



Statement

SNHR Meets a Group of Arab and Foreign Ambassadors' Missions of the UN Security Council

In the context of strengthening the advocacy process of the Syrian cause and to shed more light on the continuous suffering of the Syrian people since the beginning of the uprising in 2011, the Syrian Network for Human Rights represented by its chairman, Mr. Fadel Abdul Gahni, attended several meetings with a number of the ambassadors' missions of USA, Russia, KSA and Qatar in the permanent headquarters for each mission in the UN Security Council in New York.



The meetings focused on the current situation in Syria and the violations that were committed against Syrian citizens from various conflict parties, particularly the Syrian regime and the relentless atrocities it has been committing 2011, especially the barrel bomb shelling.

The SNHR raised its concerns about the widespread violations committed by the PYD Kurdish forces in northern Syria, the International Coalition shelling against ISIL and how it kills and targets civilians.

Also, the topic of the Russian military intervention was discussed especially targeting of civilians, vital facilities and the widespread displacement it causes.

In a private meeting with the Russian Permanent Mission of the Security Council, the Russian party categorically denied targeting civilians or vital facilities, schools or hospitals. They assured that they rely on reliable sources for shelling ISIL's locations and extremist groups. However, SNHR provided a copy of its report about the Russian air strikes and the mission pledged to conduct more meetings with the Syrian regime to stop the use of explosive barrels and to assist in the release of political prisoners from government detention facilities. On the other hand, the meetings also discussed the political option as a solution to the Syrian crisis, the transitional phase, and the importance of monitoring the cease fire. SNHR also provided the Russian party with copies of the latest studies and reports about the Russian intervention in Syria.

Since 2011, SNHR has constantly participated in similar meetings in order to raise more awareness about the Syrian cause, besides its commitment to documenting the violations being committed against the Syria people.

