



A statement of the Syrian Network for Human Rights, regarding the number of martyrs in the month of August 2012

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The Syrian Network for Human rights depends greatly on a strict and accurate manner when approaching and handling the required work to be completed. It did not release any statistics without a methodological approach stating all the specific details, not only numbers – numbers that can easily be manipulated by the source issuing it without and shred of evidence or proof. The month of August marked many massacres committed by members of the Assad Army, security forces and Assad thugs, and the Syrian Network for Human Rights only managed to complete the documentation on Thursday of the largest massacre in the history of the Syrian revolution – Daraya Massacre. This massacre has not been documented by any members of the Arab or international human rights organisations, as in the case with most of the massacres in Syria. It was impossible to release any statistics unless these massacres were documented. Due to this, statistical release of this month took time, hard work and strenuous effort for many long days.

When we mention that the outcomes of deaths in August amounted to 5607, this means that the Syrian Network for Human Right provides 5607 names, locations, how was the victims killed and who committed the killing. In addition to this, it provides 5607 pictures and videos.





As shown in the following table, we are working in many cases to get hold of the ID card number and the Syrian network provides statistics of any name and duplicates images.

The Syrian Network for Human Rights focusses on documenting civilian deaths only. This is because it is impossible to document the deaths the militant officers from both opposing sides, whether members of Assad forces, or members of the Free Syrian Army. Documenting the deaths of militants from both opposing groups is highly difficult as the Assad regime prohibits us from working on Syrian territory and because it does not provide us with permits to work. There are rare cases, however, of civilians joining the Free Syrian Army, in which we have documented through communication with their friends and parents.

August has been distinguished as the month where the regime expanded itself by excessively using warplanes against the Syrian people, MiG 23 in particular are a regime's favourite; these have led to the death of many civilians. At times, the documented deaths have reached 260 deaths per a day. August has been marked as the month with most number of victims since the beginning of the revolution, in which 5607 civilian deaths have been documented, at a rate of 187 civilian citizens per a day. 840 of them are women and children, an average of 6.675% which is higher than the statutory rates of wars between different armies. This gives a clear indication that the Assad regime is shelling civilians, as well as killing them.

The total number of documented deaths (the name of each included): 5607
The children: 328 children, 149 of them who are female and 179 male
Women: 512

Civilians killed under torture: 104 were arrested by the Syrian intelligence forces, Security forces and all the various divisions of the regime. Some were arrested for weeks and others for months. In this time, they were systematically tortured by Assad forces until death, then they were handed back to their parents.





The number of killed civilians varied according to the area. They are as follow:

Damascus suburbs: 1682, Aleppo: 972, Idlib: 610, Daraa: 579, Damascus: 510
Homs: 475, Deir Al Zor: 427, Hama: 261, Lattakia: 59, Al Raqa: 15, Al Hasaka: 11
Al Qunaitra: 8, Tartous: 2, Al Suwaida: 1, Different areas: 13

We would also like to point out the fact that there are a large number of cases wherein we were not able to reach, and thereby verify. Those cases were especially found in places where massacres occurred, as well as those areas that had been besieged, not forgetting the fact that telephone lines were (and probably still are disconnected). Due to all these actions by the Syrian government, it is probable that there are tens of cases wherein families bury their beloved ones in mass graves. This is to prevent any diseases from spreading, all of this is because the Syrian government does not allow any human rights organisations from working on their land.

We, the Syrian Network for human rights hold president Bashar, the Commander in chief of The Army, as well as Assad forces, responsible for all the killing, torture and massacres that have taken place in Syria. Prime responsibility is placed on Bashar, however, as he is the prime factor responsible for these acts. Iran, we also believe is a partner in crime with the Assad regime as it continuously to supports this regime militarily and financially. In addition, we also regard all the divisions of the Assad regime who lead the security and military services partners in this crime, as well as all the sponsors and supporters of this regime which systematically carries out massacres on a daily basis. We hold them responsible for the consequences that will occur as a result of their actions, especially such consequences that will arise from the families of martyrs.

We call for the United Nations and Security Council to take immediate action and speed to protect the Syrian people and to live up to their responsibilities. We urge them to accelerate their steps in referring all those involved in this massacre to the International Criminal Court.

