syrian opposition. *(Reuters)*
- (SBU) Embassy Cairo comments AL SYG al-Araby said he received a letter from Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov indicating Russia supports a cease-fire and would support sending monitors under UN-AL auspices, provided Syria approved the countries contributing monitors. *(Ops/Embassy Cairo e-mail)*
- (U) Tunisian Foreign Minister Abdel Salam announced Tunisia would host a February 24 "Friends of Syria" meeting. Qatari Prime Minister al-Thani welcomed Tunisia's announcement and said it would be a good opportunity to create clear international direction to help the Syrian people emerge from the crisis. *(Reuters)*
- (SBU) Embassy Cairo comments Saudi Foreign Minister al-Faisal called on the AL to open communications with the Syrian opposition and provide assistance to the Syrian people. *(Ops/Embassy Cairo e-mail)*

GCC ASKS AL-ARABY TO RECOGNIZE SNC

(SBU) Embassy Cairo comments the AL SYG reiterated during the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) meeting his longstanding position Syrian National Council (SNC) recognition rests with individual Arab states. *(Ops/Embassy Cairo e-mail)*

ATTACKS RESUME IN HOMS

(U) Sporadic rocket and gunfire killed at least four people in the Baba Amr neighborhood of Homs, following a partial day's lull in violence. Syrian security forces permitted some families in mainly Sunni Muslim opposition areas to leave. *(Reuters)*

AL-ZAWAHIRI URGES MUSLIM SUPPORT FOR OPPOSITION

(U) Al-Qaida leader al-Zawahiri called on Muslims in Turkey and the Middle East to aid rebel forces in their fight against supporters of Syrian President Asad in an internet video recording. Al-Zawahiri also urged the Syrian people not to rely on the AL, Turkey, or the United States for assistance. *(Reuters)*

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