



## Press release

### **The SNHR Holds Bilateral Meetings with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs in France, Germany, and Denmark**

The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR), represented by its Director, Fadel Abdul Ghany, recently visited the foreign ministries of a number of countries in the European Union, where he held meetings with high-level ministry officials, namely:

Paris - October 27, a meeting with the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs.

Berlin - October 28, a bilateral meeting with the German Federal Foreign Office.

Copenhagen - November 2, a bilateral meeting with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

These were the first physical visits after a break of nearly a year and a half due to the conditions imposed by the coronavirus; the meetings dealt in general with an update on the human rights situation in Syria, according to the data and reports documented by the Syrian Network for Human Rights. During these meetings, it was emphasized that the Syrian regime continues to commit atrocious violations, some of which constitute war crimes, as happened recently when civilians were targeted in Ariha city during the constitutional committee negotiations' meetings in Geneva. Some

of the violations also constitute crimes against humanity such as the enforced disappearance and torture of tens of thousands of Syrians. Mr. Abdul Ghany stressed that the Syrian regime cannot be rehabilitated because none of its brutal practices has changed since 2011, and countries that are considering restoring relations with the regime must be pressured because this would give it greater impunity. The meetings also dealt with many other issues such as Syria being unsafe for the return of refugees, the stagnation of the political process and its impact on the forcibly displaced, the issue of cross-border humanitarian aid, and support for the accountability process.

In addition, the SNHR's director also held many bilateral meetings with international partner organizations such as the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, in addition to doing some media interviews.

These visits come as part of a long series of advocacy operations carried out by the Syrian Network for Human Rights for nearly ten years, through which it aims to inform friendly countries and organizations of the most prominent developments on the human rights and humanitarian levels, and the work carried out by the SNHR in the short and medium terms, as well as to follow up on the most prominent recommendations included in the reports we issued, and on the other hand, to listen to these nations' proposed strategies for the next stage in order to ensure more coordination and cooperation.