2011 November

Arab League votes to suspend Syria, accusing it of failing to implement an Arab peace plan Governments supports attack foreign embassies.

2011 December

Syria agreed to an Arab proposal, allowing Arab to observe their country. Protesters gathered to greet them, but due to violence, Syria suspends them.

2012 February

Russia and China block an UN Security Council draft resolution on Syria, and the government steps up the bombardment of Homs and other cities. 7500 have died since it began.

2012 March

UN Security Council endorses non-binding peace plan,

2012 April 12

first day of observing the cease fire, which was interrupted by bombing. The districts of Homs saw some shelling by mortars that were launched from the Homs Citadel checkpoint. The bombing continues.

2011 April

29: 73 civilians are killed in 2 days, mainly in Daraa.

2011 May 6: Thousands of Syrians rally on a “Day of Defiance”. Security forces kill 26, according to a rights group.

2011 May 8: Opposition call Assad to hold elections within six months.

2011 May 11: 19 civilians killed in Daraa and Homs

2011 May 19: US tells Assad to lead a transition, or step down.

2011 May 20: Security forces shoot at least 44, including a child.

2011 May 23: European Union extends sanctions against top regime figures to include Asaad.

2011 May 28: Pro-democracy activists call for fresh protests after the alleged torture and killing of a 12-year-old boy by security forces.

2011 May 31: Assad announces an amnesty for political prisoners, but the opposition denounces it as “too little, too late.”

2011 June

Tens of thousands of people demonstrate, at least 34 people killed by security services in Hama.