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## **Mare'e City goes between the ISIL's Hell and Kurdish Self Management Forces' Burns Fears threat the lives of 1700 families**

Since the beginning of February 2016, the government forces, (security, army, and militias, both local and foreign Loyalties), with the intensive support of Russian raids, started to launch a wide attack aimed at cutting the only road linking between the northern and the western countryside of Aleppo and the neighborhoods of Aleppo that are under the control of the armed opposition factions. This campaign coincided with the military campaign led by Kurdish Self Management forces through the Syria Democratic Kurdish Forces. (With a Kurdish majority belonging to the Democratic Union Party in Syria, Kurdistan Workers Party Branch) where it devastated areas under the control of the Syrian opposition and controlled the city of "Tal Refaa't, and the towns of Deir Jamal, Meneg, and other, causing the large- scale displacement of its citizens, and thousands of them are still bare in Syrian-Turkish Borders.

These military attacks, from the government forces from one side and the Kurdish self-management forces from the other one, caused the siege of an area of 500 km. The government forces besieging the city from the south; the Syria Democratic Kurdish Forces from the west and ISIL (called the Islamic caliphate) from the east. This siege caused a new displacement of at least 120,000 people from the cities of Mare'e, Andan, and the towns of H'erdtmien, Tal Jbien, Meskan, Retyan, Kafr Naya, and Tal Mayer.

On 27 May 2016, ISIL launched an attack on the areas under the control of the armed opposition factions and dominated Kafr Kalbien and Gibreen villages and slashed the only road between Mare'e and A'zaz cities and tightening the fully siege on the city of Mare'e. ISIL is now surrounding this city from the eastern, northern, and southern sides, while Kurdish self Management forces besieged it from the western side.

SNHR contacted with a number of Mare'e citizens, where the besiege caused many disastrous situations for approximately 1,700 families. It was shown that the bombing carried out by ISIL is random and targeting residential districts. The purpose of which is to pressure on the rest of fighters to surrender the city. People wondered about the absence of any effective role of international coalition forces in the bombardment of ISIL to the besieged city and very visible, but there are accusations that the forces of the international coalition targeting armed opposition forces that defend the city of Mare'e on Sunday 29 of this month, killing 7 of its members; the SNHR is still investigating the incident.





Mare'e citizens see that ISIL and Syria Democratic Kurdish Forces related to Kurdish Self-Management forces as two sides to the same coin. Both of which seek to extend control and influence plundering the wealth of the territories and violating the rights of its people. The Syria Democratic Kurdish Forces made many extortion operations aimed at getting more villages and towns for facilitating the passage of civilians to safer areas. After negotiations with the opposition armed factions, there was an allowance of the passage of approximately 700 families across the city of Tal Refaa't that controlled several months ago in return for the withdrawal of the opposition armed factions from the village of Sheikh Issa.

SNHR shows certain concerns about the the fate of nearly 12 thousand civilians trapped within the city of Mare'e, mostly children and women. If any of the parties, ISIL or Syrian Kurdish Democratic Forces invaded the city, this will be followed by wide violations and indiscriminate reprisals. The Support Group for Syria should provide urgent support to the city of Mare'e, and find ways to its security to protect civilians.

We also call for the immediate access of aid transboundary harm to reach nearly 135 thousand emigrants to the Syrian- Turkish border who suffer from very deplorable human conditions and deprivation; in addition to what might appear of social and psychological aspects extend for decades after the lack of desire to find a solution to the Syrian disaster since March 2011.

A map that shows the areas under the control of both ISIL and the Kurdish Self Management Forces.

