



Documentation of Kafr Batna Massacre in Damascus suburbs

Incident Details:

Kafr Batna is a town and a municipal county that is administratively a part of Damascus suburbs center in Damascus suburbs governorate. The city's population is over 40,000 people.

The massacres started when the Syrian army forces enclosed the town from Wadi Ein Tarma and al Shalati road axis, gathering large numbers of army forces, Syrian security forces, and pro-Syrian regime Shabiha along with tanks. The siege lasted for a week, during which these forces shelled the town with tank and mortar shells, causing mass destruction that can be noticed by any visitor or monitor of the area before and after the raid and the bombing of the town. The same three-step scenario repeated itself – the shelling, followed by a raid and arresting and killing victims. Tanks and armed members raided the ruined city on August 31, 2012.

The shells targeted al Reda Mosque and al Fateh Hospital which was turned into a makeshift hospital for treating the injured and the wounded under the supervision of Kafr Batna's nurse Qutaiba Barhamji. However, the makeshift hospital was shelled and burned by enemies of humanity in front of the whole humanity. Syrian regime forces raided, destroyed, and burned the hospital completely even though there were a number of wounded people inside, including three patients in critical conditions who were in the ICU. Enemies of humanity- army forces, Syrian security and Shabiha - executed everyone who was inside the hospital, including the nurse Qutaiba and disfigured their dead bodies in a horrifying, unprecedented scene in the modern age.

Other army and security forces carried out raids against the residents' houses and executed a number of them inside their houses with no questions. Even more, they wrote on their dead bodies "Assad Aw la Ahad" (Assad or nobody)





The massacre claimed the lives of 36 citizens, while no less than 240 were wounded. SNHR, through our member in Damascus suburbs, was able to document these facts and accounts. Any other international organizations can directly contact the eyewitness Abu Hasan for more details: [black_lion411](#)

We were able to document and write down 34 names, in addition to two completely disfigured dead bodies that couldn't be identified by the residents

Victims' names

- 1- Khaled al A'raj
- 2- Eyad al A'raj
- 3- Amer al A'raj, child
- 4- Ranim al A'raj, female child, one year and a half old
- 5- Mohammad Abeid
- 6- Bayan Abeid
- 7- Dua Abeid, female child, 10-year-old
- 8- Mohamad Saeed Enaya
- 9- Mohammad ben Kamal Defda
- 10- Khaled Badr al Din
- 11- Marwan al Dqaq
- 12- Raed Safayya
- 13- Zuhar al Marji
- 14- Mohammad dib al Marji
- 15- Alaa ben Mohammad Dib al Marji
- 16- Mohammad al Hendi
- 17- Ahmad Mahmoud Abu al Hawa
- 18- Wesam Mohammad Ali, was executed in front of his family, and his father was arrested
- 19- Bashir Askar
- 20- Faisal Abu al Leil
- 21- Qutaiba Barhamji, nurse
- 22- Khaled al Khatib
- 23- Yousef Zinou
- 24- Samer Wahba
- 25- Ahmad Wahba
- 26- Bashar Haboush
- 27- Mahran Defda
- 28- Emad Hamshou





- 29- Ahmad Zinou
- 30- Tareq Marzouq
- 31- Mohammad ben Farouq Hadid
- 32- Mohammad Ali, known as Abu Wasim, father of Wesam Mohammad Ali who was executed in front of his family, and his father was abducted. His dead body was found today in front of Najib Hospital
- 33- Ghsan Defda
- 34- Fawwaz Blour
- 35- Unidentified disfigured victim
- 36- Unidentified disfigured victim

Attachments

Documentation of victims with pictures and videos

[A mass grave](#) that contains three dead bodies for victims who were executed, with signs of torture. On dead body was identified: Mohammad ben Farouq al Hadid

[Mass graves](#) and field-executions

[Massacres against the defenseless](#) civilians in Kafr Batna

[Mass grave for civilians](#) who were field-executed

[A Victim](#) that was field-executed in Kafr Batna city in front of his family

[Massacres](#) and [field-executions](#) in Kafr Batna city against civilians

[Dead bodies](#) with signs of torture for [victims](#) who were field-executed during the army's raid

One of the martyrs who were field-executed in his house during the massacre in Kafr Batna

[A picture for the victim](#) Wesam Mohammad Ali. He was field-executed, and was written on his head: "Assad Aw La Ahad" (Assad or Nobody)

[A victim](#) who was field-executed





[Nurse Qutaiba Barhamji](#), refused to leave the hospital, sacrificing his life to save the wounded

[Victims](#) from [the massacre](#) that was discovered

[Picture](#) of one of Kafr Batna massacre victims. He was field-executed and his hand was handcuffed

[Victims](#) who were being treated in al Fateh Hospital and then were field-executed

Documentation of destruction, raid, and trashing

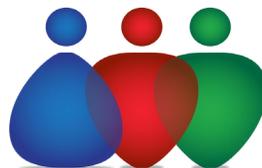
[Army forces](#) target ambulances with bullets

Army forces [burned](#) completely [al Fateh Hospital](#)

[Army forces burning](#) civilian houses and shops

[A tank for the army shelling](#) Kafr Batna and al Reda Mosque – August 30, 2012

As a human rights organization concerned with defending human rights, we, at SNHR, blatantly condemn this massacre which amounts to a crime against humanity and all massacre that committed against Syrian people on the hour. We also hold the head of the Syrian regime and the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces Bashar Al Assad responsible for the massacre and the ramifications resulted from it. Also, we demand the Security Council and the United Nations to act quickly to protect civilians in Syria, and they must bear their legal and moral responsibilities and accelerate steps to refer the perpetrators of massacres to the International Criminal Court.



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