

Libya's National Transitional Council First To Recognize Syrian Equivalent

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Libya's new leaders recognize Syrian opposition

Baku: A senior Libyan official says the country's transitional government has formally recognized the Syrian opposition's council as the country's legitimate representative, making it the first country to do so, APA reports quoting AP.

Members of the Syrian National Council are visiting the Libyan capital to drum up support for their 7-month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad. The Syrian council is a broad-based opposition umbrella group that was formed in September.

Hassan al-Sughayer, a member of Libya's National Transitional Council, told reporters Wednesday in Tripoli that the NTC has formally recognized the Syrian council's legitimacy as the representative of the Syrian people.

Syria's government has threatened tough measures against any country that recognizes the opposition council.

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