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Subject: Annan holds talks with Syria's Assad in Damascus (AP)

Madam Secretary,

I have just sent something on hi side through Pam to you regarding conversation last night and asked her to pass to you only. Am also trying to get to Bill as well. Also wanted to make sure you have seen report below. We will try to see what we can find out. Thanks very much for all of your thoughts last evening.

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From: OpsNewsTicker@state.gov [mailto:OpsNewsTicker@state.gov]
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Subject: Annan holds talks with Syria's Assad in Damascus (AP)

BEIRUT (AP) - International envoy Kofi Annan says he has agreed with President Bashar Assad on an approach to end the violence in Syria.

Annan did not disclose details, but says he will also discuss it with the country's armed opposition.

Annan spoke to reporters in the Syrian capital Monday following a two-hour meeting with Assad in a last-ditch attempt to salvage a peace effort.

Annan is the architect of an international plan to end Syria's 16-month old crisis which started with largely peaceful protests calling for reforms but has transformed into a bloody insurgency to topple Assad.

The former U.N. secretary-general acknowledged in a recent interview that the international community's efforts to find a political solution to the escalating violence in Syria have failed.

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