



**Rethink Rebuild Society**

*The voice of the Syrian Community of Manchester*

## Press Release

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### **Fast-a-thon: Participants to fast for Syria and to break their fast in front of 10 Downing Street**

Syria Solidarity UK and Rethink Rebuild Society are dedicating the month of Ramadan to breaking the sieges in Syria, and are inviting those who do not observe Ramadan to fast for Syria on 1 July as part of the **Fast-a-thon**.

Participants will observe a fast (no eating, drinking and smoking from sunrise to sunset) in order to raise awareness of the daily trauma of the people of Syria who are under siege, and also to get sponsorships from family, friends and colleagues to support efforts to #BreaktheSiege.

Participants so far include Jeff Smith MP, Lucy Powell MP, Andy Burnham MP, John Pugh MP, Angela Rayner MP, and Greater Manchester Police and Crime Commissioner Tony Lloyd.

The two organisations will offer a dinner of breaking the fast in London (in front of 10 Downing St) and Manchester (Rethink Rebuild Society office) for participants on the day of this challenge.

#### **London:**

Time: 9:00pm 1st July

Place: 10 Downing Street

RSVP : [info@syriauk.org](mailto:info@syriauk.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/547342645450698/>

#### **Manchester:**

Time: 8:30 pm 1 July

Place: Unit 7 Longsight Business Park, Hamilton Rd, M13 0PD

RSVP: [pr@rrsoc.org](mailto:pr@rrsoc.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1035219363233557/>

Over a million Syrian civilians remain under siege in Syria by the Assad regime as the international community continues to turn a blind eye.

George Morris, History graduate from Cambridge University, is one of the individuals who will be participating in the Fast-a-thon. He says:

*"I'm fasting to raise awareness of the suffering of people in besieged areas in Syria. The UK government has a duty to fulfil its promises to airdrop aid to starving civilians. I hope that my fast will be a small gesture of solidarity with Syria, and will raise awareness of the humanitarian crisis facing the country."*

#### **ENDS**

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**Rethink Rebuild Society** has established itself as a non-profit organisation that acts as an umbrella for the Syrian community in Manchester, and endeavours to clarify the Syrian cause to its audience in the UK and the wider public.