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PRESS RELEASE

Idlib Province Declares a Safe Zone

Washington DC, July 19 2012. The Syrian Support Group (SSG) announced today that the Revolutionary Council and the Military Council of the Free Syrian Army (FSA) of Idlib have declared a Safe Zone in the province of Idlib. This marks the first declaration of a safe zone in Syria and a major accomplishment by the FSA's ability to protect Syrian citizens.

Safe Zones are perimeters where all Syrian citizens can live under an umbrella of peace and security, regardless of their ethnic background or religion. As the Assad regime begins to crumble, the FSA intends to spread Safe Zones to other regions of the country. However, there are major challenges that the FSA faces without the full support of the international community. SSG calls upon the United States to take leadership and provide direct support to the FSA. Together, the FSA and the United States can stand shoulder-to-shoulder to bring down the Assad regime and restore peace to the nation and beyond.

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