



Statement

Statistics of Athletes Killed by Government Forces during the Syrian Revolution

In the course of documenting the victims, massacres, and detainees at the hands of the Syrian regime, SNHR has documented every athlete killed by by Syrian regime's army and security forces, in coordination with the Free Syrian Athletes Association. SNHR documented the killing of 68 athletes including four children athletes.

The following are some of the most prominent athletes, who won Arabic and international trophies. The number next to the names refers to the video and picture in the Excel file.

- 1- Ahmad Swaidan (9), a footballer who played for al Karama, al Wehda, and al Jazira football clubs. He was killed by a shell that fell on his house in Jourat al Shayyah, Homs, after it was fired by Syrian regime forces
- 2- Subhi Nahieli, plays for the Syrian Athletics Team. (13)
- 3- Subhi Sa'dou al Abed (15), a wrestling world-champion.
- 4- Fayyad Ava Zaid, Syria's champion in Petanque. (18)
- 5- Ahmad Malandi, Syria's chess champion. (20)
- 6- Marwan Arafat, former director of the Football Association. (25)
- 7- Zakariya al Yousef, a footballer who played for al Itihad and Umayya football clubs. (39)
- 8- Mosad al Ouda, a sport journalist (49)
- 9- Rani Khreit, killed on August 9, 2012, three-time national champion and holder of the black belt in karate. He was executed by Syrian regime forces in al Qosour neighborhood, Deir Ez-Zour. (62)
- 10- Abdul Hakim Qarqouz, killed on June 3, 2012, a former national champion in polo table tennis. He died due to torture after he had been imprisoned for three months. (61)
A report on this victim
- 11- Mahmoud al Mefleh, killed on October 2, 2012, by Syrian regime gunfire in al Sahari, Daraa city. (63)
- 12- Olis al Hourani, killed on October 21, 2012 by Syrian regime gunfire in Yalda city, Damascus suburbs. (65)





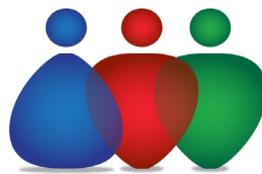
The Syrian regime didn't distinguish between an athlete or another, as some of them play individual sports, while others were notable for their excellence in team sports. Some of them were young, while others were coaches or retired, such as Subhi Nahieli, who plays for Syria in the sports of athletics, and Ahmad Swaidan, a footballer who played for al Karama, al Wehda, and al Jazira football clubs, and Adnan Qabhi, a handball coach at al Karama Club, and Subhi Sa'dou al Abed, who was a wrestling world-champion in the forties.

For supporting the Syrian revolution, many Syrian athletes were arrested, torture, and killed at their houses in some cases.

The first athlete to be killed was Yaman Ibrahim who was a footballer for al Shurta Football Club and the Syrian Junior Football Team. He was killed on April 22, 2014, in Damascus, on a day that came to be known as the Great Friday. To this moment, no female athlete has been killed.

We, at SNHR, stress that the main target of the Syrian regime-led barbarian campaign against the Syrian people are the civilians. This can be drawn from the fact that the Syrian government doesn't distinguish between a child, a woman, an athlete, a doctor, an engineer, or a worker, as the Syrian regime arrests all, kills all, tortures all, in a manner that is devoid of any mercy.

SNHR calls on the international community and the United Nations to uphold their legal responsibility, under the international law, and protect the Syrian civilians, including athletes. We are appalled by the sport bodies around the world who have yet to condemn or denounce this blatant hostility against their sportsmen colleagues of the Syrian people.



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