



23 Medical and Civil Defense Personnel Killed in September 2016 Including 19 at the Hands of the Syrian and Russian Regimes

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I. Introduction

SNHR's high methodology for documentation relies on survivors and families' direct accounts in addition to the process of verifying and analyzing pictures, video footages, and some medical records. However, we can't claim that we have documented all cases in light of the ban on SNHR by government forces and some of the other armed groups.

To read more about SNHR methodology in the documentation of victims, please see the following [URL](#).

The consistent bombing and targeting of medical facilities and civil defense centers by government forces since 2011, and the killing and arrest of medics and civil defense personnel at the hands of different conflict parties, especially government forces, indicates a systematic policy that only aims to shed more blood and deepen the suffering of the injured civilians and armed men.

Fadel Abdul Ghani, chairman of SNHR, says:

"The Russian attacks on medical centers and medical personnel are considered a blatant violation of the international humanitarian law and constitute war crimes considering the indiscriminate, and in many cases deliberate, targeting of protected objects. All of this have only deepened the suffering of the wounded and injured and is one of the main reasons behind the displacement of the Syrian people as it sends a very clear message: there is no safe area, or a red line, including hospitals, you either flee or perish all."





II. Executive Summary

SNHR documented the killing of 23 medical and civil defense personnel in September as follows:

A. Government forces (Army, security, local militias, Shiite foreign militias): Killed five medical and civil defense personnel who are distributed as follows:

- Two pharmacists, one of whom died due to torture
- Two civil defense personnel
- One medical personnel

B. Russian forces: Killed 14 medical and civil defense personnel who are distributed as follows:

- Five nurses
- Six civil defense personnel
- One Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) volunteer
- Two medical personnel

C. Extremist Islamic groups

ISIS (Self-proclaimed Islamic State): Killed two doctors; one of whom is a woman.

D. Armed opposition factions: Killed two medical personnel who are distributed as follows:

- Doctor
- A female SARC volunteer

III. Details

A. Government forces

Hasan Hussein Hannan, a civil defense member in Bab Al Nayrab in Aleppo city, from Aleppo city, born in 1991, has an elementary education certificate, married and has no kids. He was killed on Tuesday 6 September 2016 by the government forces helicopters that dropped a number of barrel bombs on Al Salhein neighborhood in Aleppo city.



Picture of the victim with his colleague Ihsan Dalati who died in the same attack





Ihsan Dalati, a civil defense member in Bab Al Nayrab neighborhood in Aleppo city, from Aleppo city, born in 1987, has a secondary education certificate, married and a father of three. He was killed on Tuesday 6 September 2016 by the government forces helicopters that dropped a number of barrel bombs on Al Salhein neighborhood in Aleppo city.

Picture of the victim with his colleague Hasan Hannan who was killed with him

Mohammad Qasem Saeed, pharmacist, from Daraa camp in Daraa governorate, Palestinian-Syrian. He was arrested by government forces in 2012. On Sunday 11 September 2016, we received information confirming his death due to torture inside a government forces detention center.

Rashid Ali Al Sawwadi, pharmacist, from Al Tabiya Jazeera village in the eastern suburbs of Deir Ez-Zour, 35-year-old, married. He was killed on Monday 19 September 2016, by fixed-wing government forces warplanes that fired missiles targeting neighborhoods in Deir Ez-Zour city that is under the control of ISIS.

Raed Hamza, paramedic, from Zakya town in Damascus suburbs governorate. He was killed on Sunday 25 September 2016 by government forces helicopters that dropped a number of barrel bombs on the agricultural lands surrounding Zakya town in Eastern Ghouta in Damascus suburbs as he was attending to the wounded from a previous bombing.

B. Russian forces

Ibrahim Ahmad Dyoub, a civil defense member, from Khan Shaikhoun city in the southern suburbs of Idlib governorate, born in 1987, married and a father of four. He was killed on Tuesday 6 September 2016 by shrapnel from missiles fired by fixed-wing warplanes we believe are Russian which targeted the southern neighborhood of Khan Shaikhoun city as he was attending to wounded from a previous bombing.





[AbdulHamid Abdullah Kerwan](#), a civil defense member, from Khan Shaikhoun city in the southern suburbs of Idlib governorate, born in 1982, married and a father of two. He was killed on Tuesday 6 September 2016 by shrapnel that hit his chest from missiles fired by fixed-wing warplanes we believe are Russian which targeted the southern neighborhoods of Khan Shiakhoun city as he was attending to wounded from a previous bombing.

