

The Syrian Regime Perpetrated Four Massacres in Ten Days in Doma

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The Syrian regime has escalated its attacks and shelling against Doma city which is out of its control. However, the Syrian regime has been carrying out indiscriminate attacks that doesn't distinguish between civil and military targets since 2011. Sometimes, the percentage of civilian victims exceeds 86% and the percentage of child and woman victims 22%. Even if those alleged military targets do exist, the Syrian regime doesn't respect the principle of proportionality in its attacks.

The airstrikes carried out by the Syrian regime's aerial arsenal resulted in four horrific massacres in no approximately 10 days (9 September – 21 September). Additionally, there were dozens of killing cases. It should be noted that the Syrian regime is the only force who possesses aerial airstrike in Syria,

[SNHR](#) documented, in these massacre, the killing of no less than 123 victims including 121 civilians; among whom were 42 children and 21 women while only two rebels were killed. Furthermore, 450 at least were injured including 60 critical cases.

The Syrian regime used 34 directed missiles and 10 thermobaric missiles. On Tuesday 16 September, 2014, the largest attack was carried out where the Syrian regime shelled the town with 10 missiles in one day.

The massacres perpetrated by the Syrian regime warplanes
Jesr Misraba neighborhood massacre, Tuesday 9 September

The Syrian regime warplanes targeted civilians' gatherings in Jesr Misraba neighborhood with missiles to kill 27 people including nine children and five women.

Masjed Hasiba neighborhood massacre, Thursday 11 September

The Syrian regime warplanes targeted Hasiba mosque in the middle of the city with four airstrikes to kill 58 victims including 22 children and 10 ladies. Also, no less than 175 were wounded.

Souq Al-Hal neighborhood massacre, Sunday 14 September

The Syrian regime warplanes targeted Souq Al-Hal neighborhood with missiles to kill 11 victims including two children and one lady.

Al-Jalaa Street massacre, Wednesday 17 September

The Syrian regime warplanes targeted Al-Jalaa Street in Doma with two directed missiles which resulted in the killing of 15 victims including seven children and five women.

Conclusions

1- **SNHR** affirms that these airstrikes that targeted Doma in those massacres was an act of indiscriminate shelling that targeted unarmed civilians. Thus, the government forces and its militias have violated the articles of the international law for human rights which guarantee the right to live. Furthermore, these violation were perpetrated during a non-international armed conflict which can be classified as war crimes.

2- **SNHR** also believes that this indiscriminate shelling that killed people in Ad-Dmier city is a crime against humanity as this is not the first time that an attack of this kind has been carried out. This has become almost a daily experience in Syria which indicates the systematic and widespread manner of these attacks.

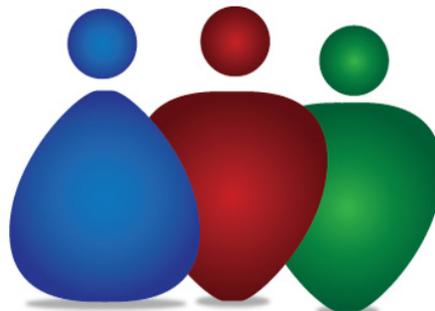
3- The random attacks committed by the government forces are considered violations of the customary international law considering the fact that government forces have attacked residential areas rather than a specific military target.

4- These attacks, especially aerial shelling, have caused casual humanitarian and material losses. There are strong indicators that prove that the damage was deeply severe compared to the expected military advantage.

5- The magnitude of this wide systematic frequent shelling, the level of its excessive strength, its military nature, and the coordinated approach of these attacks must be based on high orders, and a state policy.

Recommendations

The Security Council should shoulder its responsibilities regarding the implementation of the resolution 2139. Failing to take any action is a green light for the Syrian regime to perpetrate more crimes.



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