

## HRES 629

Condemning violence by the Government of Syria against journalists, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on freedom of the press in Syria.

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 7, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 SRES 391	Identical bill	<b>Mar 29, 2012:</b> Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S2278-2279; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S2278; text as passed Senate: CR S2278-2279)

Calls on Syria to: (1) open the country to independent and foreign journalists and end its media blackout; and (2) release all detained journalists, videographers, and bloggers.

Condemns: (1) Syria's intimidation and violence towards journalists, videographers, and bloggers; and (2) nations that assist Syria's media repression.

Pays tribute to the journalists who have lost their lives while reporting on the conflict in Syria and commends the courage of journalists who continue to operate in harm's way.

Supports the people of Syria seeking a free flow of accurate news and other forms of information.

Reaffirms the centrality of press freedom to U.S. efforts to support democracy around the world.

### **Actions Timeline**

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