

Killer's statement: January, 2013

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Martyrs statement for January, 2013 issued by Syrian network for human rights Syrian network for human rights provides you with 3742 names of martyrs (devoid of any repeat) in addition to the date, and place of martyrdom, video and photos of the situations of martyrdom. All of these can be found in the [following link](#).

Syrian network for human rights estimated that 3742 martyrs included 466 children, 33 from them were infants. This month characterized by the highest number of deaths of children. This means that the Syrian government forces killed 15 children every day.

Furthermore the number of martyrs included 297 women, 93 torture killers, 407 of the free Syrian army, and 62 elders aged over sixty years.

The percentage of women and children to the total number of martyrs reached 5.1%, this is a conclusive and rigorous evidence that Syrian government forces had been targeting civilians, whereas internationally recognized percentage in the case of irregular warfare is 2% , i.e. , the Syrian government exceeded that percentage twice, and threefold in some months.

The ratios of the martyrs were distributed according to each province in January, as follows:

Rif Dimashque: 1050, Aleppo: 795, Bake: 377, Idlib: 320, Dara: 308, Homs: 288, Damascus: 270, Deir Ezzor: 142, Ar-Raqqah: 79, Al-Hasakah: 40, Quneitra: 24, Latakia: 24, Other nationalities: 19, Sweida: 6.

It is noteworthy that there are many cases that we were unable to reach and document particularly in the case of massacres and besieged areas where the Syrian government frequently blocks communication. This indicates that the actual death toll could potentially stand at a higher figure as there are dozens of cases in which residents buried the bodies in mass graves to prevent the spread of diseases. This complicated situation is attributed to the official ban by the Syrian government preventing any human rights organization from working on its territories.

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.

SNHR calls upon the UN Security Council, the United Nations and all member states to act with utmost urgency to undertake all necessary actions to protect civilians in Syria. By failing to do so, they shall be considered responsible, to a large extent, for the death of civilians along with the Syrian regime. It is their moral and legal duty to meet their obligations and accelerate the process of referring all those responsible for crimes against humanity in Syria to the ICC.

