



In Its 10th Day: 27 Breaches in the Ceasefire Agreement The Killing of 67 individuals and not less than 339 breaches since the ceasefire started

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I. Executive Summary

SNHR sent documented reports regarding all the breaches and violations of Kofi Anan's 6 point plan in April, May and June 2012 to his office. This plan proved its fruitlessness since the Syrian regime continued to commit different kinds of massacres and crimes that amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity; as we previously documented.

We hope that the ceasefire will pave the way to a political change towards democracy. The previous 6 points plan was under the auspices of the UN, while this ceasefire is sponsored by Russian and the USA only. As it is known, Russia cannot take that part since it is a loyal ally to the Syrian regime and one of its supporters. Hence, we questioned this ceasefire and its outcomes. The Syrian regime has violated and breached several UNSC resolutions and it was not held accountable. What if Russia follows the same footsteps? And will it be held accountable?

Fadel Abdul Ghani, head of SNHR, says:

“The international community, represented by the UNSC, knows exactly what it should do to end this circle of violence, however, it resorts to unproductive solutions. We need a political transition that would transform the ruling to a democratic one. We have previously said that after Geneva 1, the bloodshed is not going to end and state administrations will be doomed to failure. ISIL and Iranian militias are filling the space the corrupted Syrian government left. We are with any agreement or resolution that would end the cycle of violence and massacres in Syria.”





Concerning the statement itself, the Syrian regime and its Russian accomplice can strike regions under the control of armed opposition in northern of Syria under the pretext of the presence Al Nusra front, even if it is extremely limited, without breaching the ceasefire.

After some experience with the oppressive Syrian regime, it will welcome any breach in the ceasefire agreement and wishes that its Russian ally would end the presence of its opponents. It appears to us that the Russians would not want to get more involved in the Syrian swamp and this ceasefire would just buy them some time to rethink their options. SNHR team documented these breaches as it is the bare minimum of what we were able to document according to our methodology. We interviewed eyewitnesses and verified the footages and images we received. This report documents all the breaches that were committed by all conflict parties since the ceasefire started.

Those strikes happened in regions under the control of armed opposition and in regions that are controlled by joint forces of Al Nusra front and the armed opposition groups. The report also does not include any military operations in regions under ISIL's control. Also it is worth noting that there are some regions that are still under siege like northern Homs suburbs.

II- Executive Summary

This report depicts the breaches in the ceasefire agreement in its 10th day, 7 March 2016, as it reached 27 breaches which include military attacks and arrests. Some breaches happened during the past days but we include it in this report after we were able to verify it.

1. Military Attacks:

SNHR documented 12 breaches that were committed by government forces. Details:

