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ABA Calls For End to Human Rights Violations in Syria

The American Bar Association calls for an end to the gross violations of human rights in Syria and urges the United Nations Security Council to refer the situation to the International Criminal Court for investigation.

Since March 2011, peaceful demonstrators in Syria have been victims of a brutal backlash from President Bashar al-Assad's regime. The U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights estimates that in the past eight months more than 3,500 people — including scores of children — have been detained, tortured, and/or killed by Syria's security forces.

The Security Council recently invoked its ICC referral power with respect to similar atrocities committed in Sudan and Libya. To do so in this case would be consistent with the Security Council's impartial application of international law.

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