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# **SNHR Gives a Presentation on the Issue of Accountability at the Invitation of Seven European States**

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The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR), founded in June 2011, is a non-governmental, independent group that is considered a primary source for the OHCHR on all death toll-related analyses in Syria.



The UK, France, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, and the Netherlands held a panel entitled: 'Working Together to End Impunity in Syria'. The opening session started with addresses by representatives from those countries who made direct and explicit promises that violation perpetrators in Syria will not escape punishment. The representatives also stressed the importance of continuing the support for the path of justice and criminal accountability. We see, in this, a good and reassuring message to the Syrian people after the fathomless patterns of violations they've suffered, that those who carried out and gave the orders for those crimes will be held accountable. Certainly, the Syrian regime and its allies top the list by a vast margin.

In the second session, Fadel Abdul Ghany, chairman of SNHR, spoke on the imperative-ness of continuing the support for the active Syrian organizations that work in the field of monitoring and documenting violations. Mr. Abdul Ghany also shined a light on the issues SNHR has been working on, such as torture, extrajudicial killings, enforced-disappearance, destruction of vital facilities, chemical weapons, cluster munitions, barrel bombs, and the contributions SNHR have made to the work of UN organs, as well as international groups and the states that release reports on the state of human rights in Syria. Mr. Abdul Ghany noted that most notable challenges include: the hopelessness and exhaustion that lingered within the Syrian society which might lead to an underwhelming cooperation and delivery of information, and, secondly, some states opting the route of re-settlement with the Syrian regime at the expense of justice and accountability.

This event took place on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, in the wake of the second Brussels Conference on Syria.





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