

# Statement on filing a complaint on an enforced disappearance case for the United Nations' Working Team

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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 college student Ali Muhsen Da'doush

has been forcibly disappeared since 2014

The SNHR has briefed the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances on the case of the college student, Ali Muhsen Da'doush, from Houwarin village in the southern suburbs of Homs governorate, who was born in 1992. He was arrested on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, by gunmen affiliated with the Syrian Regime's Political Security forces in al Karajat area (bus station) in the center of Homs city, as he was heading to Houwarin village. He was last seen in February 2018 by a former detainee and fellow prisoner in Seydnaya Military Prison. His fate remains unknown to the SNHR, as well as to his family.



The Syrian authorities have denied any connection with the disappearance of the college student, Ali Muhsen Da'doush. The SNHR has been unable to determine his fate, as have his family members, who fear that they may be arrested and tortured by regime personnel themselves if they continue to ask about his whereabouts and fate, as has happened in numerous previous cases.

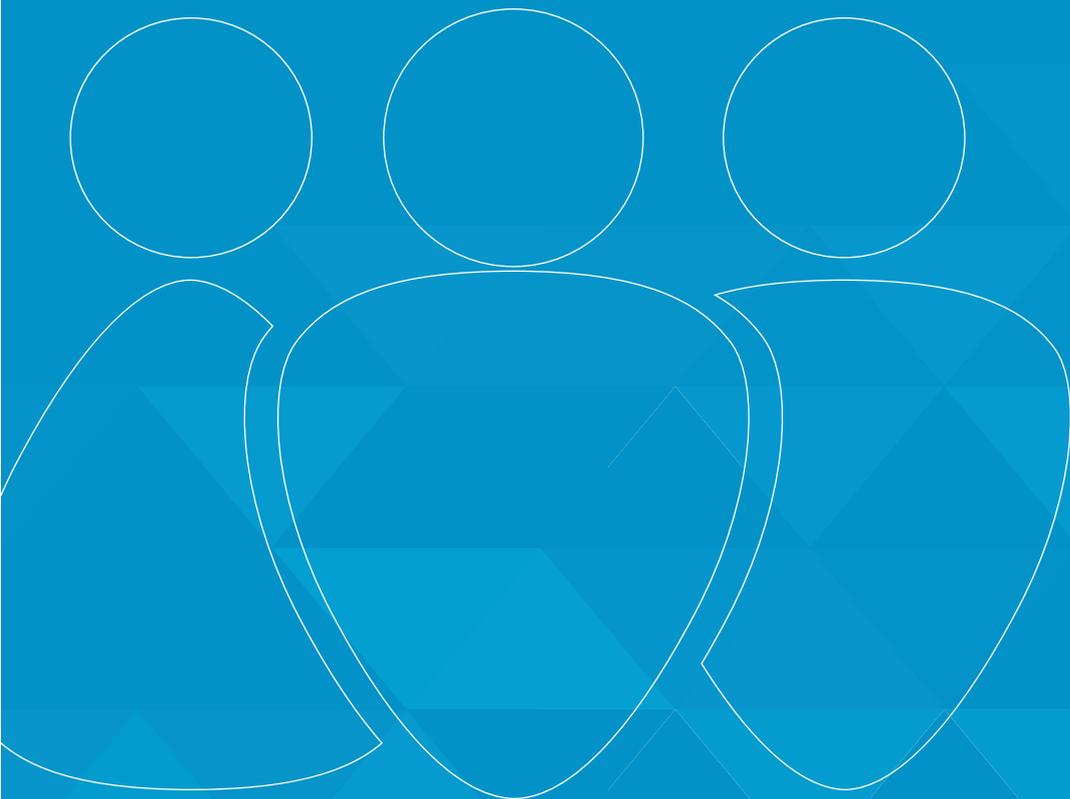
The SNHR has called on the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearance to intervene and to demand that the Syrian authorities release Mr. Da'doush immediately, as well as to expedite investigations into the fate of thousands of other forcibly disappeared citizens whose whereabouts and current conditions must also be revealed.

Although the Syrian government is not a party to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances, it is indisputably a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Arab Charter on Human Rights. Enforced disappearance constitutes a violation of both instruments.



SNHR also confirms that there are well-founded fears that many of those forcibly disappeared by the Syrian regime since 2011 may have been subjected to torture and possibly killed in regime detention, with the number of citizens forcibly disappeared by the regime continuing to grow.





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