

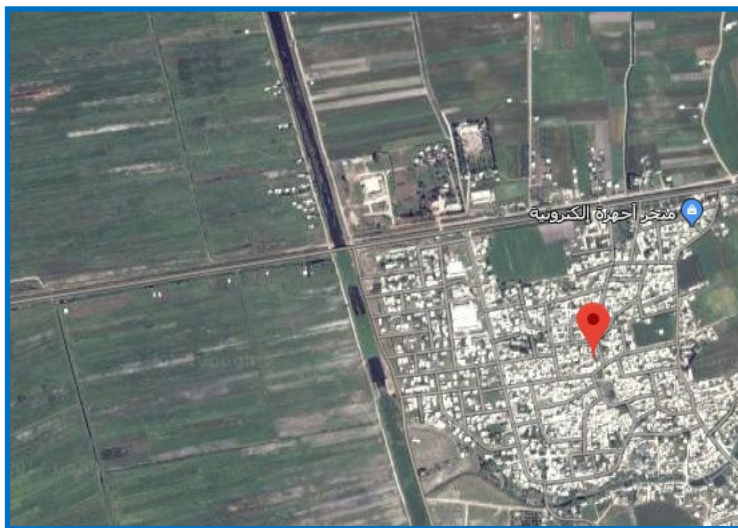


The Scenario Repeats Itself, Armed Pro-Regime Villages Attack and Kill Civilians in Neighboring Towns.... With the Blessing of the Syrian Army

Documentation of al Shari'a Village Massacre 24-7-2012

Al Shari'a village administratively follows al Ghab area in Homs governorate. The village is located approximately five kilometers to the west of the ancient city of Afamia, with an area of approximately 125-hectar. The city's population is approximately 13,000, and most of its residents works in agricultural. The village is known for cultivating wheat, cotton, sugar beet, and various kinds of vegetables in addition to livestock.

The village location on the map



On Tuesday, a number of al Shari'a village residents were leaving the town mosque. As they were at the mosque door, a group of Shabiha, accompanied by the Syrian army forces who were at the town checkpoint, opened fire suddenly and randomly, killing 16 citizens of the town residents in a matter of seconds. Additionally, others were wounded.

SNHR has warned times and times again that the repeated occurrence of such incidents will trigger retaliatory acts that might be unable to be contained. The Syrian regime is primary responsible for this, followed by the international community who has failed to deter the tyrannous killer, and even, in so many cases, turned a blind eye to the killing. These massacres will affect civil peace and co-existence.





Through contacting residents and victims' families, we have been able to document the names and obtain videos for the victims. Please be aware that some of the videos contain raw and gory imagery, including footage of children crying over the dead bodies of their parents

- 1- Moaed Ibrahim al Ahmad, 49-year-old, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 2- Ryad Mahmoud al Atrash, 38-year-old, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 3- Hamdan Haj Younes, 50-year-old, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 4- Hayyan Hussein Haj Younes, 23-year-old, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 5- Salim Hussein Haj Younes, 27-year-old, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 6- Gharib Haj Younes, 22-year-old from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 7- Mazen Ahmad Haj Younes, 35-year-old, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 8- Mawwas Haj Younes, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 9- Emad Ali al Saeed, 50-year-old, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 10- Yousef Nayef al Hasan, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 11- Ibrahim Dib al Hasan, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 12- Ahmad Dib al Hasan, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 13- Hasan Dib al Hasan, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 14- Fahd Ahmad Khabbas, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 15- Mohammad Abdul Salam, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.
- 16- Mustafa Omar Iliwi, from al Shari'a village, Sahl al Ghab, Hama, killed by the indiscriminate shooting.





Attachments

Videos documenting the aforementioned victims' dead bodies and names in video



As a human rights organization concerned with defending human rights, we, at SNHR, 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.

