



In Its 17th Day: 13 Breaches in the Ceasefire Agreement 109 killed and not less than 604 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 17th day, 14 March 2016, as it reached 13 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 5 breaches detailed as follows according to Syrian governorates:

A. Government forces: we recorded 4 breaches detailed as follows according to Syrian governorates:

Damascus suburbs: 4

B. Kurdish Self Management Forces: committed 1 breach in Aleppo.

2. Arrests:

SNHR documented the arrest of 8 individuals at the hands of government forces, detailed as follows according to the Syrian governorates:

Damascus: 2

Damascus suburbs: 3

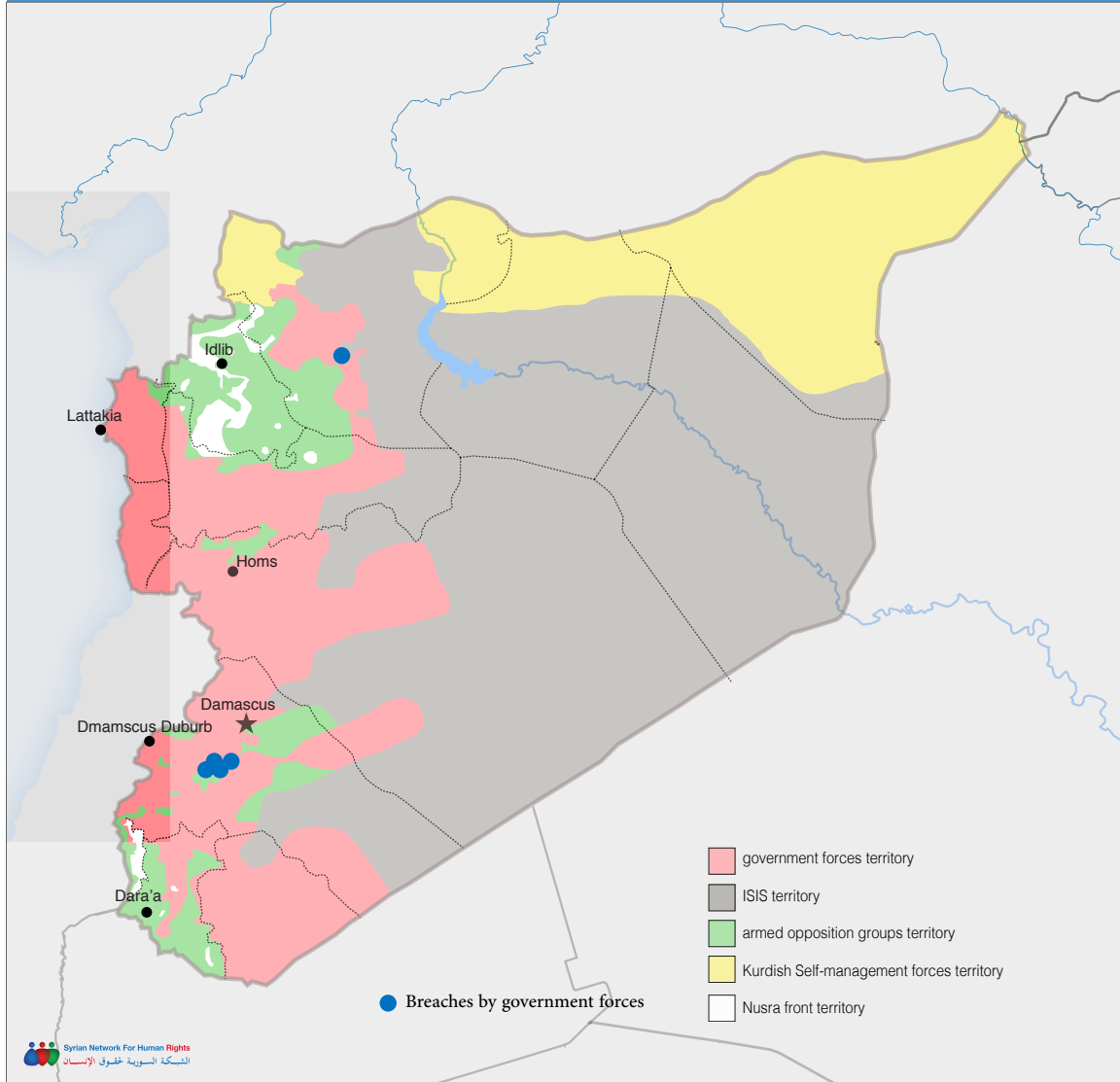
Aleppo: 2

Homs: 1





Breaches by combat in 14 March 2016 the 17th day of the truce distributed





II. Report Details:

A. Government forces:

- Damascus suburbs Governorate:
- Daraya city: we recorded 4 breaches. The city is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

Details of the 4 breaches:

- At 1:25 pm, 1:50 pm, 5:17 pm and 5 pm, government forces used its machine guns against the northern front in the city.

B. Kurdish Self Management Forces:

- Aleppo Governorate:

- Al Shiekh Maksoud Neighborhood:

KSM sniper in Al Sheikh Maksoud targeted media activist Mohamad Shbeeb when he was in a region that is under the control of armed opposition in the neighborhood. As a result, he was injured in his right shoulder.

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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