



Despite the Cessation of Hostilities agreement, 78 civilian vital facilities were attacked in April 2016 50 amongst which were committed by governmental forces

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I. Executive summary:

The pace of the bombardment by warplanes (Government and Russian), in parallel with the pace of the bombardment of vital centers has decreased since the start of the application of the Agreement on Cessation of Hostilities.

This positive progress must be supported. However, SNHR emphasizes that the violations did not stop, and that the Syrian regime is considered the biggest violator of various types of violations on the bombing, killing, and detention, etc. The main objective of documenting all reports is to know the perpetrators accurately, and deterring their recurrence.

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During April 2016, SNHR recorded not less than 78 offensive attacks on civil vital civilians» facilities, detailed as follows according to the main conflict parties in Syria:

- A. Government Forces (army, security forces, local militias, and foreign militias) targeted 50 facilities.
- B. Russian Forces targeted 8 facilities
- C. Extremist Islamic Groups :
 - i. ISIL targeted 4 facilities
 - A. Armed Opposition Groups targeted 10 facilities
 - B. International Coalition Forces targeted 1 facilities
 - C. Unidentified Groups targeted 1 facilities





The most attacked vital facilities in April 2016:

18 infrastructure buildings, 16 educational facilities, 18 places of worship, 14 medical facilities, 6 communal facilities, and 6 refugee camps.

To read further about SNHR's [methodology](#) in classifying vital civilians' facilities in Syria, you can visit the following link:

Attacked facilities according to the main conflict parties in Syria:

Government's aerial bombardment, displacement and destruction they cause are apparently aimed at thwarting the establishment of any governance model that may serve as a substitute for the Assad government.

The Security Council failed to carry out Resolution 2139, adopted on 22 February, 2014, which states: "all parties immediately cease all attacks against civilians, as well as the indiscriminate employment of weapons in populated areas, including shelling and aerial bombardment, such as the use of explosive barrel bombs.", the Security Council should at least press on government forces to stop the attacks on civilians' vital places, which are usually crowded, such as schools, hospitals, markets, bakeries, and places of worships.

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In this report, SNHR highlights the documented attacks against vital civilians' facilities. It is worth noting that what we documented was the minimum due to the many practical obstacles we run across during our work.

SNHR affirms, through its investigations, that there were no military points or presence in these places before or during the attacks. The Syrian regime, and the crimes perpetrators, should justify their brutal attacks before the United Nations and the Security Council.





I. Incident Details

A: Government Forces (the army, security, local militias and foreign Shiite militias): Places of Worship

- Mosques:

On 2 April 2014, the system's heavy artillery bombarded shell at [Al Hoda Mosque](#) in the town of «Khan Al Shiekh», in Damascus countryside that is under the control of the opposition armed factions, which led to the damage of the upper level, [destruction](#) of walls and wreckage of the windows.

On 5 April 2016 government warplanes launched a missile on [Abu Bakir Alseddeeq Mosque](#) in Dhmeir town in Damascus countryside that is under the control of the opposition armed factions what caused major damage to the walls of the mosque.



On 8 April 2016 government warplanes launched a missile at [Al-Shiekh Saeed mosque](#) in Sarakib town, Idlib governorate, under the control of the opposition armed factions, which led to huge financial damages and partial damage to the dome. It is left out of service.

On 11 April 2016 government warplanes launched a missile at «Alnour» mosque in Teir Maa'la in the suburb of Homos under the control of opposition armed factions; the shelling destroyed the dome of the mosque and caused [many openings in the ceiling](#).

On 15 April 2016 government warplanes launched a missile at Othman Bin Affan mosque in the town of Al-Tamanie'a in the countryside of Idlib, under the control of opposition armed factions, which led to a [material damage of the mosque construction](#).



On 17 April 2016 government warplanes launched missiles at a «Khaled Bin Al Walid» mosque in the city of «Al Aays», in Aleppo suburb, under the control of the opposition armed factions, causing huge destruction [in the building of the mosque](#), and demolish the minaret.





