



In Its 16th Day: 32 Breaches in the Ceasefire Agreement 109 killed and not less than 591 breaches

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I- Introduction

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 16th day, 13 March 2016, as it reached 32 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 20 breaches that were committed by government forces, detailed as follows according to the Syrian governorates:

A- Government forces committed 19 breaches, detailed as follows:

8 in Damascus suburbs

2 in Aleppo

2 in Daraa

1 in Idlib

6 in Lattakia

B- Russian forces: we recorded one breach in Lattakia governorate.

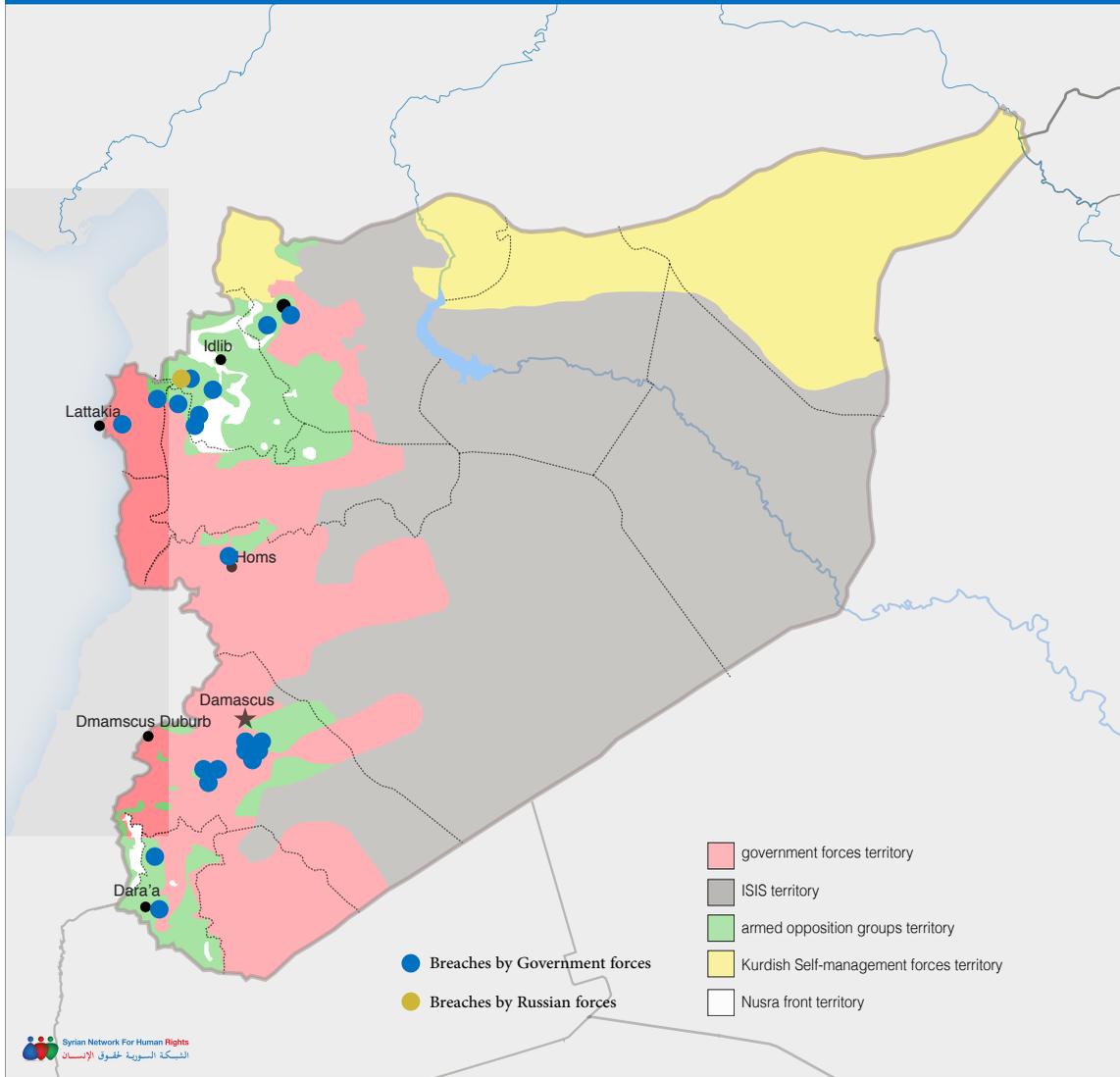
These attacks killed 4 armed opposition members at the hands of government forces

2- Arrests:





Breaches by combat in 13 March 2016 the 16h day of the truce distributed as follow





SNHR documented the arrest of 11 individuals at the hands of government forces, detailed as follows according to the Syrian governorates:

4 in Damascus

2 in Damascus suburbs

3 in Aleppo

2 in Homs

3- Obstructing Humanitarian Aid: one breach was recorded in Homs.

