guidance for implementing the activities outlined in this order. Such guidance shall include, among other things, the nature and scope of services to which the order’s requirements will apply. The Office of Management and Budget, the General Services Administration, and the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall assist and support agencies in developing customer service standards and plans, online posting of customer service metrics and best practices, expediting review for customer feedback mechanisms under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), improving the design and management of agency websites providing services or information to the public in compliance with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794d), and using innovative technologies to improve customer service at lower costs.

Sec. 5. Independent Agencies. Independent agencies are requested to adhere to this order.

Sec. 6. Privileged Information. Nothing in this order shall compel or authorize the disclosure of privileged information, law enforcement information, information affecting national security, or information the disclosure of which is prohibited by law.

Sec. 7. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) authority granted by law to an executive department, agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) functions of the Director of the OMB relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,
April 27, 2011.

Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011

Blocking Property of Certain Persons With Respect to Human Rights Abuses in Syria

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (IEEPA), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code,

I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, hereby expand the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order
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13338 of May 11, 2004, and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, and in Executive Order 13460 of February 13, 2008, finding that the Government of Syria’s human rights abuses, including those related to the repression of the people of Syria, manifested most recently by the use of violence and torture against, and arbitrary arrests and detentions of, peaceful protestors by police, security forces, and other entities that have engaged in human rights abuses, constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States, and I hereby order:

Section 1. All property and interests in property that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person, including any overseas branch, of the following persons are blocked and may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in:

(a) the persons listed in the Annex to this order; and

(b) any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State:

(i) to be responsible for or complicit in, or responsible for ordering, controlling, or otherwise directing, or to have participated in, the commission of human rights abuses in Syria, including those related to repression;

(ii) to be a senior official of an entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order;

(iii) to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, the activities described in subsection (b)(i) of this section or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13338, Executive Order 13460, or this order; or

(iv) to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13460 or this order.

Sec. 2. I hereby determine that the making of donations of the type of articles specified in section 203(b)(2) of IEEPA (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(2)) by, to, or for the benefit of any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to section 1 of this order would seriously impair my ability to deal with the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 and expanded in this order, and I hereby prohibit such donations as provided by section 1 of this order.

Sec. 3. The prohibitions in section 1 of this order include but are not limited to:

(a) the making of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services by, to, or for the benefit of any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order; and

(b) the receipt of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services from any such person.

Sec. 4. The prohibitions in section 1 of this order apply except to the extent provided by statutes, or in regulations, orders, directives, or licenses
that may be issued pursuant to this order, and notwithstanding any con-
tract entered into or any license or permit granted prior to the effective date
of this order.

**Sec. 5.** (a) Any transaction by a United States person or within the United
States that evades or avoids, has the purpose of evading or avoiding, causes
a violation of, or attempts to violate any of the prohibitions set forth in this
order is prohibited.

(b) Any conspiracy formed to violate any of the prohibitions set forth in
this order is prohibited.

**Sec. 6.** For the purposes of this order:

(a) the term “person” means an individual or entity;

(b) the term “entity” means a partnership, association, trust, joint ven-
ture, corporation, group, subgroup, or other organization;

(c) the term “United States person” means any United States citizen, per-
manent resident alien, entity organized under the laws of the United States
or any jurisdiction within the United States (including foreign branches),
or any person in the United States; and

(d) the term “Government of Syria” means the Government of the Syrian
Arab Republic, its agencies, instrumentalities, and controlled entities.

**Sec. 7.** For those persons whose property and interests in property are
blocked pursuant to this order who might have a constitutional presence
in the United States, I find that because of the ability to transfer funds or
other assets instantaneously, prior notice to such persons of measures to be
taken pursuant to this order would render those measures ineffectual. I
therefore determine that for these measures to be effective in addressing the
national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 and expanded in
this order, there need be no prior notice of a listing or determination made
pursuant to section 1 of this order.

**Sec. 8.** The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary
of State, is hereby authorized to take such actions, including the promulga-
tion of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the Presi-
dent by IEEPA as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this order.
The Secretary of the Treasury may redelegate any of these functions to
other officers and agencies of the United States Government consistent with
applicable law. All agencies of the United States Government are hereby
directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out
the provisions of this order.

**Sec. 9.** The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary
of State, is hereby authorized to determine that circumstances no longer
warrant the blocking of the property and interests in property of a person
listed in the Annex to this order, and to take necessary action to give effect
to that determination.

**Sec. 10.** This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or
benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any
party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its of-
ficers, employees, or agents, or any other person.
Sec. 11. This order is effective at 1:00 p.m. eastern daylight time on April 29, 2011.

The White House,

April 29, 2011.

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ANNEX

Individuals
1. Mahir AL-ASAD  [Brigade Commander in the Syrian Army’s Fourth Armored Division, born 1968]
2. Ali MAMLUK  [director of the Syrian General Intelligence Directorate, born 1947]
3. Atif NAJIB  [former head of the Syrian Political Security Directorate for Dar’a Province]

Entities
1. Syrian General Intelligence Directorate
2. Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps – Qods Force