

President
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Dear President Assad,

Rania Alabbasi and her six young children were taken from their home by government agents in March 2013 and have not been seen or heard of since.

No reason for their arrest was given at the time and Syrian authorities have given no information about their well-being or whereabouts. Your government has also ignored a 2014 UN resolution calling for an end to these 'enforced disappearances'.

President, I urge you to:

- Release Rania's six children unconditionally.
- Release Rania or charge her of an internationally recognizable offence and try her in line with international fair trial standards.
- Reveal the fate and whereabouts of Rania Alabbasi and her children and grant them access to their family and lawyer.
- Ensure that Rania and her children are protected from any torture and other ill-treatment and receive any medical attention they may require.
- Give independent monitors unrestricted access to all people deprived of their liberty across Syria.

Yours sincerely,