



In its 4th day: 52 Breaches in the Ceasefire Agreement The killing of 45 individuals and the documentation of not less than 145 breaches since the ceasefire started

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I. Introduction

SNHR sent documented reports regarding all the breaches and violations of Kofi Anan's 6 point plan in April, May and June 2012 to his office. This plan proved its fruitlessness since the Syrian regime continued to commit different kinds of massacres and crimes that amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity; as we previously documented.

We hope that the ceasefire will pave the way to a political change towards democracy. The previous 6 points plan was under the auspices of the UN, while this ceasefire is sponsored by Russian and the USA only. As it is known, Russia cannot take that part since it is a loyal ally to the Syrian regime and one of its supporters. Hence, we questioned this ceasefire and its outcomes. The Syrian regime has violated and breached several UNSC resolutions and it was not held accountable. What if Russia follows the same footsteps? And will it be held accountable?

Fadel Abdul Ghani, head of SNHR, says:

“The international community, represented by the UNSC, knows exactly what it should do to end this circle of violence, however, it resorts to unproductive solutions. We need a political transition that would transform the ruling to a democratic one. We have previously said that after Geneva 1, the bloodshed is not going to end and state administrations will be doomed to failure. ISIL and Iranian militias are filling the space the corrupted Syrian government left. We are with any agreement or resolution that would end the cycle of violence and massacres in Syria.”





Concerning the statement itself, the Syrian regime and its Russian accomplice can strike regions under the control of armed opposition in northern of Syria under the pretext of the presence Al Nusra front, even if it is extremely limited, without breaching the ceasefire.

After some experience with the oppressive Syrian regime, it will welcome any breach in the ceasefire agreement and wishes that its Russian ally would end the presence of its opponents. It appears to us that the Russians would not want to get more involved in the Syrian swamp and this ceasefire would just buy them some time to rethink their options. SNHR team documented these breaches as it is the bare minimum of what we were able to document according to our methodology. We interviewed eyewitnesses and verified the footages and images we received. This report documents all the breaches that were committed by all conflict parties since the ceasefire started.

Additionally, the humanitarian aid did not reach all besieged regions like Mo'adameyat Al Sham in Damascus suburbs. Those strikes happened in regions under the control of armed opposition and in regions that are controlled by joint forces of Al Nusra front and the armed opposition groups. The report also does not include any military operations in regions under ISIL's control.

Also it is worth noting that we did not record any improvement in the detainees' situation or releases by all main conflict parties.

II. Executive Summary:

This report documents the breaches in the ceasefire agreement in its fourth day 1 March 2016 which reached 52 breaches that ranges between military operations, arrests and obstructing humanitarian aids. A number of breaches were recorded the on 29 Feb 2016 but we shall include in this report after we were able to verify it.

1. Military Operations:

SNHR documented 19 breaches in the ceasefire agreement, detailed as follows:

A. Government forces committed 15 breaches as follows:

3 breaches in Homs

1 in Damascus suburbs

1 in Idlib

9 in Hama

1 in Daraa





B. Russian forces committed 3 breaches as follows:

2 breaches in Idlib

1 in Hama

C. KSM (henceforth Kurdish Self Management Forces) committed 1 breach in Al Raqqa governorate.

These airstrikes killed 8 individuals:

- 6 civilians including a child

- 2 armed opposition groups

Distribution of the killed individuals according to the main conflict parties:

- Government forces killed 4 individuals: 2 civilians including a child and two armed opposition members

- Alleged Russian forces killed 4 civilians

2. Arrests:

SNHR documented the arrest of 32 individuals which constitutes a breach in the agreement. Details:

- Government forces arrested 23 individuals including 2 women and 3 children detailed as follows:

