



237 Died Under Torture During November

With the end of November, 5751 victims have died under torture including 95 children and 34 women since the beginning of the Syrian revolution

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Methodology

Since 2011, the Syrian regime has refused to recognize any arrests as it accused Al-Qaeda and the terrorist groups of committing these crimes. Also, the Syrian regime don't recognize any torture cases or torturing to death. SNHR acquire its information from former prisoners and prisoners' families where most of the families get information about their beloved ones who are in prison by bribing the officials in charge.

At SNHR, we rely on the families' testimonies we get. However, it should be noted that there are many cases where the Syrian authorities don't give the families the dead bodies. Also, many families abstain from going to the military hospitals to bring the dead bodies of their beloved ones or even their belongings out of fear that they might get arrested.

Therefore, SNHR faces serious difficulties in the documentation process because it is banned and its members are pursued. In light of such circumstances, it is difficult to completely verify the number of victims as the process remains mainly based on ongoing documentation and investigation even with taking into consideration the families and its testimonies.

Please visit the following URL for more information on our [methodology](#) in documenting victims





Executive Summary

SNHR documented no less than 237 victims who died under torture inside the official and unofficial detention centers in November as follows:

Government forces: 231

Extremist Islamic factions: three

Armed opposition factions: two

Homs had the highest number of victims who died under torture with 92 victims whilst the other victims are divided as follows:

Damascus: 28, Damascus countryside: 27, Daraa: 18, Hama: 17, Latakia: 14, Der Ezzor: 13, Idlib: 12, Aleppo: 7, Qunietra: 7, Ar-Raqqa: 1, As-Suwyida: 1

Also, government forces have informed the residents of Al-Qaryatien city and Mahien and Hwarien villages in Homs that 70 people died inside prison after it agreed on an exchange deal with one of the armed opposition factions.

The most notable death cases were as follows:

4 teachers, 1 doctor, 1 nurse, 3 university students, 1 engineer, 1 athlete, 1 lawyer

1 media activist, 1 woman, 1 elder, 2 cases that involved victims from the same family (four victims in total)

Most Notable Cases

Teachers:

1- **Ali Ibrahim Muslim**, teacher, from Aleppo countryside – Shadoud, he was a volunteer for the Syrian Arabic Red Crescent, 38-year-old, married and had four kids. He was arrested at Ar-Ramousa checkpoint in Aleppo on 6 November, 2014, on 8 November, 2014, his family learned from the Air Force Intelligence that he died under torture, his body hasn't been delivered to his family yet.



Ali Ibrahim Muslim





2- **Ibrahim Mohammad Balla**, teacher, from Damascus countryside – Mu'damyat Ash-Sham, 60-year-old. He was arrested by the Air Force Intelligence branch in Damascus on 6 January, 2012, he died under torture inside the prisons of the Syrian regime, his body was delivered to his family on 22 November, 2014.



Ibrahim Mohammad Balla

3- **Baher Abdulkarim Al-Wayyes**, teacher at the educational department in Al-Furat University, from Der Ezzor – Al-Ashara city, 29-year-old, he was arrested by the government forces nine months ago, his family learned on 24 November, 2014 that he died inside Palestine branch in Damascus, his body hasn't been delivered to his family yet.



Samira Ahmad As-Sahli

4- **Samer An-Najjar**, IT teacher, from Damascus countryside – Misraba, he was arrested by the Syrian regime two years ago, his family learned about his death inside one of the Syrian regime detention centers on 25 November, 2014.

Doctors:

1- **Ghaleb Abu-Zid**, from Damascus – Al-Yarmouk camp, Palestinian, he was arrested by government forces 16 months ago, died under torture inside the prisons of the Syrian regime on 24 November, 2014.

Nurses:

1- **Samira Ahmad As-Sahli**, female nurse, from Damascus – Al-Yarmouk camp, 53-year-old, married and has four kids. She was arrested by the Syrian regime on 11 June, 2014 because of her medical and relief activism, her family learned that she died under torture inside one of the Syrian regime detention centers on 8 November, 2014.



