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Subject: FW: Final assault on Homs

FYI. Not for testimony this afternoon, but for situational awareness.

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To: Sullivan, Jacob J
Subject: RE: Final assault on Homs

Nothing more than this. AP is reporting a ground assault and Syria desk says they have lost contact with Homs too, last reports were that they were seeing Syrian military for the first time in weeks.

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What do you know?

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From: Tom Malinowski
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Looks like it's happening. No contact with activists inside for last 18 hours. Before that shells falling every 20 seconds or so. And reports of ground forces moving in. I don't think there is much to be done now apart from deploying all assets to expose what is to come (unless Annan can convince the Russians to secure a pause to get wounded out at least, though I'd be surprised if that happened.) Once they finish off Homs, they will likely move to Idlib, maybe Rastan. So this could repeat itself, with all the same dilemmas for us.

You all are probably hearing the same, but please pass on if not (I'm on my mobile).

Tom

Sent from my Windows Mobile® phone.