Siwar Al Assad Advocates Peaceful Transition and Cultural Preservation in Syria Through Leadership of Aramea Foundation

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London, England Jun 12, 2025 (Issuewire.com) - As Syria continues to face political uncertainty and the aftermath of prolonged conflict, Siwar Al Assad, a London-based humanitarian and public figure, is using his voice and resources to call for a peaceful transition and long-term cultural preservation in his country of birth.

A former law student at the Panthéon-Sorbonne University and current director of Arab News Network, Siwar Al Assad also serves as the founder and president of Aramea Foundation, a UK-registered nonprofit dedicated to supporting Syrian refugees and protecting the Levant's cultural heritage. His work with Aramea reflects a deep commitment to nonviolent reform and historical memory, focusing on solutions that prioritize human dignity, education, and reconciliation.

While his last name may connect him to Syria's ruling elite—he is the son of Rifaat Al Assad and cousin to Bashar Al Assad—Siwar has long positioned himself outside of the regime's political structure. Instead, he has advocated for a moderate opposition stance, calling for a gradual, peaceful transition of power that includes both regime and opposition figures, in contrast to more extreme or destabilizing approaches.

Al Assad said that "change in Syria must come through inclusion and responsibility, not through collapse. We need a path forward that keeps the country intact while giving voice to those who have been silenced."

In addition to policy advocacy, Aramea Foundation under Al Assad's leadership actively supports displaced Syrians through relief efforts, educational programs, and cultural initiatives aimed at preserving Syria's ancient history, especially at-risk sites such as Palmyra, which have been devastated during the war.

Al Assad's call for cultural preservation is personal. In his book *Palmyre Pour Toujours*, he writes not only as an author but as a Syrian deeply affected by the destruction of his homeland's heritage. Through Aramea, he continues that mission beyond the page—organizing campaigns, lectures, and partnerships with heritage organizations across Europe.

Fluent in Arabic, English, French, and Spanish, and educated across Switzerland, the UK, and France, Siwar Al Assad brings a global view to Syrian issues—something that has made him a sought-after speaker at international policy forums.

Though he remains an outspoken critic of authoritarianism and extremism in all forms, Al Assad emphasizes cultural dialogue, empathy, and future-building as the heart of his mission.

About Aramea Foundation:

Founded by Siwar Al Assad, Aramea Foundation is a London-based nonprofit focused on humanitarian

aid for Syrian refugees and the protection of Levantine cultural and historical sites. Its core work includes educational outreach, historical documentation, and advocacy for inclusive governance in Syria.

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