



Statements

**The Syrian Regime Uses Chemical Weapons
again in Hama Governorate
138 Uses of Chemical Attacks after Security
Council Resolution 2118**

On Saturday 1 October 2016 at approximately 19:30, a government forces helicopter dropped two barrel bombs loaded with cylinders containing a poison gas on the agricultural lands in northern Kafr Zita city in Hama governorate. What further verified the incident was the toll of injuries that mounted to 20 people who exhibited symptoms of suffocation and breathing difficulties.

SNHR contacted a number of residents, civil defense members, and local media activists who witnessed the incident and told the Network of the symptoms they saw on the injured such as sever coughing, breathing difficulties, burning eyes, and vomiting which was also confirmed by the pictures and videos we received and have a copies of in addition to pictures that show the remnants of the bombardment and the cylinders loaded with the gas which were found in the incident location.

with Kafr Zita city attack, the total number of the breaches of Security Council Resolution 2118, adopted on 27 September 2013, by government forces amounts to less than 138 breaches including 69 breaches of Resolution 2209, adopted on 6 March 2015, which were documented in our [past reports](#) and [statements](#).

This attack proves to any sensible person what has been proven again and again and that is the Syrian regime has absolutely no regard for the Security Council, The Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic, the Chemical Weapons Convention, the international humanitarian law, the international human rights law, The American President Barack Obama' red line, or Russia's promises that supposedly guarantees that the Syrian regime will not use chemical weapons again. Since 2011, the Syrian regime has become a criminal regime that is willing to use every last source and capital for the state to kill and destroy the Syrian People and the Syrian state in order to stay in power no matter the cost. Also, this illustrates that the Russian pledge that the Syrian regime won't use chemical weapons is worthless and that Russia's influence within the Syrian regime has some limitations.

The international community and the Security Council must put an end to the farce that is the Syrian regime's violations that exceeded many rogue regimes in





the modern age. Otherwise, all what happened since 2011 is seen as a green light and a complete awareness that the Syrian regime will commit all these crimes after the popular protests broke out.

Picture of cylinders containing poison gas that were dropped by government forces helicopters on Kafr Zita, 1 October 2016



Picture of remnants of a barrel bombs loaded with cylinders containing a poison gas which was dropped by government forces helicopters on Kafr Zita city, 1 October 2016.



[Video](#) of injured being treated following a chemical attack in Kafr Zita city.

[Video](#) of an account by Dr. Abdullah, director of Free Hama Health Administration, on the injuries that were brought to the city hospitals.

[Video](#) of an account by one of the paramedics that took part in aiding the injured following a chemical attack in Kafr Zita city.

