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EU strengthens restrictive measures against Syria

The Council adopted legislation today to strengthen the restrictive measures imposed on the Syrian regime.

It extended the visa ban and assets freeze imposed on 13 officials and associates of the Syrian regime on 9 May to 10 more individuals, including President Bashar a-Assad, in view of the continuing repression against the civilian population.

The implementing decision and implementing regulation, together with the list of persons subject to the measures, will be published in the Official Journal of the EU on 24 May 2011.

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