



Beijing	29	17	LC	Los Angeles	24	15	LC
Colombo	29	26	TDS	Melbourne	14	10	LR
Dhaka	31	27	TDS	Moscow	22	13	HR
Dubai	37	29	SNV	New York	29	15	LC
Houston	31	23	LC	Singapore	31	27	TDS
Istanbul	23	15	LC	Toronto	18	9	SNV
London	29	9	LC	Washington	30	18	SNV

LR: Light Rain HR: Heavy Rain
TDS: Thunderstorm LC: Light Cloud SNV: Sunny

Assad dismisses critics as Syria votes to extend his grip on power



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US and EU call presidential elections 'neither free nor fair,' Opposition of war-battered country terms polls a farce

DAMASCUS

SYRIAN President Bashar al-Assad dismissed criticism of his country's presidential election on Wednesday as voters flocked to the polls in government-held areas despite Western accusations it was neither "free nor fair".
"Your opinions have zero value," Assad said, after voting

with his wife Asma in the Damascus suburb of Douma, a key rebel stronghold until its recapture by government forces three years ago. The United States and the European Union said the election was "neither free nor fair," and Syria's fragmented opposition has called it a "farce".
But they will watch powerless as Assad prepares to renew

his grip on power. Few doubt Assad will pronounce his two virtually unknown challengers to win a fourth term, in a war-battered country mired in econom-

ic crisis. Huge election posters glorifying the president have mushroomed across the two-thirds of the country. The controversial vote is the second election since the start of a decade-long civil war.
With opponents abroad barred from standing and no voting in the swathes of territory outside government control, Assad is expected to win

by a landslide. State TV showed long queues forming outside polling stations after voting opened at 7 am. Hundreds of students clamoured to vote outside Damascus University. "I came to vote for Bashar al-Assad because he is the only man who withstood 10 years of war," said 26-year-old Kinan al-Khatib. The result is not expected before Friday evening. *AFP*

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