

Statement

189 Civilians Killed in the First Week of Geneva Talk' 5th Round

81% were Killed at the Hands of the Syrian-Iranian-Russian Alliance

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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



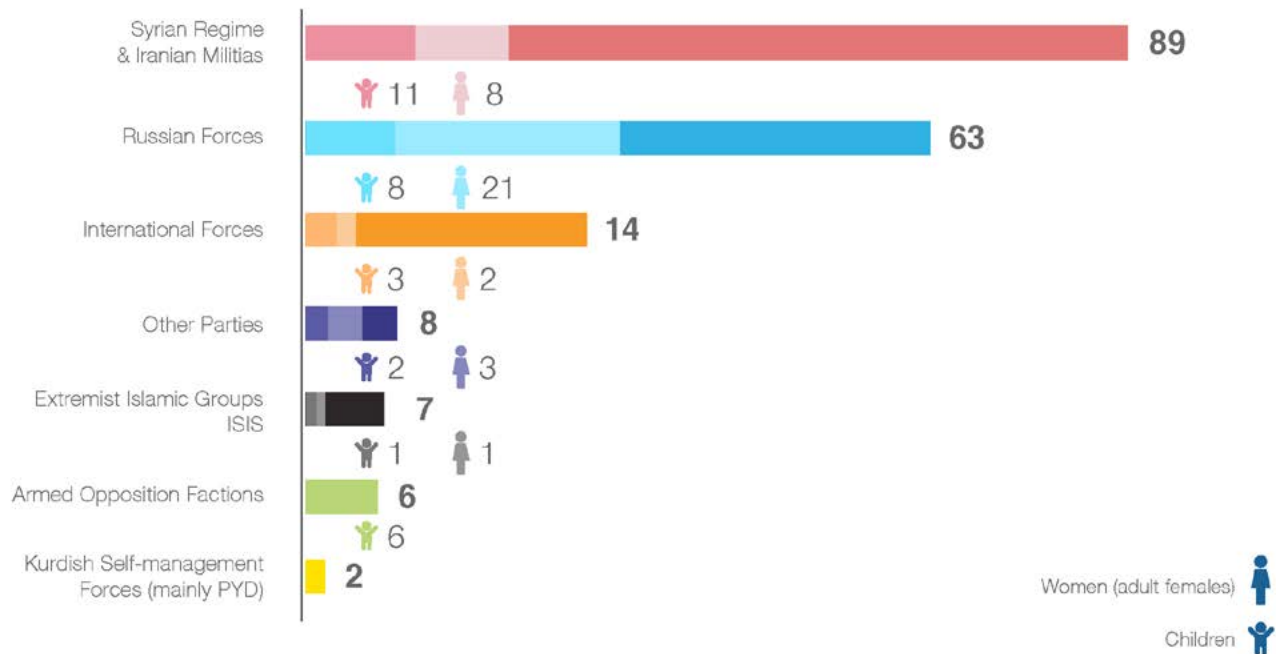
Facts and evidences, through the daily cumulative documentation conducted by SNHR team, are telling us that we are definitely still far away from the stage of shrinking and reducing the crisis. The international community, the states that sponsor the negotiations in particular, haven't taken any steps to limit the crisis's deadly manifestations, in order to transition to the negotiation stage. The Syrian-Iranian-Russian alliance is responsible for the most part, as it perpetrated vastly more violations than the rest of the parties to the conflict. The warplanes haven't ceased the bombardment of civilian neighborhoods for one day, and tens of vital civilian facilities have been also bombed. Additionally, internationally-prohibited weapons, such as cluster munitions, and indiscriminate weapons, such as barrel bombs, have been used in addition to incendiary weapons in civilian areas. Talking about releasing detainees and ending the siege has become a far-fetched luxury. There won't be a settlement or a negotiation path as long as the U.N. won't work with local partners to monitor the ceasefire, and hold those who violate it accountable.

We are going to shed light on the killings, arrests, incidents of attack on some of the vital civilian facilities – we will include in this statement only hospitals, schools, markets, and places of worship- and the use of specifically internationally-prohibited weapons such as cluster munitions, incendiary weapons, and barrel bombs. SNHR team documented from the beginning of the fifth round of Geneva Talks – Thursday, March 23, 2017 until Thursday March 30, 2017, the following:



A. Extrajudicial killing

A total of **189** civilians were killed in the first week of Geneva talk' 5th round at the hands of the main influential parties, distributed as follows:



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189 civilians were killed, including 31 children and 35 women (Adult female) at the hands of the main parties as follows:

- **Syrian regime force (Army, security, local militias, Shiite foreign militias):** 89 civilians, including 11 children and 8 women.
- **Russian forces:** 63 civilians, including 8 children and 21 women.
- **Self-management forces** (Primarily consisting of the Democratic Union Party – a branch for the Kurdistan Workers' Party): 2 civilians
- **Extremist Islamic groups:**
 - **ISIS (Self-proclaimed the Islamic State):** 7 civilians, including one child and one woman
- **Armed opposition factions:** 6 civilians; all of whom were children.
- **International coalition forces:** 14 civilians, including 3 children and 2 women.
- **Other parties:** 8 civilians, including 2 children and 3 women.



B. Incidents of attack on some vital civilian facilities

We recorded that 7 schools, 7 medical facilities, 1 market, and 7 mosques were attacked by the main parties in the period of time covered by the statement, as follows:

- **Syrian regime forces:** 1 school, 4 medical facilities, 1 market, and 5 mosques.
- **Russian forces:** 2 schools, 3 medical facilities, and 2 mosques.
- **Extremist Islamic groups:**
 - **ISIS:** 2 schools
- **Armed opposition factions:** 1 school
- **International coalition forces:** 1 school

C. Arbitrary arrest

We documented the arrest of no less than 91 individuals, including 1 child and 6 women (Adult female) at the hands of the main parties, as follows:

- **Syrian regime forces:** 74 individuals, including 1 child and 6 women.
- **Self-management forces:** 9
- **Extremist Islamic groups:**
 - **ISIS:** 8

D. Use of cluster munitions, incendiary weapons, and barrel bombs

We recorded five attacks using cluster munitions by Russian forces in the period of time covered by the report: 4 in Idlib governorate and 1 in Aleppo governorate.

Also, Russian forces used incendiary weapons twice in Idlib governorate in the same period of time.

Syrian regime forces helicopters dropped 142 barrel bombs at least.

E. Siege

To this day, hundreds of thousands of Syrians are still sieged, mainly by the Syrian-Iranian-Russian alliance. Those people are denied humanitarian aids. The most notable besieged areas are:

Daraa governorate: Mahja.

Damascus governorate: al Qaboun neighborhood, Barza neighborhood, and al Yarmouk camp (Under a siege caused by ISIS and the Syrian regime).

Damascus suburbs governorate: Eastern Ghouta, Madaya town, and al Zabadani city.

Homs governorate: al Wa'er neighborhood, northern suburbs of Homs: Al Rastan, Talbisa, al Houla and the surrounding areas.

Homs governorate: southern suburbs of Hama: towns of Talaf, Harbnafseh, Aqrab.



All of these areas are living in a complete power outage. Also, Syrian regime warplanes focused their bombing on these areas, which widely and extensively damaged the water grids and the sewage networks.

Attachments

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