

## Dr. Jalal Noufal and imprisonment during Hafez Al-Assad era and Bashar Al-Assad era

Jalal Noufal, psychiatrist, was arrested from 1983 until 1991 for affiliating to a leftist party. During Bashar Al-Assad's rule, Dr. Jalal was arrested again in April 2011 by the State Security after the break-out of the Syrian revolution when he participated in a demonstration in Arnous Square in Damascus. He was arrested again in March 2012 from inside his workplace in SARC by the Air Security branch where he stayed for two months and a half. He was arrested for a third time in January 2014 for six months by the branch 215, during that time he was transferred to Adra prison. Dr. Jalal was released in accordance with the latest presidential amnesty. It should be noted that he was tortured brutally in



each of the four times he had been imprisoned (one during Hafez Al-Assad's rule and three in Bashar Al-Assad's rule).

Dr. Jalal is a peaceful activist who works in the field of psychological support as he works with civilians at accommodation centers and also trains workers there. Dr. Jalal works for SARC and UNICEF.

Disappearing in Damascus on 17 July, 2014, none of his family members knew who has kidnapped or arrested him. A few week after his disappeared and after searching, we found out that he is kept at Adra Central Prison facing several charges, all of which were fabricated, including assisting armed groups and threatening the security and stability of the ruling regime among other charges.

Dr. Jalal suffered from several injuries and illness during his time inside the prison; he has now hepatitis C which represents a serious threat to his life given that he needs continuous medical care for six months at the very least.

SNHR urges the International Community, represented in the Security Council and the UN General assembly, to pass a binding Resolution to force the Syrian regime to release all the peaceful detainees and Human Rights, relief, and media activists and allow the independent International Investigation Commission to have access to all the detention centers in order to investigate the horrible allegations about Human Rights violations inside the Syrian regime's detention centers.