On 19 April 2016 government warplanes shelled an explosive barrel at Al Nour mosque in «Tayr Ma»alla» city in the governorate of Homos countryside, under the control of the opposition armed factions, which led to the destruction of the southern wall of the building. It's important to mention that this mosque was exposed to government warplanes missiles previously in the same month and left [out of service](#).

On 22 April 2016 government warplanes launched missiles at a [«Zeid Bin Haretha» mosque](#) in Bab Al Naireb the city of «Aleppo», under the control of the opposition armed factions, causing [destruction](#) in [the building of the mosque](#).

On 29 April 2016 government warplanes launched missiles at a [«Oyes Al Korni» mosque](#), in Al Sokkari Neighborhood in the city of Aleppo, under the control of the opposition armed factions, causing huge destruction in the building of the mosque, partial damage in its fence.

On 29 April 2016 government warplanes launched missiles at a «Sayyedna Al Hussien» mosque in Al Katerji Neighborhood the city of Aleppo, under the control of the opposition armed factions, causing partial [destruction](#) in the building of the mosque.

On 30 April 2016 government warplanes launched missiles at a [«Al Sahabi Sohaib Al Roumi» mosque](#) in Bab Al Naireb Neighborhood in the city of Aleppo, under the control of the opposition armed factions, causing partial financial [destruction](#) in the building of the [mosque](#).



Educational Facilities

-Schools:

On 4 April 2016 government warplanes launched missiles «Al Sinaa»a School» in Rouaida Neighborhood in the city of «Al-Boleil», Eastern Deir Zour suburb under the control of ISIL, which led to the collapse of the building of the school.

On 5 April 2016, government warplanes [launched a missile](#) at «The Secondary School» in Dhmier city in the suburb of Damascus what caused the destruction of the school building and left out of service.





On 9 April 2016, government warplanes launched a missile at [the Engineer Mohammad Anwar School](#) in Jawbar Neighborhood in the city of Damascus, under the control of the opposition armed factions, during a celebration for children causing financial damages. [The school is out of service](#) as a result of being exposed to a missile fragments.



On 13 April 2016, government warplanes launched a missile at a [Asaa'd School](#) in the eastern neighborhood of Dhmeir city in Damascus suburb governorate that is also a refuge for immigrants, under the control of the opposition armed factions, which resulted in financial [material damages](#) to the building of the school and a [partial damage to its fence](#).

On 14 April 2016 government warplanes shelled a missile at «Al Rashid» in Adnan Al Maliki Neighborhood in the middle of Al Raqqa, under the control of ISIL, which led to the total destruction of one of the school buildings that is overlooking on the main road in addition to the destruction of its fence.

On 19 April 2016 government warplanes shelled a missile at «Salim Al Molla School» in Jisir Al Shoughor city in the suburb of Idlib governorate, under the control of opposition armed factions, which led to huge destruction in the building of the school.

On 28 April 2016 government warplanes shelled a missile at the residential buildings surrounding the Arabic Renaissance School in Bab Al Hadeed In Aleppo city under the control of opposition armed factions, which led to [huge destruction](#) in the building of the school and left out of service.

- Colleges:

On 19 April 2016, government warplanes shelled near [Shakhabeet Learning Center](#) in Maa'rrat Al Noa'man in the suburb of Idlib Governorate that is under the opposition armed factions' control what led to [financial damages to the center](#).





- Medical Centers:

- Medical Facilities (Hospitals, Infirmaries, Medical Points, Makeshift Hospitals)

On 1 April 2016, government warplanes launched a rocket on the medical point in Zebdien town in Damascus suburb governorate that is under the control of armed opposition which greatly damaged the building and went out of service.

On 7 April 2016, government warplanes launched 10 missiles on the Omayya medical point related to the Medical Point in Zebdien town in Damascus governorate that is under the control of armed opposition which greatly destroyed the building and caused it to go out of service.