[Omar Suliman Barakat](#), head of the SARC branch in Urm Al Kubra town in the western suburbs of Aleppo governorate, from Urm Al Kubra town, born in 1974, has a high school diploma, married and a father of eight. He was killed on Monday 19 September 2016 by shrapnel that hit his head which were from a missile fired by a fixed-wing warplanes we believe is Russian that targeted the SARC warehouse in Urm Al Kubra town.



[Mohammad Nour Al Hmadi](#), nurse, from Al Ousalji village near Manbej city in the eastern suburbs of Aleppo governorate, born in 1974, has a certificate in nursing, married and a father of five. He was killed on Saturday 24 September 2016 with his wife and five kids in a bombing by fixed-wing warplanes we believe are Russian that targeted Tareaq Al Bab neighborhood in Aleppo city using missiles.



[Mohammad Ahmad Al Yousef](#), nurse, from Qal'at Al Madyeq city in the suburbs of Hama governorate, he works with the aiding network that is affiliated to the Union of Medical Care and Relief Organizations (UOSSM), married and a father of an infant girl. He was killed on Wednesday 21 September 2016 by a shrapnel that hit his head in addition to burns in his body and bruises in his chest which resulted from a bombing by fixed-wing warplanes we believe are Russian that targeted Khan Touman town in the suburbs of Aleppo governorate using missiles as he was attending to wounded from a previous bombing.





[Mohammad AbdulMu'ain Abdullah](#), nurse, from Al Hamamyat town in the suburbs of Hama governorate, works with the aiding network that is affiliated to UOSSM, married and a father of a girl. He was killed on Wednesday 21 September 2016 after his legs were amputated up to his thigh in addition to burns in his body which resulted from a bombing by fixed-wing warplanes we believe are Russian that targeted Khan Touman town in the suburbs of Aleppo governorate using missiles as he was attending to wounded from a previous bombing.

Mohammad Al Khalaf, nurse, from Al Hamamyat town in the suburbs of Hama governorate, works with the aiding network that is affiliated to UOSSM, married and a father of a boy. He was killed on Wednesday 21 September 2016 by a shrapnel in his head in addition to burns in his body and bruises in his chest which resulted from a bombing by fixed-wing warplanes we believe are Russian that targeted Khan Touman town in the suburbs of Aleppo governorate using missiles while he was attending to wounded from a previous bombing.

[Ahmad Abdullah Haj Ahmad](#), an ambulance driver, from Aleppo governorate, works with the aiding network that is affiliated to UOSSM, married and a father of an infant girl. He was killed on Wednesday 21 September 2016 after his right leg was amputated in addition to burns in his body which resulted from a bombing by fixed-wing warplanes we believe are Russian that targeted Khan Touman town in the suburbs of Aleppo governorate using missiles while he was attending to wounded from a previous bombing.

[Bashar Wahid Al Saeed](#), an ambulance driver, from Al Houla area in the suburbs of Homs governorate, works with UOSSM, married and a father of five. He was killed after his right leg was amputated in addition to burns in his body which resulted from a bombing by fixed-wing warplanes we believe are Russian that targeted Khan Touman town in the suburbs of Aleppo governorate using missiles as he was attending to wounded from a previous bombing.





[Othman Khaled Al Razzouq](#), nurse, from Talmanas town in the suburbs of Idlib governorate, born in 1993, a student at the education faculty – class teacher, married. [He](#) was killed on Wednesday 21 September 2016 by fixed-wing warplanes we believe are Russian that targeted Khan Touman town in the suburbs of Aleppo governorate using missiles.

[Khaled Ahmad Al Ne'ma](#), a civil defense member in Al Bab city in the suburbs of Aleppo governorate. He was killed on Friday 23 September 2016 by fixed-wing warplanes we believe are Russian that targeted the vicinity of the roofed market in Al Bab city which is under the control of ISIS.

