

# *Syrian Opposition Refuses Direct Talks With Assad Government*

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Geneva, January 24 (RHC)-- The UN-brokered Syrian peace talks have hit a new snag today with opposition delegates refusing to meet directly with government counterparts.

The two sides were due for their first face-to-face talks in Geneva after an opening round of speeches on Wednesday. But the Assad government rejected the opposition's pre-condition of endorsing the formation of a transitional government.

UN envoy Lakdar Brahimi is shuttling between the two sides today to keep the meeting alive.

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