On 18 April 2016 government rocket launchers launched rockets on one of [the field hospitals](#) in Teldo Town in the suburb of northern Homos governorate that is under the control of armed opposition. The hospital and its equipment in addition to the medicine warehouse and the electrical generator were greatly [damaged](#) and [went out of service](#).

On 23 April 2016 government rocket launchers launched rockets near the field hospital in the northern part of Al Atarib in Aleppo that is under the control of armed opposition. What led to the partial damage to the artificial kidney department in the hospital and financial damages.

On 29 April 2016 government rocket launchers launched rockets at [the Health center](#) in Al [Marji neighborhood](#) in Aleppo that is under the control of armed opposition. What led to the almost total [damage](#) the building and [left out of service](#).



On 29 April 2016 government rocket launchers launched rockets at a medicine warehouse related to the Emergency Medical Services in [Tareek Al Bab neighborhood](#) in Aleppo city that is under the control of armed opposition. What led to the almost total [damage the building](#) and to a [huge amount of medicine](#).





- Ambulances:

On 14 April 2016 government rocket launchers launched missiles at an ambulance related to Health department of Aleppo on Al Qastello Road in Aleppo city that is [under the control of armed opposition](#), What led to the partial financial [damage to the car](#).

On 18 April 2016 government rocket launchers launched missiles at [the field hospital of Teldo Town](#) in the suburb of [Homos governorate](#) that is under the control of armed opposition, What led to huge financial damage to the ambulance that is related to [the hospital](#).



On 22 April 2016 government rocket launchers launched missiles at an ambulance related to Emergency medical centers in Bab Al Naireb Neighborhood in Aleppo city that is under the control of armed opposition, What led to the damage of the ambulance and the death of the driver.

- Communal Facilities:

- Gardens:

On 14 April 2016, government rocket launchers launched rockets at [Al Rasheed Garden](#) in Adnan Al Maliki Road in the middle of Al Raqqa under the control of ISIL, what led to a fire burn in the garden.

- Markets:

On 19 April 2016, government warplanes launched a rocket near the public [market](#) (fish market) in Kafr Nobol in the suburb of Idlib Governorate that is under the control of armed opposition which caused [destruction](#) and damaged [several shops](#).

- On 19 April 2016, government warplanes launched a rocket at a [public market in Ma'arrat Al Noa'man City](#) in the suburb of Idlib governorate that is under the control of armed opposition which damaged and [burning of several shops](#).

Saturday 23 April 2016, [the regime artillery fired shells](#) on a [popular market in Duma](#) city that is under the control of armed opposition faction in Damascus suburb governorate, which caused a [massacre](#), many shops were [damaged](#) as well.





Sunday 24 April 2016, regime warplane shelled rockets on a [popular market in Al Sakhour](#) neighborhood that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Aleppo city, which caused a massacre, many shops and vegetables vehicles [were damaged as well](#).

Infrastructure:

Civil Defense centers (facilities and vehicles)

Wednesday 6 April 2016, regime artillery fired shells on an [ambulance](#) of civil defense in Al Raihan town that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Damascus suburb governorate, [damaging it partly](#).



Sunday 6 April 2016, the regime helicopters dropped a barrel bomb near Hanano fire station of the civil defense in Al Haidari neighborhood that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Aleppo city, which is responsible of distinguishing fire in eastern Aleppo city, it destroyed the station partly and it went [out of service](#), 3 vehicles were partly [damaged as well](#).

Tuesday 26 April 2016, the regime warplanes shelled missiles on [the civil defense center](#) in Al Atarib city that is [under the control of armed opposition factions](#) in western Aleppo suburb governorate, which killed 5 civil defense cadres and [destroyed the center partly](#) and [rendered it out of service](#). [3 vehicles were destroyed](#) as well (an ambulance, fire truck and tank).





