



Statement

On Human Rights Day, More than 75% of the Victims in Syria are Civilians

A fourth Human Rights Day passes and the bloodbath is still ceaseless in Syria where civilians are paying the dearest prices of all. From March 2011 until March 2012, the Syrian regime was majorly the only crime perpetrator in Syria before the beginning of the armed conflict. 98% of the victims were civilians who were killed by government forces. In November 2011, the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic openly accused the Syrian government of committing crimes against humanity. On 14 September, 2012, the Security Council resolution 2042 was adopted to commence the implementation of Annan's six-point plan for Syria, since then, nothing has changed. The Syrian regime aggrievedly escalated its attacks by using more deadly weapons including machine guns, tanks, missiles, helicopters, warplanes, Scud missiles, cluster munition, and chemical weapons. The only response on the international community's part was more reports by the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic. With the end of April 2014, the total number of victim exceeded 192,000 victims according to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Those numbers didn't include the casualties among the Syrian armed forces, mercenaries (Shabiha), National Defense Militias, or ISIS. More than 75% of the victims are civilians whereas the death toll is expected to exceed 225,000 with the end of November 2014. The silence is still dominant and we are still waiting for someone, whom, apparently, we don't know, to implement the principles of Responsibility to Protect (R2P), which was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005, in Syria and achieve national security and safety which is a natural basic right established by the International legitimacy rather than a luxury or privilege.

The Security Council is absolutely helpless to bind the Syrian regime to respect the resolution that the Council, itself, adopted:

- Resolution 2042, adopted on 14 May, 2012, regarding the implementation of the points of Kofi Annan's plan.
- Resolution 2043, adopted on 21 May, 2014, regarding implementation of Kofi Annan's plan.
- Resolution 2118, adopted on 27 September, 2013 under chapter VII of the United Nations Charter, regarding the use of poison gases by the Syrian regime. We already recorded 50 violations in a report entitled: "[Which is Behind the Red Line?](#)"
- Resolution 2139, adopted on 22 February, 2014, regarding aid delivery and ceasing the indiscriminate employment of weapons in populated areas.
- Resolution 2165, adopted on 14 July, 2014, regarding aid delivery in affected areas without the need to the Syrian regime's authorization.





None of these resolutions have been implemented, the Security Council hasn't taken any serious action against the Syrian regime which is aware that these resolutions have no impact the same as the Human Rights Council resolution, the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic reports, and the repeated condemnations by the General Assembly. The Syrian regime hasn't stopped killing and torturing Syrians.

The daily shelling focuses more on civilians' gatherings than military points. 90% of the barrel bombs target civilians as well as the surface-to-surface missiles and cluster munitions.

The vast majority of the 215,000 detainees are civilians, thus, more than 95% of the victims who died under torture are civilians too which the percentage of the children and women victims (13%) indicates explicitly.

More than 17268 children have been killed by government forces according to our report "Children of Syria... A Lost Dream" while no less than 15347 women have been killed by government forces including 4194 female children according to our report "The Syrian Woman in the Midst of the Syrian Conflict". Furthermore, more than 5847 victims have died under torture including 95 children and 32 women.

In the wake of tens of religious-cleansing massacres that were perpetrated by the Syrian regime, the deadly torture, and the daily ceaseless killing, thousands of fighters with extremist views have flown to Syria under the pretext of fighting for the oppressed people of Syria. Those extremists have perpetrated crimes against humanity and war crimes against the Syrian people, which they supposedly came to fight for. The extremist factions are only a branch of the Syrian regime and they are spreading, expanding, and flourishing in light of the international community's silence and helplessness to achieve justice for the Syrian people.

The international community doesn't seem bothered by its disastrous policies in Syria and its outcomes of losing trust in the human rights international instruments, ridiculing the national and international human rights organizations, and disregarding the principles of justice, Democracy, and freedom. The only truth is that nations can't live without laws and failing to enforce the law will only result in extremism and terrorism regardless of the place and time.



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