[Naser Qablawi](#), a civil defense member in Al Bab city in the suburbs of Aleppo governorate. He was killed on Wednesday 28 September 2016 by fixed-wing warplanes we believe are Russian that targeted Al Boe-heij village, located in the suburbs of Aleppo governorate and is under the control of ISIS. Picture of the dead body of Naser and his colleague Ali Hajjar who died with him

[Picture](#) of the dead body of Ali and his colleague Naser who was killed with him



Ali Hajjar, a civil defense member in Al Bab city in the suburbs of Aleppo governorate. He was killed on Wednesday 28 September 2016 by fixed-wing warplanes we believe are Russian that targeted Al Boeheij village, located in the suburbs of Aleppo governorate and is under the control of ISIS.





[Faisal Al Haj Ahmad](#), a civil defense member in Al Bab city in the suburbs of Aleppo governorate. He was killed on Wednesday 28 September 2016 by fixed-wing warplanes we believe are Russian that targeted Al Boehij village, located in the suburbs of Aleppo governorate and is under the control of ISIS.

C. Extremist Islamic Groups

ISIS

Mona Al Salem, dentist, from Manbej city in the eastern suburbs of Aleppo governorate, born in 1981, married and a father of a boy. She was killed on Tuesday 9 August 2016 along with his wife by a landmine planted by ISIS in the vicinity of Al Ajlani gas station in southern Manbej city before ISIS withdrew from the city which was taken over by the Self-management forces (Primarily consisting of the Democratic Union Party – a branch for the Kurdistan Workers’ Party). On Thursday 1 September 2016, we were able to contact the area activists who confirmed the incident.

[Zubair Mahmoud Krou](#), a radiologist, from Amouda city in the northern suburbs of Al Hasaka governorate, born in 1954, married and a father of three males. He was killed on Monday 5 September 2016 by ISIS which blew a bombed vest (according to a statement in which ISIS claimed responsibility for the bombing) that targeted a checkpoint for the Self-management forces (Primarily consisting of the Democratic Union Party – a branch for the Kurdistan Workers’ Party) near Marshou circle in the middle of Al Hasaka city.



D. Armed opposition factions

Shahid Rashid Al Jamyan, surgeon, from Al Hamid-eiya neighborhood in Deir Ez-Zour city, born in 1972, works as a surgeon at a hospital in Al Shaikh Maqsoud neighborhood in Aleppo city, married and a father of a boy. He was killed on Wednesday 7 September 2016 by locally-made rocket shells that were fired on Al Shaikh Maqsoud neighborhood, where forces and vehicles for the Self-management forces (Primarily consisting of the





Democratic Union Party – a branch for the Kurdistan Workers’ Party) are stationed. The shells’ source was an artillery stationed in Al Mash-had neighborhood, which is under the control of armed opposition factions. One of the shrapnel hit his chest and caused a bleeding that resulted in his death.

Nadya Suliman Jarida, a female SARC volunteer, from Jaramana city in Damascus suburbs governorate, born in 1982, works with the psychological and social support team at Al Qunietra branch. She was killed on Friday 16 September 2016 by a number of mortal shells that were fired from an artillery stationed in Jabata Al Khashab town, which is under the control of armed opposition factions, on Khan Arnba town in the suburbs of Al Qunietra governorate.

III. Conclusions and Recommendations

The Syrian government has blatantly violated both the international humanitarian law and the customary international humanitarian law; particularly Article 3 of Geneva Conventions and the international humanitarian law and committed crimes that can be openly classified as war crimes when it targeted medical personnel and medical facilities as well as crimes against humanity that manifested in the crime of willful killing.

Also, Russian forces, ISIS, and armed opposition factions have committed acts that amount to war crimes which manifested in extrajudicial killing.

Conclusions:

The Security Council

The Security Council should uphold its legal and moral responsibilities in respect to what happening in Syria, at least against medical personnel, instead of only watching the ceaseless and daily bloodbath.

Russia and China should stop protecting the Syrian regime after it was proven, beyond any doubt, that the Regime has perpetrated war crime and crimes against humanity. Also, the International Community should take further steps to protect the lives of the Syrian people if Russia and China didn’t change their positions.

Medical organizations around the world

There is a severe shortage in medical manpower in Syria because of the ceaseless killing of medical personnel. Firstly, Syrian doctors must come back to Syria to compensate for the severe shortage in medical personnel. Also, international organ-





izations can send volunteers to safe areas where wounded are sent for treatment. We have recorded many cases where wounded died due to lack of medical capabilities.

Acknowledgment

Our most sincere thanks go to the victims' families and friends and to the local activists who contributed majorly to this report. Also, our most heartfelt condolences go out for the victims' families.

