

Death toll in May 2013

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The Syrian government's Armed Forces through the daily shelling, rids, massacres and torturing detainees to death, in addition to casualties of armed rebels through clashes killed 3379 citizen included 134 people tortured to death.

3379 citizens were killed , an average of 109 people a day, 5 people an hour
Among the 3379 killed: 2663 civilians, 716 Armed rebel

And Among the 2663 civilians [SNHR](#) documented:

1- 368 children victims with an average of 13 children a day, and the proportion of the children killed to the death toll is 16%, which is a very high rate and strict evidence that the Syrian Government's Armed Forces targeting the civilians.

2- 303 female victims , where the proportion of the women victims is 11%, which is also a very high rate and strict evidence that the Syrian Government's Armed Forces targeting the civilians

3- 134 tortured to death, an average of 5 people a day tortured to death in official or unofficial detention centers

4- 7 citizens killed cause of shelling poisonous gases on their residential areas , all of them in Damascus countryside:

1- Three citizens in Harasta 27-5-2013

2- Two in Doma 26-5-2013

3- Two in Adra 23-5-2013

An ethnic cleansing massacre also occurred in Baniyas town in Tartous city [SNHR](#) documented in Albaiyda village / Baniyas: 265 victims, including 42 children, 28 ladies in 2-5-2013

[SNHR](#) documented in Ras Alnabaa neighborhood / Baniyas : 198 victims , including 63 children, 43 ladies in 4-5-2013



SNHR would like to indicate that this what we could document by our deployed members in all of the Syrian provinces classified by names date and place , photo or video .

We couldn't document many cases of massacres and killing for many reasons including procedures repeatedly and systematically made by Syrian Government's Armed Forces like communications disconnect and blockade areas for many days ,that's make the actual number more than that , not to mention that the Syrian government has prevented any of the human right organization to perform their duty on its territory.

Total numbers of victims dispersed all across provinces of Syria as follows:

Damascus and countryside: 744

Homs:597, Aleppo: 531, Tartous: 411, Hama: 267, Daraa: 252, Idlib: 219, Deir Alzour:129

Raqa: 77, Lattakia: 75, Qunaitra: 44, Hasaka: 30, Swidaa: 3.

It should be mentioned that work mechanism of Syrian Network for Human Rights' Group bases on precise verification and documentation method, and on our members who deployed on the Syrian territory to gather facts and take written testimonies, live images and videos, oral and registered interviews audio and video interviews so as to complement the efforts exerted to document human rights violations under the restrictions imposed by the Syrian government on the network members or any other Human Rights organization to work on Syrian territory , the real number may exceed in dozens especially in case of massacres where they imposed blockage and communications cut.

Legal conclusions

1- SNHR assured that Syrian Government's Armed Groups and Shabiha violated Previsions of Human Rights International Law which protect the right of life , in addition to dozens of cases considered as a war crimes (murder cases)

Undoubted Evidence of hundreds of eyewitness stories , that more than 90% of expanded and individual attacks directed against civilians and that's all contrary to the Syrian Government's claims that they are fighting Al-Qaeda and terrorists

2- SNHR also indicates that the documented events are also crimes against humanity , where the condition of widespread and systematic direct attack against civilian population group in most cases of murder has been achieved

Condemnation and Responsibilities:

responsibility of states for internationally wrongful acts , similarly Customary IHL provides that states that the state is responsible for all acts committed by a members of its military and security forces , thus the states is responsible of wrongful acts committed by its military and security forces including crimes against humanity

SNHR holds the Syrian President Commander in Chief of the Syrian army, Bashar al-Assad,

responsible for all acts of homicide, torture and massacres perpetrated in Syria as he holds the primary responsibility for giving the orders for these acts. SNHR considers all Syrian regime members and heads of the security and military bodies directly complicity in those acts. By the same token, SNHR considers the Iranian government and Hezbollah as direct partners in the acts of homicide who shall legally and judicially liable for those acts along with all those funding and supporting the Syrian regime which is systematically committing massacres on a daily basis. SNHR holds all the above mentioned parties responsible for all consequences and potential reactions from the Syrian people in general and the families of the victims in particular.

Recommendations:

Human right council

- 1- Call upon security council and relevant organizations to take upon their responsibility towards what's happening Syrian children from momentary nonstop killing even for one hour .
- 2- Exert pressure on the Syrian government to stop random and deliberate shelling on civilians
- 3- Hold the allies and supporter of the Syrian government : Russia , Iran , China , moral and physical responsibility towards killing in Syria
- 4- Serious attention of the disastrous situation and give it high priority, and try to take care of victims' children and families

Security Council:

- 1- Decision to refer all the criminals and the involved to ICC
- 2- Warn the Syrian Government of the repercussions of using brutal methods and systematic killing and send clear messages about

Arab League:

- 1- Demand Human Right Council and United Nations to give this serious issue the right attention and follow up
- 2- Political and diplomatic pressure on the Syrian Government Troops' main allies-Russia, Iran and China -to prevent them from continuous providing cover and international and political protection-for all the crimes committed against the Syrian people and hold them moral and physical responsibility for all the excesses of the Syrian Government Troops.