Water Systems (water pipes, wells, water pump stations, irrigation canals, dams, water tanks, sewage treatment plants, sewage systems).

Sunday 24 April 2016 the regime warplanes [shelled missiles on the main pipe in Al Saleheen neighborhood](#), which is under the control of armed opposition factions in Aleppo city, it was partly damaged and went out of service. It is worth mention that this pipe feeding most of Aleppo neighborhoods.

Friday 29 April 2016, the regime warplanes shelled missiles on sterilization station in Al Nairab that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Aleppo city. The station is responsible for sterilization and feeding old Aleppo neighborhoods. The shelling caused a fire [that damaged the station partly](#), and rendered it [out of service](#).

Official Headquarters (Institutions and ministries)

Tuesday 14 April 2016, the regime warplane shelled missiles near water institution in Al Raqqa city that is under the control of ISIL, damaging it partly.

Transportation systems (bridges, water crossings, highways, railroads, garages, bus and car stations, civil airports, border crossings and its offices)

Tuesday 5 April 2016, the regime warplane shelled a missile near a bridge on Damascus-Baghdad road in Al Dumair city in Damascus suburb governorate, caused a fire but it did not effected [the bridge job](#).

Bakeries

Thursday 28 April 2016, the regime warplane shelled missiles on a bakery in northern Al Amiria neighborhood that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Aleppo city, destroyed it greatly and rendered it out of service.

Refugee Camps

Friday 15 April 2016, the regime artillery fired shells on refugees camp in Khirmash region near Jisr Al Shoghour city that is under the control of [armed opposition factions in Idlib suburbs governorate](#). 10tents were burned.





Sunday 24 April 2016, the regime aviation shelled missiles on Jabal Harim camp that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Idlib suburb governorate, which contains the refugees families from Hama and Idlib suburb governorates. 10 tents were burned. We are [unable to identify the aviation type](#) at the moment of [making this report](#).

Monday 25 April 2016, the regime aviation shelled [6 missiles on Al Zouf refugees camp](#) (Ikhay'a) near Jisr Al Shoghhour city that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Idlib suburb governorate. 3 tents were damaged. We are unable to identify the aviation type at the moment of [making this report](#).

B- Russian Forces:

Educational Facilities:

Schools

Sunday 11 January 2016, alleged Russian warplane shelled a missile near a school in Hour village that is under the control of armed opposition factions, the school was damaged partly. On Sunday 3 April 2016 we verified the incident by eyewitness in that region.

Friday 8 April 2016 alleged Russian warplane shelled a missile on the vicinity of [Al Sina'ah School](#) in Al Atarib that is under the control of armed opposition factions in western Aleppo suburb governorate. [The missile destroyed it partly](#). It is worth to mention that the school was targeted two times earlier in 2015 by the same aviation.

Medical Facilities:

Hospitals, dispensaries, medical regions, and makeshift hospitals

Sunday 10 April 2016, alleged Russian warplane shelled missiles on modern medicine hospital in Al Raqqa that is under the control of ISIL, it was partly damaged and one of electricity generation room was burned as well.

Sunday 10 April 2016, alleged Russian warplanes shelled missiles on obstetric hospital in Adnan Al Maliki in Al Raqqa city that is under the control of ISIL. It was partly damaged and rendered out of service.

Sunday 10 April 2016, alleged Russian warplane shelled missiles on national hospital in Al Thakna neighborhood that is under the control of ISIL in Al Raqqa city. It was partly destroyed and rendered out of service.





Wednesday 27 April 2016, alleged Russian warplane shelled a missile on [Basil Aslan makeshift hospital](#) (Al Quds hospital) in Al Sukari neighborhood that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Aleppo city which caused a massacre amongst victims there was 2doctors, a female nurse, and 2medical cadres. The [hospital](#) was [greatly damaged](#) and went out of service.



Ambulances

Thursday 28 April 2016, alleged Russian warplane shelled missiles near an ambulance in Sabhan Mosque Street in Al Kalasah neighborhood that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Aleppo city. The ambulance of a [medical point was partly damaged](#).

