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SNHR Holds a Presentation for Armed Opposition Factions on Recent Commission of Inquiry Report

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The Syrian Network for Human Rights, founded in June 2011, is a non-governmental, non-profit independent organization that is a primary source for the United Nations on all death toll-related statistics in Syria



[Istanbul: Monday, September 25] On the invitation of the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue, SNHR gave an extensive lecture on the most recent Commission of Inquiry [Report](#) on Syria, which was addressed at the Human Rights Council last week. The report contains a special investigation on the Syrian regime's use of sarin gas against Khan Sheikhoun city residents.

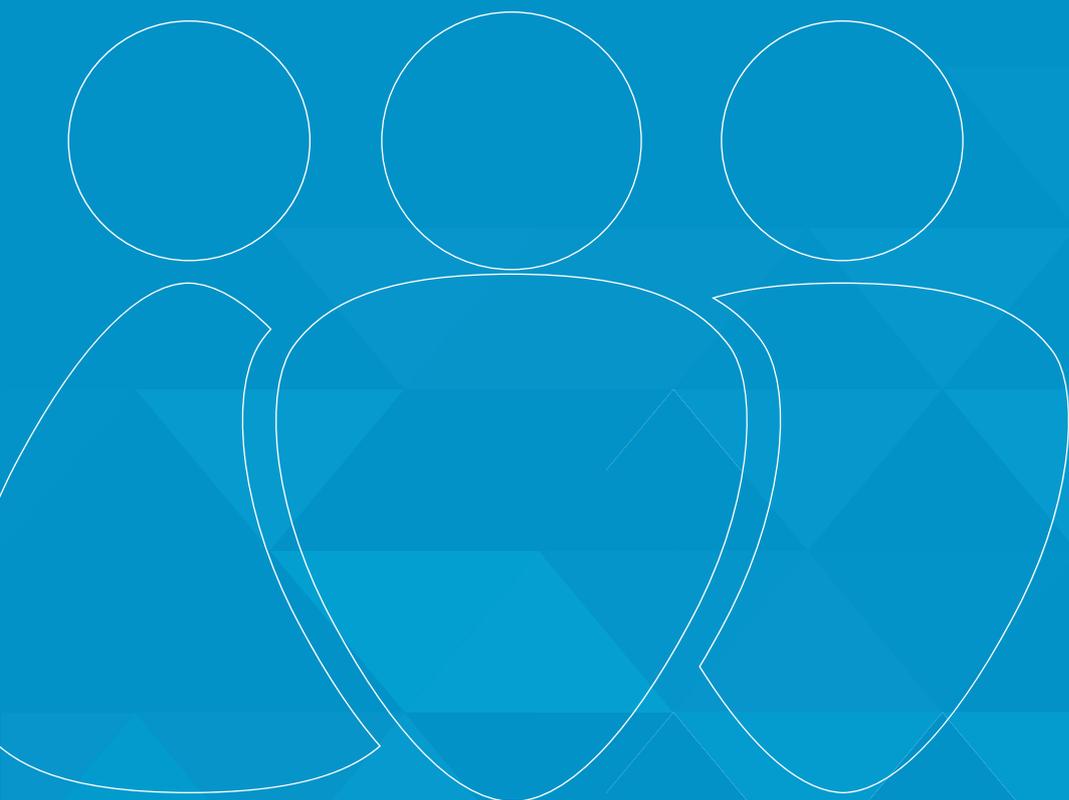
Fadel Abdul Ghany, chairman of SNHR, covered three main points:

The first was the nature of the Commission of Inquiry, its working mechanism, and why it is important to cooperate with it. Then, Mr. Abdul Ghany briefed attendants on the report, shedding light on the Syrian regime's and its Russian alliance's violation, as well as extremist Islamic groups with focusing on the dangerous repercussions of joining or working with these groups. Additionally, the lecture touched upon the international coalition's violations, as well as Syrian Democratic Forces and some of the armed opposition factions, before talking about the Syrian regime's history with chemical weapons use in Syria, the U.N. organs concerned with the matter, and the Security Council Resolutions in that regard. The third and last portion of the lecture briefly covered accountability mechanisms and trials, and emphasized the importance of cooperating with the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism, which was established by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2016.

Afterwards, the floor was open for questions and discussions that reflected the collective awareness of the audience with regard to avoiding any types of violations, as it will affect the entire command body of the faction. Furthermore, the questions demonstrated that armed opposition factions need more presentation and discussions sessions, which was the promise of the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue through its role in this field.

It should be noted that this is the third presentation held by SNHR for armed opposition factions, where the [first presentation](#) tackled the most important customary international humanitarian law rules, while [the second presentation](#) focused on some of the violation committed by armed opposition factions, with stressing the need to follow with these violations and hold those who were responsible accountable.





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