Statement on filing a complaint on an extrajudicial killing case for the United Nations’ Special Rapporteur

The Death of Child Abdul Fattah Ayman Lahlah, Forcibly Disappeared by the Syrian Regime

The Syrian Network for Human Rights has notified the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions of the case of the Syrian child, Abdul Fattah Ayman Lahlah, from Hama city, born in 1996, who was arrested by Syrian Regime forces three times, the last of which was on October 22, 2013, in a raid on his family's house in Nazlet al Jezdan area in the center of Hama city. On July 22, 2015, Abdul Fattah's mother visited the Military Police Branch in al Qaboun neighborhood, northeast of Damascus city, where she received a copy of his death certificate. According to the death certificate, he died on October 2, 2014, due to heart and respiratory failure.

As is the norm in all such cases, Syrian authorities have not confessed to killing Abdul Fattah, while his family has been unable to submit any complaint about his death since they are in an area outside the control of the Syrian regime.

SNHR stresses its grave concerns for the lives of civilians arrested since 2011, as the number of deaths in regime custody continues to rise.