Six Medics were Killed in December 2014

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First: Executive Summary

SNHR's high standards for documentation is based on collecting direct testimonies from survivors or victims' families in addition to analyzing and verifying photos, video footages, and some medical records. However, we can't claim that we've documented all the incidents in light of the ban and pursuit by the Syrian regime and other armed groups.

To read more about the methodology of SNHR in documenting victims, please visit the following URL.

The consistent shelling and targeting of medical facilities and medical teams since 2011 by government forces indicates a systematic policy that only aims to kill more victims and deepens the suffering of the injured civilians and rebels.

In December, SNHR documented the killing of six medics by government forces:

Four doctors (three of whom were tortured to death. It is verified that doctors are subjected to crueler torture that other prisoners)

Two medical team members.

Second: Details

1- Ahmad Dibou Abdulqader, ambulance driver, from Aleppo – Ma'arat Al-Arteaq, 19-year-old, he died on 30 November, 2014 by a shrapnel that went through his heart after the government forces warplanes' shelling on Aleppo countryside – Andan city.

2- Abdulhamid Abdulmu'ien At-Tallawi, from Idlib – Khan Shaikhoun city, he was arrested by government forces nine months ago, his family told us that they were informed that he was tortured to death inside a detention center on Wednesday 10 December, 2014.

3- Idrees Aber Al-Fadel, physician, from Der Ezzor – Boqrus town, he died on Tursday 16 December, 2014 by government forces warplanes that carried out an airstrike on At-Teb Al-Hadith Hospital in Der Ezzor – Al-Mayadien city.

Idrees Aber Al-Fadel

4- Mohammad Hussein Saleh As-Sardan, paramedic, from Der Ezzor – Al-Bolail village, 17-year-old, worked at At-Teb Al-Hadith hospital in Der Ezzor – Al-Mayadien city, he was killed on 16 December, 2014, by government forces warplanes that carried out an airstrike targeting the hospital.

5- Emad Ali Mahna, physician, from Qunietra – Majdal Shams, 45-year-old, he was arrested by government forces in Damascus – Jermana on Saturday 29 June, 2013, his family told us that they were informed that he was torture to death inside Palestine branch on Thursday 18 December, 2014. His family hasn't received the body yet.

6- Hesham Subhi Abdurrahman, doctor, from Tartus – Banyas, 37-year-old, founder of the Free Syrian Doctors organization, he was arrested while he was heading to Damascus on Thursday 19 April, 2012, his family learned that he was executed inside Sydnaya prison on Friday 19 December, 2014.

Hesham Subhi Abdurrahman

Third: Conclusions and recommendations

The Syrian government has blatantly violated both the International Humanitarian Law and the norms of the Humanitarian law and committed crimes that can be openly classified as war crimes when it targeted medics as well as crimes against humanity through these numerous acts of killing.

The Security Council

The Security Council should shoulder its legal and moral responsibilities in respect to what happening in Syria instead of only watching the daily bloodbath only becoming bigger.

Russia and China should stop protecting the Syrian regime after it was proven that it has perpetrated war crime and crimes against humanity. Also, the International Community should take further steps to protect the lives of the Syrian people if Russia and China didn't change their positions.

Fourth: Acknowledgment

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