



One Hundred Individuals Killed in Aleppo in Conjunction with an Inciting Religious Statement by the Government Mufti

Government forces escalated their attacks on Aleppo since 10 April 2015, in conjunction with a TV statement made by the Syrian government Mufti,

Ahmad Hassoun. The Mufti assured the importance of “genociding regions which are not controlled by government forces”. His statement is considered as a direct incitation, and is considered a deliberate and pre-planned crime to kill millions of Syrian citizens. Before Mufti Hassoun, a number of pro-regime political and military personnel issued similar statements and even encouraged the use of nuclear weapons if possible against revolting citizens.

In fact, four continuous years of daily shelling and massacres proved that the ruling authorities are in no need for a “Fatwa”, i.e. religious statement, or any justification for its daily murders.

For five days, government forces have dropped more than 43 barrel bombs and about 12 vacuum missiles. Also government air forces performed more than 46 raids which targeted many vital facilities, such as Saad Al-Ansari School, Abdul Rahman Al-Ghafiqi School, Sukar Mosque in Bustan Al-Qaser and grocery market in Ma’adi. They also targeted residential neighborhoods like Salah Al-Din, Al-Mashhad, Al-Ma’adi, Al-Shaar, and Bustan Al-Qaser neighborhoods.

On 11 April 2015, government helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on a local market in Ma’adi neighborhood which killed 23 victims including a child and injured 15 others.

On 12 April 2015, government warplanes launched a vacuum missile which targeted the Saad Al-Ansari Compound Schools in Al-Mashhad neighborhood, which killed 11 individuals including 4 women and a child. All the women were teachers.

On 13 April 2015, government helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on Bustan Al-Qaser which killed 7 civilians including 3 women and destroyed many houses and a mosque.





According to the documentation team in SNHR, the number of people killed in these five days has reached 100 individuals, including 11 gunmen and 89 civilians. Thus 89% of the victims were civilians. The civilian victims included 22 children and 11 women.

We recorded the death of 2 women by armed opposition groups who were killed by mortar missiles, when these groups shelled checkpoints in neighborhoods under the control of government forces.

ISIL also attacked some locations for armed opposition in these regions as we recorded the death of a gunman and the injury of a few members of armed opposition. SNHR urges Mr. De Mistura to take urgent action to perform his duties as the UN special envoy and we extremely regret the absence of any statement or denunciation from his behalf in several months midst the brutal attack by government forces on Aleppo, Idlib and its siege on Al Ghouta.

