



Government forces killed more than 3000 civilians during the blessed month of Ramadan .

The period of the report: 10/7/2013- 7/8/2013 -the whole period of Ramadan-.

The report: the number of dead persons of civilians and the armed opposition during Ramadan.

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Introduction

Ramadan is one of the most sacred months for Muslims around the world. Many called for truces by many parties including Syrian political opposition, but they were rejected by government forces.

The report:

Government forces didn't care about this blessed month as SNHR recorded the death of 3011 civilians during Ramadan, which are distributed as follows:

First: 1995 civilians including 336 children, and 238 women (government forces killed about 12 children every day) and 186 civilians died due to torture including two children.

Second: 1016 armed opposition elements

In a rate of 104 individuals a day. five Syrian civilians were killed every hour at the hand of government forces.

The killing of this great number of civilians, in particular children and women, is a stark evidence of the constant systematic extrajudicial killing and bombardment. Moreover, the strongest evidence is the number of victims that have been died due to torture inside intelligence branches where number of victims reached 186 civilians (seven individuals were killed every day) which is a stark indicator of constant systematic torture.





The distribution of martyrs in Ramadan across Syrian governorates:

Damascus and its suburbs: 972

Aleppo: 492

Idlib: 406

Daraa: 326

Homs: 328

Hama: 133

Deir Ez-Zour: 96

Raqqa: 66

Qunaitra: 41

Latakia: 34

Al Hassaka: 25

Tartous: 19

Swayda: 2

Foreign nationalities: 70

Link of [Ramadan's toll 2013](#)

The statistics of first week with details (pictures, videos and names)

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBZEptYy13MWxRZIE/edit?usp=sharing>

[The statistics of second week with details](#) (pictures, videos and names)

[The statistics of third week with details](#) (pictures, videos and names)

[The statistics of last eight days of Ramadan](#)

We should note that there were cases in which we were unable to approach and document especially in cases of massacres, the besieged towns and villages and the cut the communication by Syrian government every time which leads to greater massacres, when the people buried their dead in mass grave in many cases in fear of diseases and epidemics. All of these are resulting from Syrian government's ban of any human rights organization for working on its lands.





Legal conclusions:

1- Government forces and Al Shabiha have violated the international human rights law which protects the right to life in addition to being committed in non-International armed conflict so it mounts to war crime as all elements were fulfilled.

Evidences and proofs, according to hundreds of eyewitnesses' accounts, suggest that 90% at least of the widespread and single attacks were directed against civilians and civilian facilities.

All of this discredits the Syrian government's claims that it is fighting "Al-Qaeda and terrorists"

2- SNHR deems that the documented incidents, the murder crime, a crime against humanity because it is a systematic and widespread attack against civilians at most killing operations.

Condemnation and liability:

Every international illegal act that is carried by state linked with international responsible of this state. As the International Customary Law states that the state is responsible for all acts of its military and security forces. As a result, the state is responsible for all illegal acts including crimes against humanity which are committed by its military and security forces.

SNHR holds the head of Syrian regime and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces" Bashar Al Asad" responsible for all acts of murder, torture and massacre that take place in Syria, as he is the responsible to order these acts. We consider all Syrian government bodies that govern the military and security bodies directly involved in these acts along with Iranian government and Hezbollah and they hold legal and judicial responsible. In addition to all financiers and supporters of the regime who has committed massacres on daily and systematic basis. Furthermore, we hold them all responsible for any violent reactions that can be carried out by the Syrian people, in particular, the martyrs' relatives and families.





Recommendations:

To human rights council:

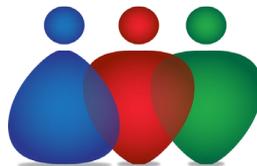
- 1- To demand that the Security Council and the concerned international institutions shoulder their responsibilities in regard to instantaneous murder which doesn't stop for an hour.
- 2- To press on the Syrian government to cease indiscriminate and deliberate bombardment against civilians.
- 3- To hold Syrian government's allies and supporters- Russia, Iran, and China- morally and materially responsible for what happening in Syria.
- 4- To give the disastrous situation of victims' families in Syria greater interest and seriousness.

To Security Council:

- 1- To adopt a resolution to refer all perpetrators and criminals to the International Criminal Court.
- 2- To warn the Syrian government about the ramifications of severe acts and systematic murder and send a clear message regarding this case.

To the Arab League:

- 1- To ask the Human Rights Council and the United Nations to give the case of deliberate and indiscriminate killing its right of interest and follow-up.
- 2- To press politically and diplomatically on the main Syrian regime allies- Russia, Iran and China- to ban them from providing the international and political cover and protection of all committed crimes against the Syrian people and to hold them morally and materially responsible for all Syrian government violations.



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