

Video: Syrian Presidential Elections, May 2021

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This is an excerpt from the Statement of the International Delegation to the 2021 Syrian Presidential Election:

“We saw nothing to indicate unfairness or coercion in the casting of ballots.

We overwhelmingly found that Syrian people place tremendous significance on this election. During and after the election, we observed huge enthusiasm. It appeared genuine and widespread.

...

For many Syrians, the election represents the imminent ending of the war, the defeat of foreign plots, and hope for the future.

For young people, it encapsulates the first period of relative stability they have experienced in their living memory.

For them, the presidential election was a referendum on the right of the Syrian people to determine their own future.

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It is the unanimous conclusion of the undersigned representatives of the International Delegation to the 2021 Syrian Presidential Election that the re-election of President Bashar al-Assad, of the Arab Socialist Ba’ath Party and the National Progressive Front, is the legitimate, democratic expression of the Syrian people.”

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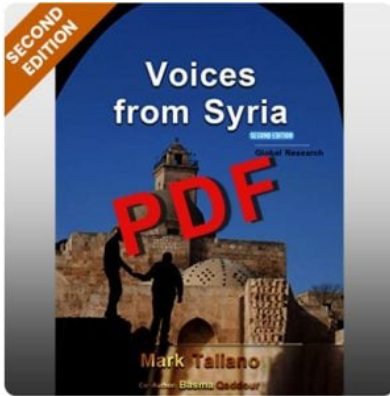
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