

# Press Releases: Deaths of Arouba and Hala Barakat

Press Statement  
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The United States is deeply saddened by the deaths of Arouba and Hala Barakat. Hala served as a journalist for Orient News and we remember the courageous work of her mother, Arouba, a Syrian activist who reported on the Syrian regime's atrocities. The United States condemns the perpetrators of these murders and we will closely follow the investigation.

The United States continues to seek a peaceful, political resolution to the Syrian conflict that can be supported, owned, and led by the Syrian people.

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