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

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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 Syrian Regime Acknowledges the Death of Citizen Fares Saeed al Miqdad

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 Syrian citizen, Fares Saeed al Miqdad, from Ma’raba town in Daraa governorate, born in 1971, who was arrested in October 2012 by Syrian Regime forces in a raid on his place of residence in Suwayda city. In January 2016, his family identified his body in one of the photos that were smuggled out of Syria in March 2015 by an officer who defected from Syrian Regime forces, known as Caesar. The photo shows the body with signs of torture and bruises on the face.

As is the norm in all such cases, Syrian authorities have not confessed to killing Fares, while his family has been unable to submit any complaint about his death because of their presence outside Syria, and since another of their sons is a conscripted soldier serving with Syrian Regime forces.

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