Refugee Camps

Thursday 31 February 2016, alleged Russian warplane shelled a missile near a refugee camp in Al Shaikh Mustafa village in southwest of Ma'arit Al Nu'man suburb in Idlib suburb governorate. 5 tents were burned. On Friday 1 April 2016 we were able to approach with activities on the region who confirmed the shelling.

C- Extremist Islamic Groups

- ISIL:

Educational Facilities:

Schools

Sunday 24 April 2016, ISIL artillery stationed in Talaleen town shelled several local made missiles on Mare' school in the northern part of Mare' city that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Aleppo suburb governorate. The school was [partly damaged](#).





Infrastructure:

Power stations and energy sources (Electricity generating stations, fuel stations, oil wells and stations, oil and gas pipelines).

Tuesday 5 April 2016, ISIL stormed thermal Tishreen electricity station that is under the control of government forces, and located on the linked road between Haran Al Awameed-Al Dumier in Damascus suburb governorate, where there were clashes between ISIL's members and the members of military barracks that guarded the station. [The station was almost entirely destroyed and rendered out of service.](#)

Thursday 7 April 2016, ISIL artillery shelled several local made shells on Gas Company in Al Farqalis city that is under the government forces in eastern Homs suburb governorate. The company's fence was greatly damaged, an electricity generator was destroyed as well.

Refugee Camps

Thursday 14 April 2016, ISIL fired heavy machine guns on [Ikada \(Al Zaizafon\) camp](#) that under the control of armed opposition factions in northern Aleppo suburb governorate which contains [the refugees' families](#) from southern and northern Aleppo suburbs governorate. [40 tents were burned.](#)



D- Armed Opposition Factions:

Places of Worship:

Mosques

Wednesday 20 April 2016, several local made missiles were dropped on Al Huda mosque in Saif Al Dawla neighborhood that is under the control of government forces in Aleppo city. The missiles were from artillery that stationed in Al Ansari neighborhood that is under the control of armed opposition factions. [The mosque was partly damaged.](#)





Saturday 23 April 2016, several local made missiles were dropped on a residential building near Al Rawda mosque in Al Mokampo neighborhood that under the control of government forces in Aleppo city. The missiles were from an artillery stationed in Bani Zaid neighborhood that is under the control of armed opposition factions. The mosque was partly damaged.

Friday 29 April 2016, several local made missiles were dropped on a popular shop near Al Mala Khan mosque in Bab Al Faraj neighborhood that is under the control of government forces in Aleppo city. The missiles were from artillery stationed in one of old Aleppo neighborhood that is under the control of armed opposition factions. The mosque was [partly damaged](#).

Sunday 24 April 2016, several local made missiles were dropped on [Mar Yousef church](#) in Al Aziziea neighborhood that under the control of government forces in Aleppo city. The missiles were from artillery stationed in one of old Aleppo neighborhoods. [The church was partly damaged](#).

Educational Facilities:

Schools

Sunday 23 April 2016, several local made missiles were dropped on Al Taliyah Al Arabia School in Al Neel Street neighborhood that under the control of government forces in Aleppo. The missiles were from an artillery stationed on Bani Zaid neighborhood that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Aleppo. [The school was partly damaged](#).

Monday 25 April 2016 a local made missile was dropped on Al Ma'mun School in Al Jamilah neighborhood that is under the control of government forces in Aleppo city. The missile was from an artillery stationed on Bustan Al Kasir neighborhood that is under the control of armed opposition factions. The school's courtyard was partly damaged.

Thursday 25 April 2016, several local made missiles were dropped on [Al Faroq School](#) in Al Jamilah neighborhood that under the control of government forces in Aleppo city. The missiles were from an artillery stationed on Bustan Al Kasir neighborhood that is under the control of armed opposition factions. [The school was partly damaged](#).





