

## Faten Fawwaz from a Ph.D. in Physics and Atomic science to forced-disappearance

SNHR has previously published several statements about Dr. Faten Fawwaz being imprisoned by the Syrian authorities. Nevertheless, most recently, Dr. Faten Fawwaz was transferred from Adra central prison to an undisclosed location on 14 July, 2014 along with other woman prisoners.

Dr. Faten Rajab Fawwaz was born in Damascus countryside in 1979. She was arrested by the Air Intelligence in Damascus on 26 December, 2011. We noted in a previous report that she stayed in Damascus Air Intelligence Branch for approximately 10 months before she was transferred to the branch 215 in Kafrsousa neighborhood in Damascus and then she was transferred back to Damascus Air Intelligence Branch on 19 February, 2014. She was transferred then to Adra Central Prison and referred to the military judiciary. It should be noted that Dr. Faten was preparing her Ph.D. thesis that she was supposed to discuss at a French university before she was arrested by the Syrian regime. Instead, the Syrian regime made sure to torture her particularly according to



some survivors where we received confirmed information that she had epileptic seizures and her nose and ears bled acutely due to the brutal torture.

Faten lost his brother Ahmad Rajab Fawwaz who was killed by the Syrian regime shelling on Doma on 18 September, 2012. Her family fears that they will lose Dr. Fatin too especially after she was transferred recently.

SNHR urges the International Community, represented in the Security Council and the UN General Assembly, to pass a binding resolution to release all the peaceful, Human Rights, media, and relief activists who are being detained inside the Syrian regime detention centers and grant the UN Independent International Commission access to the Syrian regime detention centers in order to investigate the horrible allegations about the Human Rights violations inside the detention centers.

We are really concerned about the fate of Dr. Fatin and her fellow prisoners as there is a strong possibility that a default judgment has been issued against her by the military court or the terrorism court as it is up to the department in charge of the investigation to refer a prisoner to these courts instead of the public prosecution which is an explicit violation of the most basic international judicial standards