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FYI - on Assad's speech.

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Rough translations I've seen suggest it was total, unadulterated crap – long on conspiracy mongering, short to non-existent on reform details. Only mitigating element is that we're exactly where we'd be if we had scripted the speech for him: waiting to see what actually happens.

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