



Al Qobour Massacre in Deir Ez-Zour Governorate

The following is the details of the incident according to a number of eyewitnesses' account

In light of the ongoing bombing by the warplanes of the Syrian army on al Muthafeen neighborhood in Deir Ez-Zour city, a number of the neighborhood residents fled towards al Maqaber road on October 16, 2012 which leads to Damascus road. On their way, they were all arrested by the Syrian government's army and security forces, and there haven't been any updates on their status ever since.

A video documenting the arrest of civilians at the hands of Syrian regime forces. [The video](#) was posted three days before the dead bodies were found, as it shows Syrian army soldiers arresting a number of residents and stripping them of their clothes.

As a group of residents were passing through the area three days later, they found tend of dead bodies for their neighbors after they were executed and their dead bodies were tossed in Deir Ez-Zour cemetery. The dead bodies were rotting and had clear torture and decay signs on them.

Through contacting residents, victims' families, and some activists, SNHR team has been able to identify 13 victims, including two children, with names, pictures, and videos, out of 84 tossed and completely disfigured dead bodies, which is another instance of a systematic policy adopted by Syrian government forces in order to conceal the specifics of the crime.

Names of the victims that have been identified

- 1- Abdul Rahman Hantoush, child, three-year-old
- 2- Shama Hantoush, female child
- 3- Talal Hantoush
- 4- Jehan al Ali al Mubarak, woman
- 5- Muhsena Jum'a al Hamli, woman, 60-year-old.





- 6- Omran Ryad Thyab al Shantouri
- 7- Mohammad Samir Ibrahim
- 8- Adnan Jarjisi
- 9- Ali Jarjisi
- 10- I'tedal Jarjisi
- 11- Jasem al Bad'i
- 12- Samir Brejea'
- 13- Mohammad Samir al Ibrahim

Attachments

Videos documenting the victims



Pictures documenting the massacre

Article 7 of Rome Statute on crimes against humanity is applicable to this massacre that involved the killing of civilians, as well as Article 8 on war crimes seeing that it involved the crime of willful, unjustified killing.

Neither the Syrian government nor the Syrian parliament have launched an investigation into this incident, as if nothing happened.

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.

