

Documentation of Talbisa Massacre in Homs governorate countryside

Incident details:

Talbisa is located in the north of Homs city on the International Road that cross Syria from the north to the south, and is the ancient convoys' road, Talbisa iis 13km from Homs.

Talbisa is the fourth city of Homs Governorate behind Palmyra, Qusair, and Al Raŝtan, with a population of over 40 thousand.

An eyewitness Prof. Walid told us that on Monday, December 24 and from the early morning government forces (Army, Security forces, local and foreign Shiites militias) fired mortar shells and Fozdika artillery heavily and randomly on the residential neighborhoods, this was accompanied with the hovering of helicopters that dropped barrels of TNT on the civilians' houses leading to the injuries of many of them, and in the afternoon the Mig warplanes flew in the city sky and fired 6 missiles targeting the bakery were the people were gathered to make some money due to the difficult living circumstance resulted from the siege imposed on the city.

Causing a massacre in my town were 15 victims were killed, I know 4 of them that were our neighbors, there was also 4 children from one family (Al Yahia family sons of Majid Al Yahia) and 5 victims from the same family (Al Naji family).



[Mig warplanes](#)

[The aviation shelling](#)

[Link 2](#)

In addition to destroying several houses near the bakery and the burning of several cars, the people found a body under the rubble of the destroyed houses.

The shelling continued in the day of the massacre until the evening with heavy artillery and mortar shells, causing panic and fear between the people as some families left the city.

In the next day of the massacre 3 others died of their wounds due to the lack of medical supplies in the only field hospital in the city of Talbisa according to Mr. Abo Abdul Rahman Al Homsy.

SNHR team managed to document 15 names according to the testimonies of the residents and relatives and eyewitnesses as well:

1. Abdul Mou'een Swais – age 60 – Talbisa - December 24, 2012
2. Mahmoud Turkey Swais– age 25 – Talbisa - December 24, 2012
3. Omar Othman Al Naji – age 31 – Talbisa - December 24, 2012- Father of two kids Mohammad and Hadeel
4. Mohammad Omar Othman –Boy
5. Hadeel Omar Al Naji –Girl
6. Hussein Faraj Al Naji
7. Intisar Majed Yahia Haj Ibrahim – Boy
8. Marwa Majed Yahia –age 10- Girl
9. Huda Majed Yahia –age 8 – Girl
10. Amal Majed Yahia –age 5 –Girl
11. Abdul Qader Mohammad Meiznazi – 60
12. Mustafa Ahmad Al Naji
13. Naser Omar Ahmad Al Naji
14. Mohammad Omar Nafea Al Naji – Boy
15. Bilal Abdul Ghani Khashfeh died of his wounds from the bakery shelling

Attachments:

Victims and wounded:

Victims:

[Link 1](#)

[Link 2](#)

[Link 3](#)

[Link 4](#)

[Link 5](#)

Children turned to shreds

[A child head smashed in the warplanes shelling](#)

[Recovering bodies from under the rubble after the targeting of the bakery](#)

Destruction and shelling:

[Talbisa the moment of the missiles that targeted the bakery explosion](#)

Targeting a group of people with mortar shells after the massacre in front of the bakery

[The father of four](#)

[A father heartbroken over the loss of his son](#)

[The funeral of the martyrs](#)

[Recovering bodies from under the rubble](#)

[The mosques call for volunteering blood](#)

Wounded:

[Aiding the wounded in a simple ways in the midst of a severe medical disability](#)

[Targeting the field hospital](#)

This massacre against civilians is under the Article 7 of the Main Rome Statue as a crime against humanity, also under article 8 as war crime due to deliberate killing with no justification.

The Syrian government or Syrian Parliament didn't start any investigation in the matter as if nothing had happened.

Here at SNHR as a human rights organization that concerned with defending human rights we firmly condemn this horrific massacre that is a crime against humanity with all the massacres that the Syrian people have suffered around the clock as well and we hold the Syrian government along with the Army Commanding Chief Bashar Al Assad fully and completely responsible for the massacre and its consequences and reactions, also Iran, Russia and Hezbollah are also held responsible for the ongoing killing and supplying the Syrian government with weapons and money, as we also ask the Security Council and United Nations to work in full speed to do what can be done to protect the civilians in Syria, and to shoulder its morale and legal responsibility and speed up the steps against all involved in these massacres to the International Criminal Court.