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SNHR sound the alarm on humanitarian crises in south Damascus

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In addition to shelling Syrian Government's Armed Troops prevent flour and medicine, and cut of water, electricity, communications and internet completely and continuously from more than 8 months, where residents live disastrous primitive life.

Syrian Government's Armed Forces have been trying to break into the southern area of the capital, and field execution as what happened in Banyias and Jdait Alfaidl, where they massing with Iranian extremist terrorist militia Known as Abou El Fadl Al- Abbas , where they trying to move forward in 9 areas of the 13 axes; which are :

- 1 Biet Sahm area : two axes (Damascus Airport Motorway and Akraba)
- 2 Az Zabeyeh area : one axis Az Zabeyeh housing
- 3 Al Bahdaliah area
- 4 Al Husseiniyah camp area
- 5 Sbeneh area : two axes (Mills and Peugeot)
- 6 Al Issaly area : one axis Jorat Alshribati

- 7 Al Kadam area
- 8 Al Yarmouk Camp area : three axes (Palestine road – Thirteen road – Yarmouk section)
- 9 Al Tadamon area : one axis Nisren street

The above mentioned areas have been shelled by missiles, mortar, and artillery from 10 centers belonging to Syrian Government's Armed Forces as follows :

- 1 Sufian Althawri barracks in Midan
- 2 MT Qasioun
- 3 MT fourth brigade
- 4 MT First brigade in Al Kiswah
- 5 Sahia MT
- 6 Martyrs school and Palestine branch in Qazzaz
- 7 Nisren street in Al Tadamon area
- 8 Tanks on Damascus Airport Motorway

Not to mention the daily shelling by MIG warplanes

Syrian Network for Human Rights estimates number of affected people cause of embargo with more than 120,000 Syrian citizens, many of them died cause lack of food and medicine, which considered as flagrant violation of customary IHL; the applicable law in Syrian conflict

According to customary of IHL:

Rule 53. The use of starvation of the civilian population as a method of warfare is prohibited.

Rule 54. Attacking, destroying, removing or rendering useless objects indispensable to the survival of the civilian population is prohibited.

Rule 55. The parties to the conflict must allow and facilitate rapid and unimpeded passage of humanitarian relief for civilians in need, which is impartial in character and conducted without any adverse distinction, subject to their right of control.

Rule 56. The parties to the conflict must ensure the freedom of movement of authorized humanitarian relief personnel essential to the exercise of their functions. Only in case of imperative military necessity may their movements be temporarily restricted.

SNHR condemn this horrible besiege which is considered as war crime, and hold Syrian Government the responsibility, in addition to its policy of systematic punishments in many areas which considered also as a crime against humanity

International Community's institutions must upgrade to their legal and ethical responsibility and act urgently to save the lives of thousands of people in Damascus countryside

There is also great responsibility lies on IRC's shoulders , who didn't hold %10 of the humanitarian catastrophe in Syria, particularly in the besieged areas .

