



## 19 Medical Personnel killed in August 2015 18 out of which were killed by government forces

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### I. Executive Summary:

SNHR's high standards for documentation are based on collecting direct testimonies from survivors or victims' families in addition to analyzing and verifying photos, video footages, and some medical records. However, we can't claim that we've documented all the incidents in light of the ban and pursuit by the Syrian regime and other armed groups.

To read more about the methodology of SNHR in documenting victims, please visit the following [URL](#)

The consistent bombing and targeting of medical facilities and medical teams since 2011 by the different conflict parties indicates a systematic policy that only aims to kill more victims and deepens the suffering of the injured civilians and rebels.

SNHR documented the death of 19 medical personnel in August 2015, incidents are detailed as follow:

Government Forces (army, security forces, local militias, and foreign Shitte militias) killed 18 medics, detailed as follows:

A doctor

A pharmacist

Six nurses including a woman

Eight paramedics

2 medical cadres

ISIL killed a volunteer in the Syrian Red Crescent





## II. Incidents' details:

### Government Forces:

Adel Al Daher, an Anesthesia Technician from Sareqeb in Idlib, was killed on 7 August 2015 due to the government aerial shelling with a number of rockets on Al Shifaa Hospital in Saraqeb.

Abdul Kareem Al Barghouth, a nurse from Jobas town in Idlib, died on 7 August 2015 due to government aerial shelling with a number of rockets on Al Shifaa Hospital in Saraqeb.

Nahed Al Hassan, a nurse from Idlib, died on 7 August 2015 due to government aerial shelling with a number of rockets on Al Shifaa Hospital in Saraqeb.

Ameen Khaled Al Adaei, a pharmacist, from Al Rashdiyyi neighborhood in Deir Al Zour, 33 years old, was arrested by government forces in June 2013 when he was passing by one of the government checkpoints in Al Mazzi neighborhood in Damascus and was in a good health state when he was arrested. On 9 August 2015, his family confirmed his death under torture in one of government detention centers.

[Hassan Al Hamd Al Hendi](#), a nurse from Al Buleel town in Deir Al Zour suburbs, 29 and married, died on 10 August 2015, due to the government aerial shelling with a number of rockets on Al Teb Al Hadeeth Hospital in Al Mayadeen City.

Rajeh Jomaa Darweesh, a doctor from Al Abada town in Damascus suburbs, died on 12 August 2015 due to government warplane shelling on Douma city in Damascus suburbs.

Sameer N. (we could not record his family name until the moment of making this report), a paramedic from Al Maleeha town in Damascus suburbs, and a Civil Defense official in Eastern Ghouta, died on 13 August 2015, due to the government aerial shelling with rockets on Siqba town in Damascus suburbs, while he was aiding injured individuals.

Mohamad Ahmad Al Hajja, a paramedic from Al Abada town in Damascus suburbs, and a medical cadre in Ahrar Al Sham brigade (an armed opposition group) died on 16 August 2015 due to his injuries when he was aiding injured individuals on the vehicles administration front where clashes took place between armed opposition and government forces.





Yehya Al Hajja Al Mahbani, a paramedic from Al Abada town in Damascus suburbs, died on 16 August 2015 due to his injuries when he was aiding injured individuals on the vehicles administration front where clashes took place between armed opposition and government forces.

Nour Al Deen Al Badran, a paramedic from Douma city in Damascus suburbs, died on 17 August 2015 due to shelling by government forces on Harasta front which is witnessing clashes between armed opposition groups and government forces. He died while he was aiding injured individuals.



Nour Al Deen Al Badran

Ahmad Nasees, a paramedic from Erbeen city in Damascus suburbs, died on 17 August 2015 of his injuries when he was aiding injured individuals due shelling by government forces on Harasta front that is witnessing clashes between armed opposition groups and government forces.

Ahmad Ayman Al Kadeemi, a paramedic from Al Yarmouk Camp in Damascus, one of the medical cadres in Palestine Hospital and a sophomore in the Faculty of Law, was arrested by the General Command of Al Jabha Al Sha'beyi party, affiliated to government forces, on 1 February 2014.

On 18 August 2015, his family confirmed his death under torture in one of the government detention centers.



Ahmad Al Kadeemi

[Ahmad Naddaf](#), a nurse from Idlib, died on 19 August 2015 of wounds he sustained due to government aerial shelling with a rocket on “Martyr Mohamad Al Bazz Hospital” in Ma’art Mesreen town in Idlib on 10 August 2015.

[Mostafa Khaleel Al Bouwaidawi](#), a physical therapist, from Douma City in Damascus suburbs, died on 20 August 2015, due to government shelling with a number of rockets on Douma City in Damascus suburbs.

Khaled Mansour Al Mahameed, a paramedic, from Tareeq Al Sad neighborhood in Daraa and an opposition group office director in Daraa City, died on 21 August 2015, in one of Jordan’s hospitals due to wounds he sustained due to government shelling on Daraa neighborhoods.

[Ayman Fokaa’](#), a paramedic from Beet Sawa in Damascus suburbs, died on 21 August 2015, due to government artillery shelling with mortar missiles on Harasta city in Damascus suburbs while he was aiding injured individuals.





[Ameen Sader Abdo](#), a nurse from Al Hawash town in Hama suburbs, and director of the medical center in Al Houweiz town, married. He died on 24 August due to government shelling with a number of rockets on Al Bara town in Idlib.

[Houssein Shahoud](#), a nurse from Erbeen city in Damascus suburbs and worked in Erbeen Surgical Hospital. He died on 26 August 2015 due to government warplane shelling with a number of missiles on the city.

#### **ISIL:**

[Ousama Ma'an Al Hamoud](#), a volunteer in the Syrian Red Crescent, from Al Raqqa governorate, 31, a P.E teacher. He was arrested by ISIL members on 16 June 2015 and on 8 August 2015 ISIL notified his family of his death.

### **Conclusions and recommendations**

The Syrian government has blatantly violated both the International Humanitarian Law and the norms of the Humanitarian law; particularly Article 3 of Geneva Conventions and the international humanitarian law and committed crimes that can be openly classified as war crimes when it targeted medics as well as crimes against humanity through these numerous acts of killing.

The employment of weapons in indiscriminate bombing is an explicit violation of the international humanitarian law. All the armed opposition factions should immediately stop these practices.

#### **The Security Council**

The Security Council should uphold its legal and moral responsibilities in respect to what happening in Syria instead of only watching the daily bloodbath only becoming bigger. Russia and China should stop protecting the Syrian regime after it was proven that it has perpetrated war crime and crimes against humanity. Also, the International Community should take further steps to protect the lives of the Syrian people if Russia and China didn't change their positions.

#### **Medical organizations around the world**

There is a severe shortage in the medical teams in Syria because of the ceaseless killing of Syrian doctors which should be properly addressed. Also, these organization can send volunteers to safe areas where wounded are sent for treatment. We have recorded many cases where wounded died due to lack of medical capabilities.

#### **Acknowledgment**

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