More than 250,000 people have died since Syria's brutal civil war began in March 2011, according to the United Nations. The UN has called for an immediate ceasefire and a political transition to end the violence.

The UN-backed peace talks in Geneva were expected to be the first step in a process that would lead to a political solution to the conflict. However, talks have so far failed to make progress.

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