The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) is a non-profit non-governmental human rights organization founded in June 2011 in light of the systematic rise in human rights violations in Syria. SNHR aims to contribute to the protection and defense of victims’ rights and consequently to aid in the accountability process, to attain justice and peace, to raise awareness amongst Syrians of their civil and political rights, and to mobilize efforts and capabilities towards limiting violations of human rights in Syria.

As part of its work, SNHR collaborates closely with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic (COI), which was established by the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHCR), as well as with international human rights organization such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Reporters Without Borders, and The Syrian Campaign, in addition to a number of local Syrian organizations.
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The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR):

Has worked to gather reports on and to document human rights violations in Syria on a continuous daily basis since 2011.

Investigators and monitors record the largest possible amount of information about violations.

Publishes details of the most notable daily events and statistics.

Documents an extremely diverse range of types of violations, among which the most prominent are:

- Extrajudicial killings
- Arbitrary arrests and enforced disappearances
- Collection and documentation of massacres
- Targeting of vital civilian facilities
- Violations against media workers
- Deaths due to torture
- The use of barrel bombs
- Documentation of violations against women, children and refugees.
- Violations against medical personnel, Civil Defense and special emblematic humanitarian organizations such as the Red Crescent and the Red Cross
Based on the extensive and still-growing database of information which it has accumulated since 2011, the Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) works to produce a large number of reports and other documents that benefit researchers and decision-makers. Examples include:

1. Monthly and annual periodic reports, statistical data, research and studies on the human rights situation in Syria: Each of these items concerns research, analysis and statistics on one or more types of human rights violations, on a specific party involved in practicing these types of violations, or on the mechanisms and methods used in the practice of such violations. SNHR also issues joint reports with other organizations which it cooperates with within this context.

2. Since the establishment of the International Independent Investigation Commission, SNHR has periodically provided the commission with data and reports, as well as facilitating direct contact with survivors and eyewitnesses, and submitting a monthly report to the Organization of Humanitarian Affairs on the most notable violations in Syria. SNHR also submits periodic documentation to the United Nations Working Group on Enforced Disappearances, and to a number of special rapporteurs on extrajudicial killings and torture. SNHR also works similarly with the US State Department’s Office of Human Rights and Democracy, and with various international organizations that request information or data to contribute to the preparation of human rights reports on Syria.
SNHR also works to educate local actors about international human rights law and the laws of war, raising awareness of their rights and duties, and training a number of human rights defenders in Syria through its members who possess knowledge and practical experience in this field.

SNHR participates in the Universal Periodic Review on Syria at the United Nations, through submitting an extensive report on the human rights situation in Syria and in the mobilization of efforts of human rights defenders during the UPR.

SNHR has participated in several rounds of the Geneva negotiations as an independent observer concerning the human rights situation in Syria during and between rounds of negotiation, and has submitted daily reports on this issue in rounds of negotiation.
Another significant area of the Syrian Network for Human Rights’ (SNHR) work is the issue of advocacy; based on this, SNHR conducts tours and participates in events aimed at meeting decision-makers and politicians in order to transfer verified data and information it possesses to them. SNHR has participated in dozens of important events most notably with SNHR speaking several times at United Nations Headquarters in New York to a large number of ministers and ambassadors, as well as at the headquarters of the Human Rights Council. SNHR has also made several visits to the capitals of democratic countries, and met with officials in the ministries of foreign affairs of those States and members of their parliaments. In addition, SNHR has also spoken several times at international and regional conferences, addressing other delegates on the latest information that the network has documented and issued. To view the activities of the Syrian Human Rights Network in the field of advocacy, please visit this link.
In addition to all the aforementioned activities, SNHR seeks to expand the range of its activities in the future in a considered manner that will serve the objectives for which it was founded and in accordance with the available capabilities, especially in projects concerning accountability, transitional justice, peace, preservation of rights and property, and capacity-building within society, as well as to continue mobilizing its efforts and capacities in order to limit and/or end the violations of human rights in Syria.

The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) also works continuously to build and develop its team’s capacity and skills through providing constant training of team members delivered by department managers and the Director-General, as well as through continuous monitoring, instruction and provision of the required information and skills in order to help them attain the highest possible level. Towards this end, SNHR also furnishes team members with training materials and courses to enhance team members’ potential, provided by top experts in each network department’s area of expertise, and finally through exchanging experiences with members of other international organizations supporting and assisting the work of the Syrian Network for Human Rights.
SNHR funds its activities and work through unconditioned donations and grants from individuals and bodies which support the causes of justice, democracy, and human rights, as well as though the human rights projects, studies, and research which the network carries out. SNHR holds itself to the highest standards of financial transparency with donors by providing them with financial reports and supporting documentation on a regular basis.

The high standards of SNHR’s work are reflected through regular citations of its work in publications and documents issued by a wide range of UN institutions, human rights bodies, research and media institutions, civil society organizations and political institutions, and through the workshops, conferences and seminars that SNHR has held or participated in.

The following are the main parties that incorporate data provided by the Syrian Network for Human Rights into their work:
UN Institutions

IIIM
the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism in the Syria

OCHA

COI
Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic

UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Political Institutions
International Organizations
Research Institutions
Western Media Institutions

- CNN
- The Washington Post
- The New York Times
- USA TODAY
- The Daily Beast
- UN News
- The Telegraph
- Los Angeles Times
Arab Media Institutions
Local Media Institutions
Turkish Media Institutions