RELEASE IN FULL

From:

Abedin, Huma < AbedinH@state.gov>

Sent:

Friday, November 25, 2011 9:26 AM

To:

н

Subject:

Fw: Arabs give Syria until end of day on deal -source (Reuters)

From: OpsNewsTicker

Sent: Friday, November 25, 2011 08:23 AM

To: NEWS-Mahogany

Subject: Arabs give Syria until end of day on deal -source (Reuters)

CAIRO (Reuters) - A deadline set by the Arab League for Syria to sign a deal allowing monitors into the country expired on Friday without any Syrian response but Arab governments will give Damascus until the end of the day to answer, an Arab source said.

Arab foreign ministers had said in Cairo on Thursday that unless Syria agreed to let the monitors in to assess progress of an Arab League plan to end eight months of internal bloodshed, officials would consider imposing sanctions on Saturday.

"The deadline has already ended, but the Arab League leaves the door open for Syria to reply by the end of the day and if a positive Syrian response comes on Friday, then the Arab League has no objection to agreeing to it." the source said.

NewsTickers alert senior Department officials to breaking news. This item appears as it did in its original publication and does not contain analysis or commentary by Department sources.