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Middle East-North Africa: Situation Update as of 13 July 2012

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Syria: A Syrian opposition group claimed that 220 people, mostly civilians, were killed yesterday in Tremseh, a village northwest of the city of Hamah, [redacted] The oppositionists said the village was bombed by helicopter gunships and tanks, and that government militia conducted summary executions of local residents. [redacted]

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Oppositionists claim that the overall death toll across the country yesterday was 287, the largest daily toll since the conflict began.

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President Bashar al-Asad nominated Minister of State for National Reconciliation Ali Haydar to negotiate with oppositionists on behalf of the regime, [redacted] Oppositionists, however, are refusing to negotiate with Haydar because they believe his political party does not differ from the ruling Ba'th party [redacted]

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Moscow yesterday rejected proposals by Western countries to impose UN sanctions against Damascus if it did not cease attacks with heavy weapons against oppositionists, [redacted]

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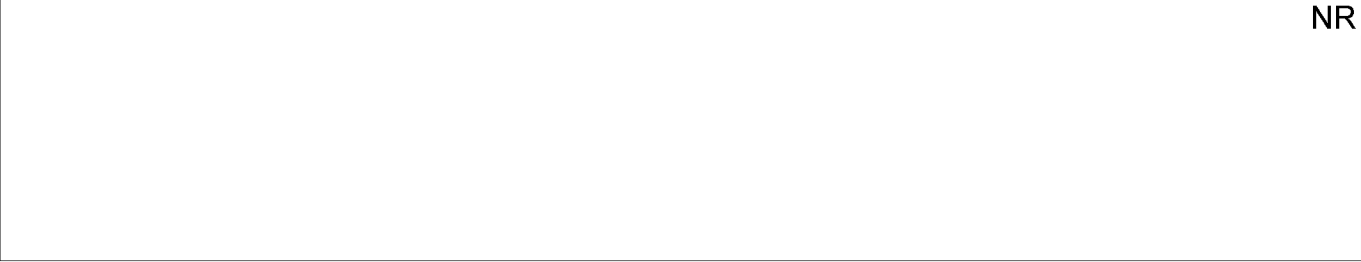
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