

prisoners and the events of Aleppo central prison

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Central prisoner in Aleppo contain more than 4600 detainees, most of them political prisoners, human rights activists and media activists, in addition to felonies' arrest. Among the 4600 prisoners, there are at least 1300 political, media activist, or human rights activists who although finished serving arbitrary prison terms imposed by court, they remain in detention and no one get released.

Prison management was committing severe torturing and humiliation methods, such as holding dozens in very tight rooms, and another torturing methods that [SNHR](#) issued different reports on. All that pushed the detainees to participate in acts of civil disobedience in July 2012. Prison management replied that disobedience with sit-firing directly on political and media activists section, led to many injuries among them.

After disobedience prison management punished detainees by totally preventing visit, increased torture, and reduce food and medicine quantities.

Armed rebel took a decision in 13/5/2013 of releasing all detainees in Aleppo central prison, started military operation by the name: "releasing prisoners", and began besieging the prison and attacks it.

When the detainees heard the news, they carried out Intractability inside the prison, where the security forces attacked them and fired live bullets against them, it led to kill 2 victims directly and more than 60 injuries, most of them killed later on different periods cause the lack of medicine and any treatment.

In 31/5/213 and as a reaction of that intractability,

prison management executed 49 political detainees:

[The following link](#) contain all names and details of Aleppo Central Prion's Victims, that [SNHR](#) could document they are 60 prisoners, the real number is much higher, but because of communication difficulties we only could have these names.

Then prison troops collected detainees' bodies, which they killed inside cells, after smelt stinky and led to spread epidemics, and buried the bodies in a cemetery known to all prisoners who testified that it's located in the eastern yard of the prison.

Large number of diseases spread inside the prison, Cause of preventing medicine which mostly was providing by prisoner's families who visited their sons, severity of diseases were increased cause of lack of food and hygiene, [SNHR](#) estimated number of prisons infected with Tuberculosis with more than 200 infected, 7 of them dead cause lack of treatment.

Poisoning condition accompanied with severe vomiting and diarrhea also appeared among prisoners, we knew that it caused by contamination of water tanks that are not cleaned or sterilized for more than 4 months and filled with plankton, dirt and worms.

In addition to all of these, prison troops starved prisoners, where they give every prisoner only 150 gram of flour daily, then they reduce it to 73 grams, it led the prisoners to collect their shares together and burn the plastic covers to cook the flour, so they can eat it, but it caused suffocation cases and acute respiratory infections due to thick smoke.

Monday 24/6/2013, and after agreement between Free Syrian Army and Prison Troops through ICRC in order to enter cooked food to the besieged prison, where 11 cars carrying cooked food went to the prison, but prison troops betrayed the agreement and shoot the cars, it led to injure Dr. YaserKaia in addition to another 5 paramedics.

Legal conclusions:

Art 3. In the case of armed conflict not of an international character occurring in the territory of one of the High Contracting Parties, each Party to the conflict shall be bound to apply, as a minimum, the following

provisions:

1) Persons taking no active part in the hostilities, including members of armed forces who have laid down their arms and those placed hors de combat by sickness, wounds, detention, or any other cause, shall in all circumstances be treated humanely, without any adverse distinction founded on race, colour, religion or faith, sex, birth or wealth, or any other similar criteria. To this end the following acts are and shall remain prohibited at any time and in any place whatsoever with respect to the above-mentioned persons.

2) the passing of sentences and the carrying out of executions without previous judgment pronounced by a regularly constituted court affording. And all the judicial guarantees civilized peoples. Based on the forgoing we not that Syrian Government by arresting civilians or armed had been violated blatantly violated both international humanitarian law and Geneva Convention III, and international law of Human Rights.

Recommendations:

Syrian Government:

1. Immediate stop of all human rights violations
2. Respect its international obligations of Protection Civilian in Time of War, and respect the rules of international humanitarian law and international law of human rights

Human Rights Council:

1. Pay more and serious attentions on the catastrophic situation of detainees in Syria
2. Demand the Security Council and the concerned international institutions to hold their responsibilities in this serious matter
3. Pressure on the Syrian Government Troops to stop torturing and unlock the prisons and detention centers to see detainees and know their conditions
4. Hold alias and supporters of the Syrian Government Troops: Russia, Iran and China, the moral and physical responsibilities of what's happening to the Syrian people.

Security Council:

- 1- Decision to refer all the criminals and the involved to ICC
- 2- Warn the Syrian Government Troops of the repercussions of using brutal methods on the stability of civil peace and coexistence between the people of the same society

Arab League:

- 1- Demand Human Right Council and United Nations to give this serious issue the right attention and follow up.
- 2- Political and diplomatic pressure on the Syrian Government Troops' main allies - Russia, Iran and China - to prevent them from continuous providing cover and international and political protection for all the crimes committed against the Syrian people and hold them moral and physical responsibility for all the excesses of the Syrian Government Troops
- 3- Serious attention of this case and give it high priority and, and try to take care of victims psychologically, physically, and educationally.

