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Syria: Sentencing of Kamal Labwani

The United States condemns the Government of <u>Syria</u> for its harsh and unjust sentencing of political prisoner Kamal Labwani. This action against Mr. Labwani reflects the Syrian regime's contempt for human rights and a legal system devoid of legitimate legal standards. We are also concerned by reports that Mr. Labwani has been subjected to inhumane treatment during his imprisonment. We call upon the Syrian Government to live up to its obligations under the Arab Charter for Human Rights, which it ratified in February 2007, and immediately and unconditionally release all prisoners of conscience.

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