5 were arrested in Damascus suburbs

3 in Hama

1 in Lattakia

3 in Homs

6 in Damascus suburbs

2 in Aleppo

3 in Deir Al Zour

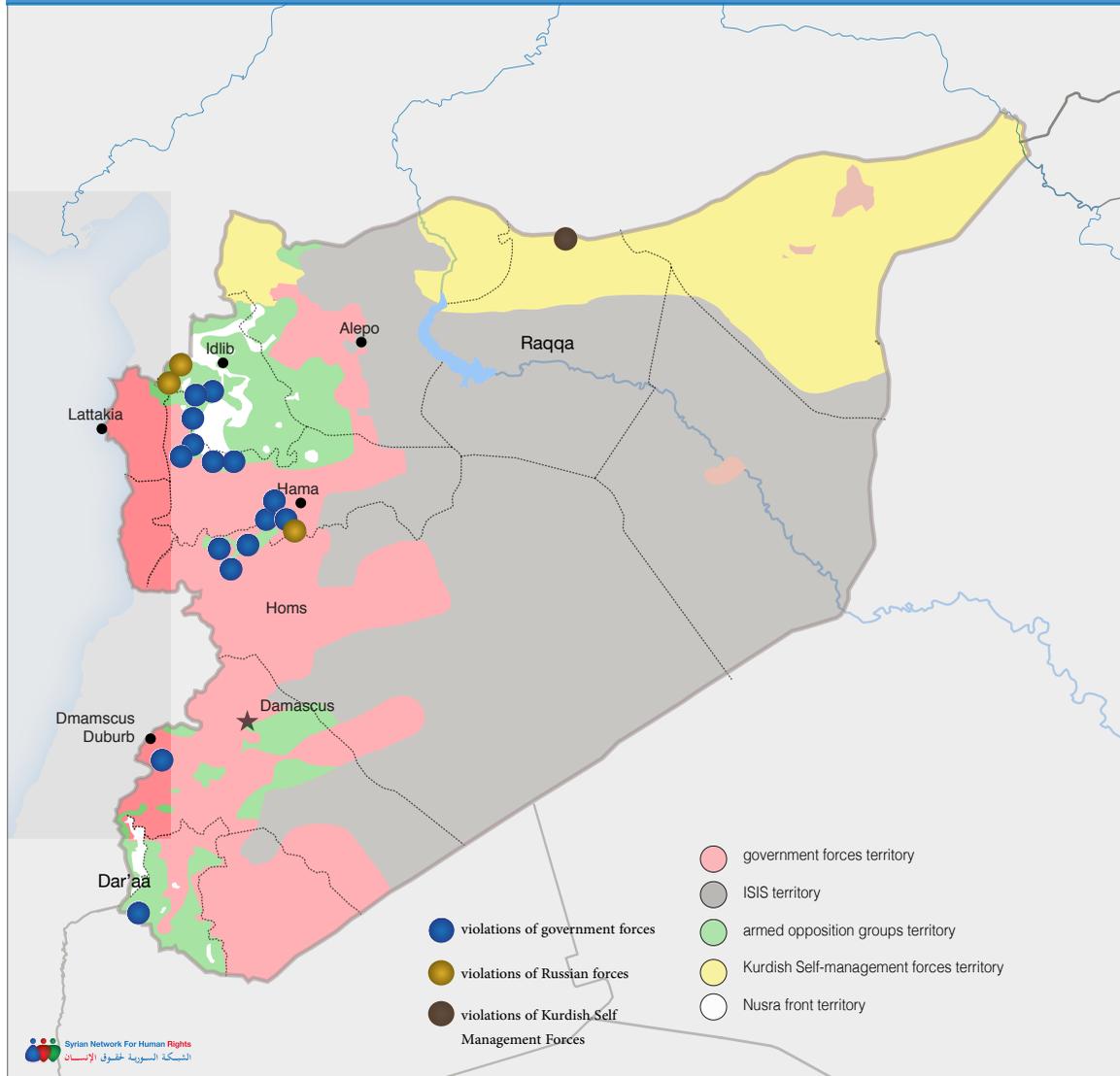
- KSM forces arrested 9 individuals in Al Hassaka suburbs.

3. Obstructing Humanitarian Aids: One breach was documented in Mo'adamiyat Al Sham





Breaches by combat in 1 March 2016 the 4th day of the truce distributed as follow





III. Details:

1. Military Operations:

A. Government Forces

- **Idlib:**

Al Mastouma town:

Government forces launched three surface to surface missiles which killed 2 civilians including a child. The town is under the control of armed opposition and it is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

A [video](#) that depicts injured people who were targeted by the regime

- **Damascus suburbs:**

Khan Al Sheeh:

At 4:20 p.m. government artillery forces shelled the vicinity of [Khan Al Sheeh](#) that is under the control of armed opposition. The town is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

- **Homs:**

Talbisa City:

At 4 p.m. government artillery launched 4 missiles on the southern front in Talbisa city that is under the control of armed opposition. The town is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

Al Rastan city:

At 7 p.m. government machine guns launched its machine guns at the city that is under the control of armed opposition. The town is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

- **Hama:**

Al Hawash town:

At 8:30 p.m. government artillery forces launched its artillery on Hawash town in Sahel Al Ghab that is under the control of armed opposition. The town is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.