Friday 29 April 2016, several local made missiles were [dropped on Al Ameen School](#) in [Al Jamiliah neighborhood](#) that under the control of government forces in Aleppo city. The missiles were from an artillery stationed on Al Mashhad neighborhood that is under the control of [armed opposition factions](#) in Aleppo. [The school was partly damaged.](#)



Infrastructure:

Bakeries

Saturday 30 April 2016, several local made missiles were dropped on [Al Souq bakery in Saif Al Dawla neighborhood](#) that is under the control of government forces in Aleppo city. [The missiles were from an artillery stationed](#) in Al Mashhad neighborhood that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Aleppo. [The bakery was greatly damaged and rendered out of service.](#)



Banks

Sunday 3 April 2016, several local made missiles were dropped on a residential flat in France bank building in Al Faisal Street that is under the control of government forces in Aleppo. The missiles were from an artillery stationed in Bani Zaid neighborhood that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Aleppo. The fire broke out in the bank which damaged it partly and rendered it out of [service for few days.](#)

D- International Coalition Forces:

Places of Worship:

Mosques

Friday 1 April 2016, an unmanned [aerial vehicle shelled two missiles](#) near [Al Nour mosque](#) in [Al Dar' eia neighborhood](#) that is under the control of ISIL in Al Raqqa city. [The mosque was partly damaged.](#)





H- Unidentified Groups

Places of Worship:

- Mosques

Friday 1 April 2016, a mortar missile was dropped on [prophet Saleh mosque](#) in Al Qamishli city that is under the control of government forces and Kurdish self-management forces in Al Hassaka governorate. The mosque was partly damaged, we are unable to identify the influential party at the moment of making this report.

Tuesday 5 April 2016, a bombed car exploded near [Al Omari mosque](#) in [Ma'aret Al No'uman neighborhood](#) that is under the control of armed opposition faction and Al Nusra front in Idlib suburb governorate. [The mosque](#) was [greatly damaged](#), we are unable to [identify the influential party](#) at [the moment of making](#) this report.

Educational Facilities:

- Schools

Tuesday 5 April 2016, a bombed car exploded near [That Al Nitaqin School](#) in Ma'aret Al No'uman neighborhood that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Idlib suburb governorate. The fence of school was [greatly damaged](#), we are unable to identify the influential party at the moment of [making this report](#).

Communal Facilities:

- Markets

Tuesday 5 April 2016, a bombed car exploded near [Al Barz market](#) in [Ma'aret Al No'uman neighborhood](#) that is under the control of armed opposition faction and Al Nusra front in Idlib suburb governorate. [7shops were almost completely destroyed](#), and 12shops were partly damaged. We are unable to identify the influential party at the moment of making this report.

Refugee Camps

Thursday 21 April 2016, several mortar missiles dropped on Al Tanmiea refugees camp in Atama town that is under the control of armed opposition factions in Idlib suburbs governorate. Several tents were damaged and several camp facilities were partly damaged. We are unable to identify the influential party at the moment of making this report.





III- Conclusions and Recommendations:

According to the Humanitarian International Law, purposed, indiscriminate, or disproportionate attacks are prohibited. Thus, the attack of schools, hospitals, churches, and bakeries is an utter disregard for the minimum standards of international law and the UN Security Council Resolutions.

Russian forces, some of the extremist groups, other armed groups and international coalition forces targeted a number of those facilities. The indiscriminate bombardment is a violation of the intentional humanitarian law and can be classified as war crimes.

Recommendations

The Security Council

1. Binding all the influential parties especially government forces to respect Resolution 2139 by, at least, condemning the targeting of vital facilities that civilians need every day.
2. Enforcing a comprehensive arms embargo on the Syrian regime considering its horrible violations of the international laws and the Security Council resolutions.
3. Considering the states that supply the Syrian regime with weapons and the groups involved in perpetrating crimes against civilians partners in these crimes as well as all weapon suppliers and distributors





