Statement on filing a complaint on an extrajudicial killing case for the United Nations’ Special Rapporteur
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 Syrian Regime Acknowledges the Death of Architect Layla Mohammad Ali al Shwekani

Who Was Forcibly Disappeared at the Regime’s Hands

The Syrian Network for Human Rights has notified the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions of the case of the citizen architect Layla Mohammad Ali al Shwekani, a US citizen originally from Damascus city and a resident of Mashroua Dummar neighbourhood, born in 1990. Layla was arrested on February 19, 2016 by Syrian Regime forces. On November 18, 2018, her family received her death certificate during a visit to the civil registry department in Damascus city. According to the death certificate, she died on December 28, 2016.

As is the norm in all such cases, Syrian authorities have not confessed to killing Layla, while her family has been unable to submit any complaint about her death for fear of being persecuted by the regime security services for doing so.

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