

Syrian National Council Information



In 2011–2012, Dr Bassma Kodman took temporary leave from the Arab Reform Initiative to take on a mission as Head of Foreign Relations and spokesperson with the Syrian National Council, the opposition coalition seeking democratic change in Syria. She also is the co-founder and treasurer of the Initiative for a New Syria, an NGO based in Paris specialized in relief work and support for civil society in Syria.

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