

# Syria Disinformation Campaign: Social Media Circulates Fake Documents

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According to the Syrian News Agency SANA, Western media outlets and online social media sites are circulating fake documents which they claim to have obtained from the Syrian government sources. Fake documents of letters and correspondence are being circulated on the internet.

The Foreign and Expatriates Ministry said that some mass media outlets and social networking sites are circulating documents and claiming them to be from the Foreign and Expatriates Ministry, stressing that these documents are fake and were never issued by the Ministry despite the presence of a forged Ministry seal and official header.

The Ministry cited as an example of these fake documents some letters addressed to the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Egypt, a letter issued by a fictional bureau attributed to the Ministry called "Bureau of Foreign Follow-up and Tracking" which doesn't even exist in the Ministry's structure.

The Ministry hoped that mass media and sites would communicate directly with it to verify the authenticity of any alleged documents attributed to the Foreign and Expatriates Ministry and are circulated to harm Syria as part of the campaign of misdirection and lies waged against it.

The Ministry said it will verify or refute the authenticity of any document issued by it out of concern for the objectivity and professionalism of mass media outlets that respect themselves and their professional history. (SANA, September 10, 2011)

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