Statement on filing a complaint on an extrajudicial killing case for the United Nations’ Special Rapporteur

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The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR), founded in June 2011, is a non-governmental, independent group that is considered a primary source for the OHCHR on all death toll-related analyses in Syria.

The Death of Citizen Maher Khaled Hejazi

Who Was Forcibly Disappeared at the Syrian Regime’s Hands

The Syrian Network for Human Rights has notified the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions of the case of the citizen, Maher Khaled Hejazi, from Douma city in Damascus Suburbs governorate, born in 1983, who was arrested on July 31, 2014, by Syrian Regime forces in a raid on his home in Masaken Barza neighbourhood, northeast of Damascus city. In December 2014, after communicating with a former detainee, his family learned of Maher’s death due to torture in the Raid Branch ‘295’, known as Najha Prison, which is affiliated with the State Security Branch, in Damascus Suburbs governorate.

As is the norm in all such cases, Syrian authorities have not confessed to killing Maher, while his family has been unable to submit any complaint about his death because of their presence in an area outside the control of Syrian Regime forces.

SNHR stresses its grave concerns for the lives of civilians arrested since 2011, as the number of deaths in regime custody continues to rise.