

**Statement**

## **Most Notable Violations in March 2017**

International Coalition Forces  
were the Most Significant  
Party in many Violations

**SNHR**

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The Syrian Network for Human Rights, founded in June 2011, is a non-governmental, non-profit independent organization that is a primary source for the United Nations on all death toll-related statistics in Syria



SNHR has released eight reports in early April 2017, documenting the most notable violations at the hands of the seven parties of the conflict in Syria in March 2017 – Civilian death toll, victims due to torture, toll of arbitrary arrests, most notable violations against medical and civil defense personnel and their respective facilities, most notable violations against media activists, most notable massacres, most notable incidents of attack on vital civilian facilities, and toll of barrel bombs use.

These reports draw upon the daily documentation processes during March, where SNHR, through its scattered members throughout Syria, monitors all violations by the parties to the conflict, and publish most notable news, before releasing a preliminary death toll at the end of each day. For more information, please see our [documentation and archiving methodology](#).

The report “[1134 Civilians Killed in March 2017](#)”, which documents the civilian death toll at the hands of the parties of the conflict, notes that 260 civilians were killed by the international coalition forces, where for the first time, the international coalition forces have killed more civilians than Russian forces and ISIS since the start of the international coalition's intervention in Syria on September 23, 2014.



A chart showing the civilian death toll in Syria throughout March 2017, and its distribution by the parties to the conflict.



The second report “[14 Individuals Died due to Torture in March 2017](#)” outlines the victims who died due to torture, where all victims died at the hands of the Syrian regime forces. The report adds that Aleppo governorate saw the highest number of victims dying due to torture in March with three individuals.



**A chart showing the toll of victims dying due to torture in March 2017, and its distribution by the parties to the conflict**



The report “[16 Medical and Civil Defense Personnel Killed](#)” notes that the Syrian-Russian alliance perpetrated the most violations against medical and civil defense personnel and their respective facilities, where they killed 13 medical personnel and civil defense personnel. Also, the Syrian-Russian alliance was the only party who attacked vital medical facilities and civil defense centers in March at 19 incidents of attack between the Syrian regime forces and Russian forces.



A chart showing the toll of violations against medical and civil defense personnel and their respective facilities in March 2017, and its distribution by the parties to the conflict



The report “[No less than 459 Cases of Arbitrary Arrest Recorded in March 2017](#)”, which is devoted to documenting the cases of arbitrary arrest, notes a rise of the rate of arbitrary arrest carried out by Syrian regime forces for the purpose of conscription in the last month, where students and government employees were targeted in the Syrian regime’s territory.



A chart showing the toll of arbitrary arrest in March 2017, and its distribution by the parties of the conflict



Moreover, the report “[No less than 35 Massacres in March 2017](#)” records an unprecedented rise in the number of massacres at the hands of the international coalition forces in one month who committed 13 massacres, exceeding every other party for the first time since the start of the international coalition’s forces intervention in Syria.



A chart showing the toll of massacres in March 2017, and its distribution by the parties of the conflict



The report [“Six Media Activists Killed, Five Injured, and Two Abducted and Arrested, Toll of March 2017”](#) says that the Syrian-Russian alliance killed three media activists and injured four others.



**A chart showing the toll of media activist victims in March 2017, and its distribution by the parties of the conflict**



The report “[No less than 495 Barrel Bombs in March 2017](#)” documents that the barrel bombs dropped by the Syrian regime helicopters caused the death of 10 civilians, including four children and two women (adult female), in March 2017.



## A chart showing the toll of barrel bombs in March 2017

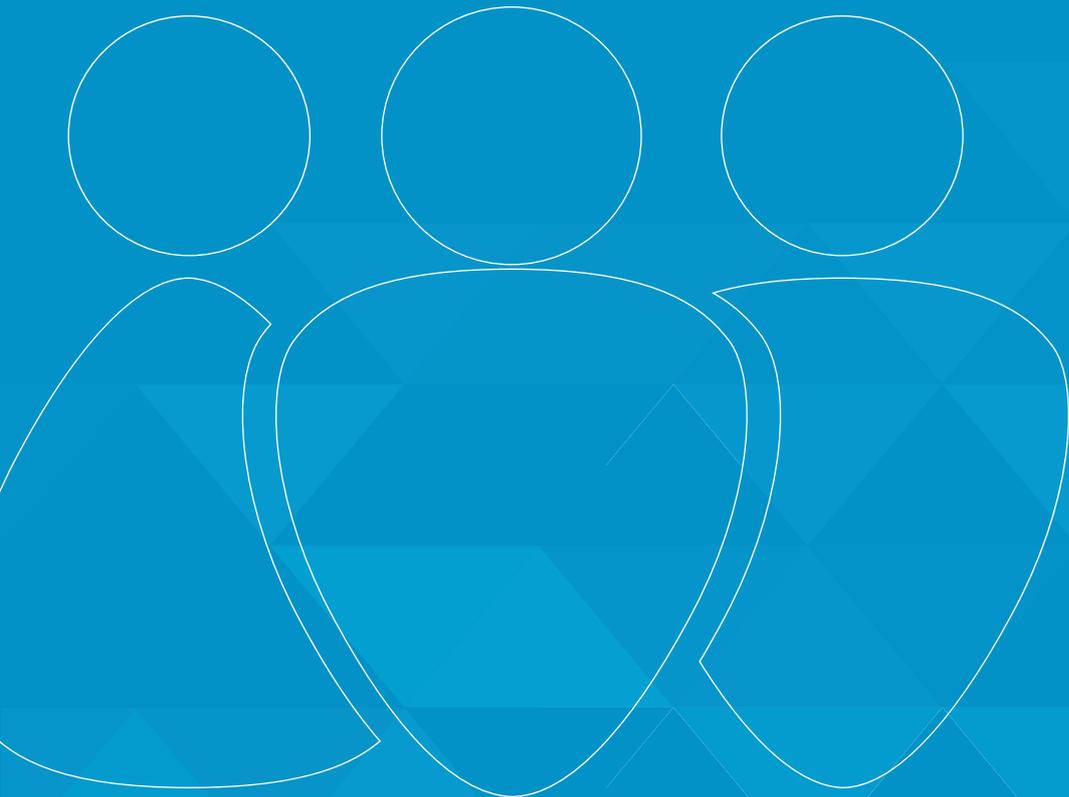


The eighth report, “[No less than 114 Incidents of Attack on Vital Civilian Facilities in March 2017](#)”, records 86 incidents of attack on vital civilian facilities by the Syrian-Russian alliance, and 20 other incidents at the hands of the international coalition forces for the first time since the start of the international coalition's intervention.



A chart showing the toll of attacks on vital civilian facilities in March 2017, and its distribution by the parties of the conflict





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