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 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 Shadi Sheikhani, born in 1979. Hailing from the Rukn al Din neighborhood of Damascus city, he was arrested on August 15, 2012. His family was subsequently allowed to visit him only once at the infamous Saydnaya Military Prison in Damascus suburbs governorate on September 1, 2014.

On July 26, 2018, his family received his death certificate after filing a request for an individual civil registry statement at the civil registration office in Damascus city. According to the death certificate, he died on October 13, 2014.

As is the norm in all such cases, Syrian authorities have not confessed to killing Shadi, while his family has been unable to submit any complaint about his 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.