III- Report Details:

1- Military attacks

A – Government forces

Damascus suburbs Governorate:

- Darya city:

we recorded 5 breaches in the city. The city is under control by the armed opposition groups as there is no ISIL or Al-Nusra Front presence.

First Breach: around 8:00 pm the armed government forces shelled 6 mortar missiles targeted the southern front in Daraya city

Second Breach: around 8:45 pm the armed government forces shelled 7 mortar missiles targeted the southern front in Daraya city

Third Breach: around 8:15 pm the armed government forces shelled 6 mortar missiles targeted the city center where the Daraya historical church exists.

Fourth Breach: around 9:30 at night the armed government shelled 9 mortar missiles targeted the city center of Daraya city

Khan Al- Shaykh town:

we documented 3 breaches the government forces have committed. The city is under the joint control of armed opposition and Al-Nusra Front.

First Breach: the artillery division of the government forces targeted the Al Qussour region southern Khan Al-Shaykh

Second breach: government forces centered in Tallat Al-Kabouseya used heavy machine guns which targeted the towns' farms near Dair Khabye town.

Third Breach: the artillery division of the government forces centered in Tallat Al-Kabouseya shelled artillery missiles targeting the town farms near Dair Khabye town.

Idlib Governorate:

Mo'ra Horma Town:

Saturday 12th of March 2016

Around 11:00 pm the governmental air forces shelled a rocket targeting residential houses in the center of Mo'ra Horma Town, which lead to material damages in the houses. The town is under the joint control of the armed opposition forces and there is no existence for ISIL or Al-Nusra forces





Aleppo Governorate:

- Al-Ma'ade neighborhood:

Friday 11th of March 2016

The governmental air forces shelled with rockets the Al-Ma'ade neighborhood in Edleb city targeting residential houses.

- Bans Town: Saturday 12th of March 2016

Government helicopters dropped several barrel Bombs on Bans town in Aleppo southern suburbs

The city is under joint control of the opposition armed forces or Al-Nusra forces.

Daraa Governorate:

- Daraa Al-Balad Neighborhood:

First breach: around 1:20 am the government armed forces shelled surface to surface missile targeting a front for the armed opposition forces in Daraa Al-Balad Neighborhood which injured 4 armed opposition members. The neighborhood is under the control of the armed opposition forces and there is no existence for ISIL or Al-Nusra forces.

- Akraba town:

Around 11 at noon government artillery forces launched several missiles on residential houses in Arkaba town in Dar'a governorate which injured 6 civilians. The town is under the control of the armed opposition forces and there is no existence for ISIL or Al-Nusra forces.

Lattakia Governorate:

- Tallat Al-Kal'a region:

The government forces used heavy machine guns, which led to the death of 4 members of the opposition. At the same time the government forces tried to invade the town and the armed opposition forces responded to the firing source. The region is under the control of the armed opposition forces and there is no existence for ISIL or Al-Nusra forces

- Tofaheya town:

Government missile launcher launched multiple missiles against the armed opposition forces in Tofaheya town in Al-Kurds Mountain in Lattakia governorate. The town is under control of the armed opposition forces and there is no existence for ISIL or Al-Nusra Forces.

- Kabbana town:

We recorded two breaches committed by the government force. The town is under control of the armed opposition and there is no existence for ISIL or Al-Nusra Forces.





- First breach: the government forces used machine guns targeting the armed opposition front in Kabbana town in Al-Kurds Mountain. In the same time the government forces tried to invade the town and the armed opposition forces responded to the firing source.

- Second breach: the government artillery forces shelled mortar missiles on the armed opposition forces front in Kabbana town in Al-kurds Mountain

- Al Hamboushia town:

A missile launcher launched missile on the refugee camp of Hamboushia town in Al-Kurds Mountain in Lattakia governorate. The shelling injured 5 residents and material damages in 4 tents along with the burning of a residential car. The town is under the control of local and civilian committees and there is no existence for ISIL or Al-Nusra forces.

- Kalz town:

Government artillery launched multiple missiles on the armed opposition front in Kalz town in Turkman Mountain. The town is under the control of the armed opposition forces and there is no existence for ISIL or Al-Nusra forces.

B-Russian forces:

Lattakia governorate:

- Al Tefaheya town:

The town was shelled with a ballistic missile that was launched at an armed opposition group. Its source might have been the Russian warships.

2- Obstructing Humanitarian Aid:

Homs Governorate:

- Al Waer neighborhood:

Government checkpoints that surround Al Waer neighborhood obstructed the entrance of humanitarian aid, food and medical supplies in Al Waer neighborhood. They also prohibited the civilians from leaving or entering the neighborhood except government officials who were allowed to enter and exit the city on specific time.





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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