



Statement

Arresting Doctors has become Systematic Phenomenon that strongly violates International Humanitarian Laws...The Arrest of Dr. Bashar Frhat

While several Syrian cities and villages are shown on Arab and foreign media as they are being destroyed and damaged by Syrian government which is still practicing its oppressive methods to silence people and arrest the elite in civilian citizens in addition to forcibly-disappear many of them. The case of Dr. Bashar presents a worrying example for such cases.

Dr. Bashar Frhat is a 28-year-old, from Jericho city which is administrate affiliated to Idlib governorate in northwest Syria on the crossroad between Latakia and Aleppo. The military security forces arrested him from the National Hospital in Latakia city where he continues his study in pediatrics on Thursday 26/July/2012, and took him to Military Security branch which is located in the first project near Al Rawda mosque.

Picture of Dr. Bashar Frhat:

the arrest of the Dr. Bashar Frhat, an author, was mainly, and beyond any doubt, for practicing his basic right in expressing his opinion freely and peacefully through his stories and poems that are published on his page and site in social media where he expressed his political opinion and condemned killing, destruction and violations of human rights in his country. The Syrian government forced him under torture to close it while he was there and it has been closed since then.

The arrest of Dr. Bashar, besides the arrests of hundreds of Syrian people in an arbitrary way without any legal procedures is considered as a violation of its internal law where the Syrian law states that it is a must to issue an arrest warrant. Furthermore, article 108 of criminal procedure punishes the party if it did not issue a warrant and the detainee has the right to get a copy of it according to article 109. However, these procedures aren't respected in Syria and the detainees and their families don't know their charges or where they will be detained. Moreover, these cases constitute a violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

It is worth mentioning that except for seeing the doctor in that branch after 5 days of his arrest, we haven't been able to contact him as well as his family who live in Jericho. The information we got from the Military Security branch suggests that the doctor is subjected to systematic torture inside this branch which is known for





inhuman arresting conditions. Therefore, SNHR seriously fears of the doctor' life. Dr. Bashar Frhat has a Syrian nationality. No Arab or international human rights organization has pointed out his case or taken any action regarding it.

SNHR hold the Syrian government fully responsible for the life and physical and mental health of Dr. Bashar Frhat and for all the ramifications of his arrest and detention, and demand the human rights organizations to take action to release him and reveal his fate and the fate of thousands of political detainees and detainees of conscience. Furthermore, they have to uphold the moral and legal responsibility with regard to detainees of conscience in Syria.

