



## Documentation of “Mu’adamiyet al Sham city” Massacre

### Details

Mu’adamiyet al Sham, known as al Mu’adamiyea, is a Syrian city that administratively follows Darayya area, which in turn follows Damascus suburbs governorate. Al Mu’adamiyea city is located a few kilometers away to the west of Damascus city, and it is close to Darayya city and al Mazza neighborhood in Damascus. The city is 720 meters above sea level, and it is the center of a county and one of the nearest cities to the capital Damascus, and also one of the most important cities in Western Ghouta.

Over the course of two days, Mu’adamiyet al Sham city suffered a severely heavy shelling and displacement, starting at 05:00 AM on August 21, Syrian regime forces, along with security forces and Shabiha, enclosed the city from all sides with the support of al Ferqa al Rabea’s (The Fourth Squad) Fawj 555, whose base is al Mu’adamiyea, and more than:

- 20 tanks
- 10 troop carriers
- Heavy artillery
- A number of DShK machine guns

All of this was in synchronization with the warplanes, which took off from al Mazza Military Airbase, soaring in the sky of al Mu’adamiyea city and breaking the sound barriers, which shattered a number of house windows.

The shelling lasted for nearly 12 consecutive hours from a number of axes, which was followed by a land raid, where hundreds of army and security fighters stormed the city and laid waste to anything on their way. They looted a large number of shops from several neighborhoods in the city, and burned a large number of residential buildings. Initially, losses are estimated to be:

- 40 shops that were looted
- 50 houses that were looted and their furniture were wrecked





Also, Syrian regime army forces carried out a number of arbitrarily field-executions. We at SNHR were able to document the killing of 70 citizens in addition to targeting the funeral, resulting in the killing of 16 others to a total of 86 victims who are documented with pictures and videos. More than 55 names were recognized by calling their wives and families. Many of those were slaughtered using knives in front of their wives and mothers in pure sadism, barbarism, animalism, and savagery. And human rights organization, Security Council, and the United Nations are still in utter silence.

Activists told us that the leader of the campaign, who were also in charge of the slaughters, are the colonel Suliman Mohammad of the Fourth Squad and his deputy, named Adel.

### **Names of the city residents who were killed by army, security, and Shabiha**

- 1- Zuhair Ma'touq – executed in his house
- 2- Mahmoud Ahmad Ma'touq
- 3- Mahmoud Mohammad Ma'touq
- 4- Emad Fadllah, known as al Qudsi
- 5- Emad Fadllah's nephew, shot dead
- 6- Mohammad Ali al Hamshari, shot dead in his house
- 7- Abdou Mohammad al Bsimi (known as al Tash)
- 8- Haitham Mohammad Raslan Ashour
- 9- Hosam Mohammad Raslan Ashour
- 10- Ahmad Abdul Hadi al Khatib
- 11- Mohammad Dib al Khatib
- 12- Samer Ibrahim Daoud
- 13- Walid Taufiq Abdul Ghani
- 14- Ahmad Ayman al Sayed Ahmad
- 15- Bashar al Khayyat
- 16- Omar Mohammad Fraq
- 17- Omar Ahmad Rajab
- 18- Ryad Mahmoud Rajab
- 19- Ahmad Mahmoud Rajab
- 20- Zakariya Mahmoud Rajab
- 21- Mohammad Rajab
- 22- Ibrahim Mohammad Hasan Daoud
- 23- Risan Sawwan





