

# *Take action to stop the bloodshed now*



*Image: Protesters gathered outside the UN in New York to show solidarity with the people of Syria in their uprising against the Syrian authorities. Copyright: Demotix*

*Syria is becoming an ever more dangerous place for those daring to demand political reform. Over 540 people have died since protestors first took to the streets in March and hundreds more have been arbitrarily arrested, detained and tortured.*

*One recently released detainee told us how he was stripped, beaten and then made to lick his own blood off the floor.*

*And we have received accounts of government tanks shelling civilian areas, and of security forces using snipers to target people trying to help wounded protestors.*

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