



Statement

Bilal Al Attarat Enforced to Disappear since 2014

SNHR briefed the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary disappearances, of the case of citizen Bilal Mustafa Al Attarat from Kafr Shams village in Daraa governorate, age 38 at the time, and asked to request of the Syrian authorities to release him, as he was arrested arbitrarily at a checkpoint in Mazza on Damascus-Beirut International Rd. by military security forces of the Syrian Authorities on his way back from Lebanon in May 31, 2014, without showing a warrant entitles them to arrest him, the military security members were wearing civilian and military outfits.



Since his disappearance in May 31, 2014 his family had an information from a released detainee saying that he was in branch 227 in Damascus in August 12, 2014, and his family had no news on his whereabouts after that, and until the date of informing the United Nation Rapporteur on date his fate is yet unknown.

Syrian authorities deny enforcing Bilal Al Attarat to disappear, SNHR were unable to determine his fate until now, as is his family, and they are afraid of detention and torture in the event of repeating questions about him, as happened with many similar cases.

SNHR demanded the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearance to intervene with the Syrian authorities for his immediate release, and the release of thousands of cases of enforced disappearances and the need to determine their fate.

And despite the fact that the Syrian government is not a party of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances, but in contrast Party on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant, and the Arab Charter on Human Rights, which enforced disappearances violates both provisions.

SNHR also confirmed fears of torture and possibly death under torture against enforced disappeared since