Nu'man Al-Hajja





University Students:

1- **Rami Foad Al-Khayouti**, university student who was studying pharmacy, from Daraa countryside – Nawa. His family learned that he died under torture inside one of the Syrian regime detention centers on 10 November, 2014.

2- **Maher Alyan Al-Latif**, University Student at the literature college, from Der Ezzor countryside – Ash-Sha’fa, 26-year-old. He was arrested by government forces from his college on 26 April, 2014, his family learned that he died under torture inside one of the Syrian regime detention centers in Damascus on 13 November, 2014.

3- **Basim Khaled Jomaa**, Student at the literature college – Arabic literature department in Aleppo University, he was also a member of the Union of Free Syria Students – Idlib branch, from Idlib – Al-Ghadfa town, 24-year-old. He was arrested by the Syrian regime for a second time nearly a year ago in Damascus – Al-Fahhama area, on 21 November, 2014 his family told us that they learned that he died under torture inside one of the Syrian regime detention centers.

Engineers:

1- **Nu’man Al-Hajja**, electrical engineer, from Damascus countryside – Doma, 55-year-old, married and had four kids. He was arrested at the Syrian regime’s Al-Warwar military checkpoint in November 2012, he died under torture inside one of the Syrian regime detention centers on 11 November, 2014.

Athletes:

1- **Ahmad Mustafa At-Tmuer**, a weightlifting champion, from Hama – Al-Arba’ien neighborhood, 33-year-old. He was arrested by the Syrian regime three years ago, on 5 November, 2014 his family learned that he died under torture inside Sydnaya Prison.

Lawyers:

1- **Majed Abdurrahman Mohammad Hamidou**, lawyer, from Aleppo – Minnigh city, 48-year-old, married and had four kids, died under torture inside the Air Force Intelligence branch in Aleppo on 23 November, 2014.





Media Activists:

1- A.M. (SNHR abstain from listing his name at his family's request for security purposes), media activist, from Damascus – Al-Midan neighborhood. He was arrested at a Syrian regime's checkpoint in April 2012, his family learned that he died under torture on 18 November, 2014 inside one of the Syrian regime detention centers.

Women:

1- Fatima Satouf Al-Kamel, from Hama northern countryside – Latmien village, she fled to Ash-Shayfouniya town in Damascus countryside, 55-year-old. She was arrested by a Syrian regime checkpoint late in 2013, his family learned that she died under torture inside one of the Syrian regime detention centers on 28 November, 2014.

Elders:

1- [Emad Khalifa](#), Palestinian, from Damascus – Al-Yarmouk camp, 60-year-old. He was arrested by the Syrian regime Six months ago, his family learned that he died under torture on 22 November, 2014 inside one of the Syrian regime detention centers.

Cases that involved victims from the same family:

1- Aied Mohammad Al-Q'ierni An-N'iemi and his brother Ahmad, from Qunietra. They were arrested more than two years ago, their family learned that they died inside one of the Syrian regime detention centers on 11 November, 2014.

2- Hassan Qanzou'a and his son Ayham, from Latakia. Their family told us that on 25 November, 2014 they learned that they died inside one of the detention centers.

Recommendations and conclusions

SNHR affirms that this huge number of torture victims who are falling on a monthly basis, with taking into consideration that this number is the minimum we were able to get information about, indicates clearly that this is a systemized policy adopted by the head of the ruling regime and all its parts and branches. This policy was carried out in a widespread manner which is a crime against humanity and also a war crime.



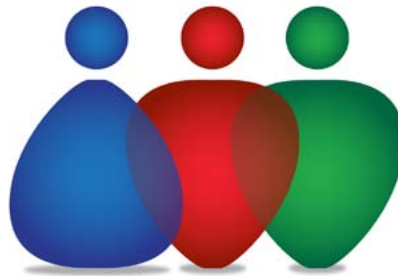


To the International Community

It seems that that the UN Security Council is completely unable to take any action or stop the ruling regime in Syria, even after four years of the continuous widespread killing, despite the sound and firm evidences found by the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic. Using the facts that we have proven over the course of our work in documenting hundreds of massacres and ongoing violations, we urge anyone to help us to file a lawsuit to the I.C.C. prosecutor directly.

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