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(SBU) The Arab League also plans to impose economic and political sanctions against the Asad government, media report. Embassy Cairo comments the suspension will begin November 16 and will last until Syria implements the Arab League initiative. The Arab League will ask the Syrian army to refrain from attacking civilians and plans to provide protection to Syrian civilians through Arab organizations. If Syria does not respond, the League will seek assistance from international organizations, including the UN. Though the Arab League has not decided if it will recognize the Syrian opposition, the organization called upon opposition groups to meet at the Arab League by November 15.

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