Har Bnafso town:

We recorded three breaches in the town that is under the control of armed opposition. The town is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

1st breach: government artillery forces launched several mortar missiles on the town

2nd: government rocket launchers launched several rocket-propelled-grenades on the town

3rd: government rocket launchers shelled the town with several missiles which killed an armed opposition member and injured 30 others.



Videos that depict the government warplane shelling on the town

[Videos](#) that depict the government warplane [shelling](#) on the [town](#)

Murouk town: We recorded two breaches in the town that is under the control of armed opposition. The town is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

1st incident: at 9 a.m. government artillery forces in Suran city launched three artillery missiles on the town

2nd incident: government artillery forces in Suran city launched 4 artillery missiles on Murouk town.

Al Madiq Citadel:

At 10 a.m. government tanks at the Sabea' checkpoint shelled Al Madiq Citadel with two artillery missiles. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

Al Sermaneyi town: we recorded two breaches in the town that is under the control of armed opposition groups which is also free of any ISIL and Al Nusra presence.

1st incident: at 3 p.m government artillery in Joureen town launched several missiles on Al Sermaneyi town.

2nd incident: government rocket launchers in Joureen town launched several rockets on Al Sermaneyi town.





- Daraa:

Tareeq Al Sad neighborhood:

Government forces launched several mortar missiles on Tareeq Al Sad neighborhood in Daraa city that is under the control of armed opposition. The town is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

A [video](#) that depicts the mortar shelling by government forces

A. Russian Forces:

- Idlib:

Al Ze'neyi town:

A long range rocket was shelled by the Russian warships on a car garage in Al Ze'neyi town in Jisir Al Shoughour city. The shelling killed 4 individuals and injured almost 7 others and damaged the garage and its surrounding houses. The town is under the control of armed opposition groups and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

Victims' names:

Imad Mousaa

Mohamad Deeb Koutiech

Ousama Saleh

Abdul Latif Shamdeen

A [video](#) that depicts the shelling aftermath due to the alleged Russian shelling

A [video](#) that depicts the shelling aftermath and the civil defense rescue attempts



An image that depicts the shelling aftermath on the garage

- Ein Al Bayda road next to the Turkish borders:

At 5 p.m. the road between Badama town and Ein Al Bayda was targeted with a long range missile which damaged the street. The region is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

An [image](#) that depicts the shelling aftermath on the road





- Hama:

Har Bnafso rown:

Alleged Russian shelling shelled 4 rockets on the town at almost 4 p.m. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

A. KSM forces:

- Al Raqqa:

Tal Abyad: on 29 Feb 2016

Kurdish Democratic Forces of Syria bombed Breyghi Bridge in eastern of Tal Abyad in northern Raqqa suburbs which destroyed it and caused it to go out of service. It is worth noting that civilians used to use the bridge and the region is under the control of the Kurdish Democratic Forces of Syria

An [image](#) that depicts the shelling aftermath after the bridge was bombed by the KDFS.

2. Arrests:

A. Government Forces

- Damascus:

government forces arrested two individuals in Al Mazze neighborhood in Damascus, an individual from Al Baramika neighborhood, and 2 individuals from a government checkpoint

- Hama:

Government forces arrested 3 individuals while they were passing by a checkpoint in Al Qusour neighborhood in Hama

- Lattakia:

Government forces arrested a university student from Teshreen University in Lattakia city.

- Homs:

Government forces arrested 3 individuals from Al Insha'at neighborhood

- Damascus suburbs:

Government forces arrested 6 individuals from Damascus suburbs while they were passing by a checkpoint on the Lebanese borders.





- Aleppo:

Government forces arrested two individuals from Aleppo city

- Deir Al Zour:

Government forces arrested 3 individuals from Harabesh neighborhood in Deir Al Zour

B. KSM forces:

- **Al Hassaka governorate:**

Al Malekya region:

KSM forces arrested 9 civilians from a checkpoint that belonged to it in Al Malekya region in Al Hassak.

3. Obstructing Humanitarian Aid:

Government forces obstructed the entrance of a humanitarian aid convoy to Mo'adameyat Al Sham in Damascus suburbs.

Recommendations:

- We ask the joint American and Russian committee to investigate these incidents, announce its results to the Syrian people and prevent it from happening again.
- We demand the international community to correlate the ceasefire with political efforts that would pave the way towards a transitional stage that would result in a democratic regime, which will end the suffering of the Syrian people.

If breaches are still being committed, then this fragile ceasefire may fail at any moment. Since USA is a major advocate for this agreement, then it should persuade the Russian government to cease its airstrikes and pressure its ally the Syrian government to do so.

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