- 24- Fatima al Shalabi
- 25- Faisal al Shalabi
- 26- Faisal al Shalabi's brother
- 27- Hekmat Qarqoura
- 28- Samera Joumaa
- 29- Ali Ghannam
- 30- Yanal Ghannam
- 31- Ahmad Ghannam
- 32- Ahmad Adila
- 33- Ali Adila
- 34- Mohammad Omar Karbouj
- 35- Khalil Omar Zain al Din (Zahra)
- 36- Mohammad Jamal al Bqa'ie / killed by a sniper
- 37- Sahar al Abd
- 38- Fatima al Sheikh
- 39- Amina al Sheikh, female child
- 40- Fatina al Sheikh
- 41- Latifa al Sheikh
- 42- Abdul Rahman al Sheikh, child
- 43- Samir Hasan Shu'aib, from al Mazza
- 44- Wasim Abu Rashed
- 45- Abu Ali Rashed
- 46- Mazen Mustafa Arabi Katbi, from al Qanawatl lives in al Mu'damiya
- 47- Ryad Bashir Mansour (from al Ra'ie family of al Mazza neighborhood)
- 48- Mrs. Asia al Falstini
- 49- Fares al Nashar (from al Mazza neighborhood)
- 50- A defected military man, from Homs
- 51- An identified man from Darayya city
- 52- Abdullah Mohammad al Meheyaj, from Deir Ez-Zour, an owner of a brick workshop by Munthammat al Tahrir
- 53- A number of workers at a brick workshop, Abdullah Mohammad al Mehyaj by Munthammat al Tahrir (seven workers)
- 54- A man from Darayya city whose name we couldn't identify, was at the brick workshop with the workers
- 55- Ten dead bodies whose names we couldn't get. They were slaughtered and burned.





After this fatal campaign that left 55 people dead, victims' families gathered to bury their beloved ones, but Syrian regime warplanes targeted them and killed 16 others to a total of 86 people, in addition to tens of the wounded who we couldn't access or give them first aid, as Syrian regime prohibit any human rights or relief organizations from operating on their lands.

Syrian warplanes target a funeral in "Mu'adamiyet al Sham" massacre, and kill 16 others

## Attachments

videos documenting the aforementioned victims with video and pictures, in addition to the wounded and the destruction

Activist Loai Nabila, killed in the heavy shelling on Mu'adamiyet al Sham

Ritan Sawwan, field-executed, Mu'adamiyet al Sham

Ahmad Mahmoud Rajab, field-executed

Walid Taufiq Abdul Ghani

[A victim slaughtered](#) from his neck with knives

One of the victims who was slaughtered, and his dead body was burned and disfigured

Videos documenting the victims from al Mu'adamiyea residents who were slaughtered and executed by Syrian regime forces in a barbarian, arbitrary manner

People who were field-executed found in Mu'adamiyet al Sham

A number of al Mu'adamiyea victims documented in pictures and videos

Four more dead bodies

A number of residents found under rubbles after the heavy shelling by Syrian regime forces





A gathering of the city residents collecting the dead bodies of their beloved ones after they were field-executed

When the photographer of al Mu'adamiya was documenting and taking pictures, a Syrian regime sniper targeted him directly

[A mother watching](#) his son in front of her

**Wounded:**

The wounded being tended to after the indiscriminate shelling on the residential neighborhoods in the city

A wounded child who was injured as he was fleeing with his family because of the intensifying shelling on the city

Shelling and destruction:

Al Umari mosque shelled in Mu'adamiyet al Sham

[Helicopters shelling](#) the city

The destruction from [the bombing](#)

[Houses burned](#) and smoke rising

Based on everything happened in this massacre, and the horrifying massacre on July 28, 2012 in Mu'adamiyet al Sham city, the city is now in humanitarian crisis on account of the human cleansing operations that took place in a very short amount of time

We in SNHR, as a human rights organization concerned with defending human rights, blatantly condemn this massacre which amounts to a crime against humanity and all massacre that committed against Syrian people on the hour. We also hold the head of the Syrian regime and the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces Bashar Al Assad responsible for the massacre and the ramifications resulted from it. Also, we demand the Security Council and the United Nations to act quickly to protect civilians in Syria, and they must bear their legal and moral responsibilities and accelerate steps to refer the perpetrators of massacres to the International Criminal Court.