Damascus suburbs: 5

Hama: 5

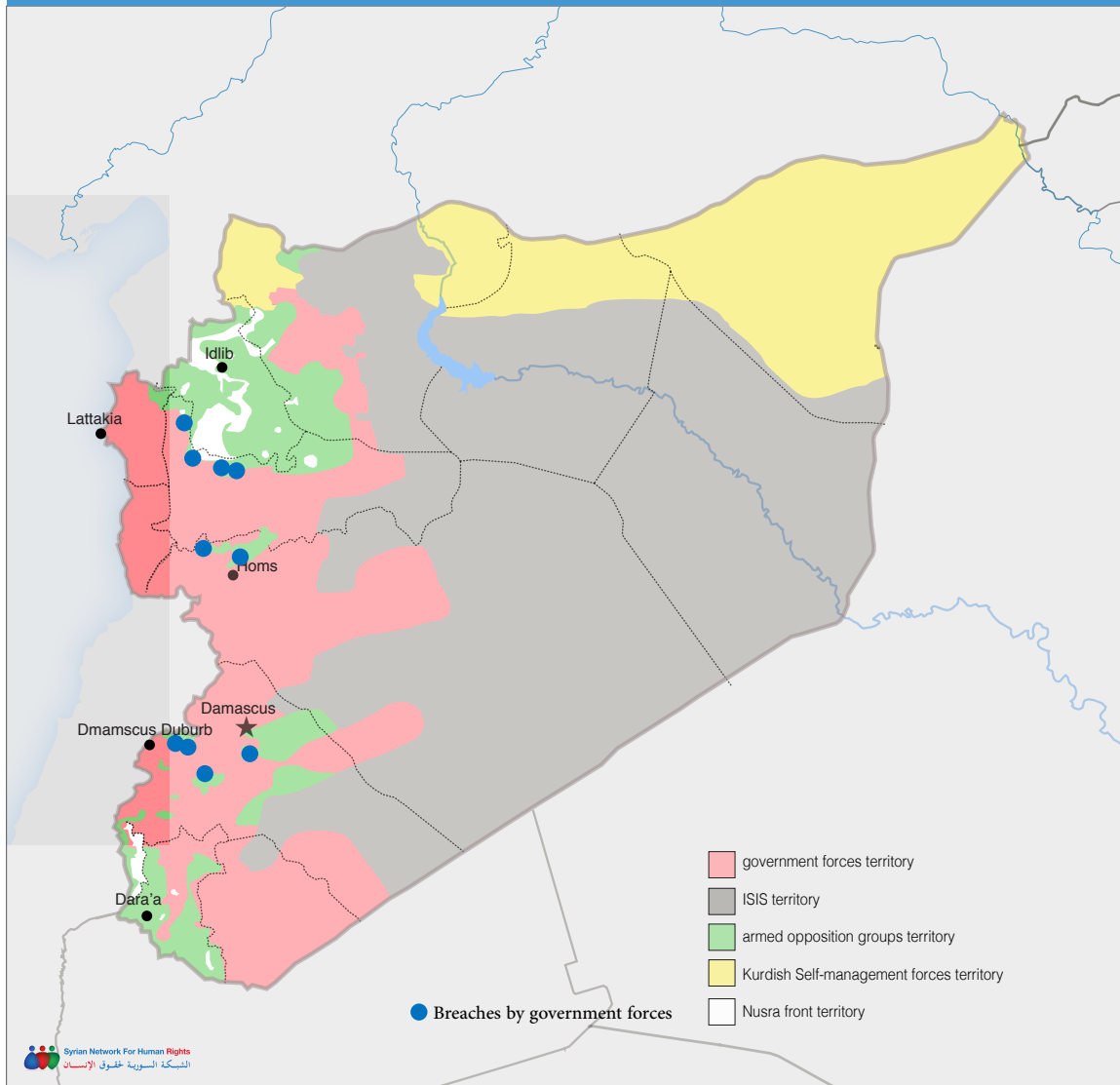
Homs: 2

Government forces' attacks killed 3 armed opposition members





Breaches by combat in 7 March 2016 the 10th day of the truce distributed as follow





2. Arrests:

SNHR documented the arrest of 15 individuals which constitutes a breach in the ceasefire agreement.

Government forces arrested 12 individuals including a woman. Details:

3 were arrested in Damascus

1 in Hama

Damascus suburbs: 4

Lattakia: 1

Homs: 2

Tartous: 1

- Kurdish Self Management forces arrested 3 individuals in Efreeen city in Aleppo.

III- Details:

1. Military attacks:

A. Government forces:

- **Damascus suburbs:**

- **Daraya city: On 6 March 2016:**

At 22:14 government forces used its machine guns on the southern front in Daraya city. The city is under the control of armed opposition and it is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

- **Deir Khabye Farms:** we recorded two breaches:

1st breach: at 9:30 p.m. government forces in Deir Khayba town targeted the farms that surround the region with mortar missiles. The farms are under the joint control of armed opposition and Al Nusra front.

2nd breach: at 9:30 p.m. government forces in Deir Khayba town launched its machine guns on the surrounding farms.

- **Al Zabadani City:** we recorded two breaches:

1st breach: a government sniper in Hikamt Al Rasas checkpoint started shooting which killed 2 members from armed opposition and injured two others. The checkpoint is under the control of government forces and its militias from Hezbollah.

2nd breach: a sniper in Hikamt Al Rasas checkpoint started shooting which killed 1 armed opposition member in Al Mahata Street next to the commercial bank in the city. The checkpoint is under the control of government forces and its militias from Hezbollah.





- Homs:

- Al Houla City: on 6 March 2016:

Government forces used its machine guns and targeted a residential region in Al Houla city. The city is under the control of armed opposition and it is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

- Talbisa City: On 6 March 2016:

Government artillery forces launched two gas cylinders on Housh Hajo front that belongs to the armed opposition in Talbisa city. The city is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

- Hama:

- Latamena City:

We recorded two breaches on 6 March 2016:

The city is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

1st breach: At 9 p.m. government artillery forces launched several missiles on the residential houses in Al Latamena city. The shelling injured a civilian.

2nd breach: At 9 p.m. government forces launched a Konkurs rocket which targeted the armed opposition front in Latamena city which injured two armed opposition members and destroyed a bulldozer for an armed opposition group.

A [video](#) that depicts the government firing in Kafar Nabouda city

A [video](#) that depicts the burned bulldozer due to the government shelling on Al Latamena city in Hama

- Al Jababera town:

We recorded two breaches in the town that is under the control of armed opposition. It is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

1st breach: at 1:15 a.m. government forces used its machine guns on an armed opposition front in Al Janabera town in Hama. Armed opposition responded to the gun shots' source.

2nd breach: at 12:10 p.m. government artillery forces launched 5 artillery missiles on an armed opposition front in Al Nanabera town which injured an armed opposition member.





- Kafar Nabouda city:

At 1 a.m. government forces launched its machine guns on an armed opposition front in Kafr Nabouda city. The town is under the control of armed opposition groups and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front.

Recommendations:

- We ask the joint American and Russian committee to investigate these incidents, announce its results to the Syrian people and prevent it from happening again.

- We demand the international community to correlate the ceasefire with political efforts that would pave the way towards a transitional stage that would result in a democratic regime, which will end the suffering of the Syrian people.

If breaches are still being committed, then this fragile ceasefire may fail at any moment. Since USA is a major advocate for this agreement, then it should persuade the Russian government to cease its airstrikes and pressure its ally the Syrian government to do so.

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