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UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - The U.N. chief told Syrian President Bashar al-Assad August 6 that he was alarmed by the escalating violence in Syria and demanded that Assad stop deploying the military against civilians.

"In a phone conversation with President Assad of Syria today, the Secretary-General (Ban Ki-moon) expressed his strong concern and that of the international community at the mounting violence and death toll in Syria over the past days," the U.N. press office said in a statement.

It added that Ban "urged the president to stop the use of military force against civilians immediately."

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