

# A statement on the formation of Syrian interim government

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Cairo, Egypt, April 6, 2013 – The president of the interim government, Mr. Ghassan Hitto, began a series of consultations to form his government and attract the qualified talent and competencies required manage the upcoming phase of the revolution. A group of committees were tasked with attracting experienced and competent Syrians inside and outside of Syria to work within the newly formed governmental ministries.

The interim government is the executive authority that will extend its authority over all national Syrian territory, and will consist of eleven ministries, which are:

- Ministry of Defense
- Ministry of Interior and Civil Affairs
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Local Administration
- Ministry of Economy and Public Resources
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Ministry of Health Affairs
- Ministry of Infrastructure, Transportation and Communication
- Ministry of Relief, the Displaced, and the Refugees
- Ministry of Justice

The following standards will be used during selection process:

- The nominee must be of Syrian citizenship
- The nominee must be 35 years or older for ministers and their deputies
- The nominee can not be a pillar of the current regime, or has committed crimes against the Syrian people, or has unlawfully seized Syrian property or wealth
- The nominee must have good conduct and behavior and can not have any convictions
- The nominee must be a advocate or supporter of the Syrian Revolution
- The nominee must have academic competence and practical experience
- The nominee must be able to join the government on a full-time basis
- The nominee must be able to work from within the Syrian borders and territory
- The nominee must be able to work within a team to achieve the governments overall plan and goals
- The nominee must be willing to reveal all their financial information

The interim government and its different entities will operate from within the Syrian territories. May God bless Our Martyrs, Give Freedom to Our Prisoners, and Victory to Our Revolution. Long Live Syria and its People, Free and with Honor.

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