

Kidneys› patients die in Raqqah governorate

Report about the Nephrology & Dialysis Section in Raqqah National Hospital

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Introduction:

The methodology of this report based on the investigations conducted by SNHR›s team in Raqqah Governorate with number of residents and activists.

It contains the testimonies of an eyewitness from the residents documented in the report, in addition to news and pictures from cooperative activists inside the city.

Raqqah governorate: situated in the in North of Syria, out of the government-control on 4/3/2013, and since the Government forces started randomly shelling the governorate particularly hospitals and many of them became out of service.

Location map:

Report Details:

In Raqqah there are six government hospitals: all working but poor in medical potentials and medicines:

1- National hospital, 2- Obstetrics hospital, 3- Polyclinics, 4- Thalassemia, 5- Health care (provided vaccines), 6- Tuberculosis Center.

National hospitals is the most important one, has been shelled twice by Assad›s warplanes, it led to destroy the intensive care room that contains 12 beds.

SNHR documented from September, 2013 to January 2014, at least 64 death cases in Dialysis Section including a child and 13 ladies, the section contain 27 devices only 11 of them are

working and this is a very few number comparing with number of patients, almost 100 patients rotate daily on those devices, which led to reduce number of session for each patient from 3 sessions to 2 sessions per week.

Compounding the situation worse is that desalination plant in the city had crashed for more than one month in addition to fantastical raise in medicines price, 5 liters of the material used in sterilizing dialysis machines while the price of epoetin injection which used in raise hemoglobin to reduce the quantity of blood transferred to the patient reached 3500 Syrian Pounds.

Dr. Baraa the researcher in SNHR said « Syrian opposition must supply all the needs of the hospital, as regional and international relief committee should make serious efforts to deliver aid to the hospital, every day we are losing people who die because the lack of medical potential «

There are more than 196 patients need dialyses
More 100 of them are seek
Only two physicians supervise dialysis Section in addition to 17 nurses and few volunteers.
In addition to other IDPs patients who daily visit the hospital (Tal Abyad of Raqqah, Sukhnah of Homs, Dier ez Zoor, Safirah, Talaarn of Aleppo)

Dr. Mohammad Hudian: Physician in National hospital talk to SNHR about the situation in the hospital:

“National hospital is the biggest and most important hospital in Raqqah, has shelled many times by Assad forces, which led to destroy the intensive care room that contains 12 beds. It is the only hospital in the Raqqah that contains dialysis Section, the huge problem we suffer form is breakdowns in dialysis devices, since liberating Raqqah the regime prevented devices> parts and medicine to enter the hospitals, the cost of maintenance is very high especially in the besiege, some B+ kidney disease had to treat by B- kidney treatment device because of breakdown in the device, number of sessions were reduced from three times to twice because of number of patients as there are displaced from Homs, Aleppo and Dier ez-Zoor.

There are children suffers of Thalassemia, suffered of huge miss in ferrum injection, two children died because of lack of medicine.
Lately the first of polio appeared in Raqqah, because of vaccine shortage in the hospital, while other sections work in good way»
You can communicate with the eyewitness by his Skype account:
Muhammad121

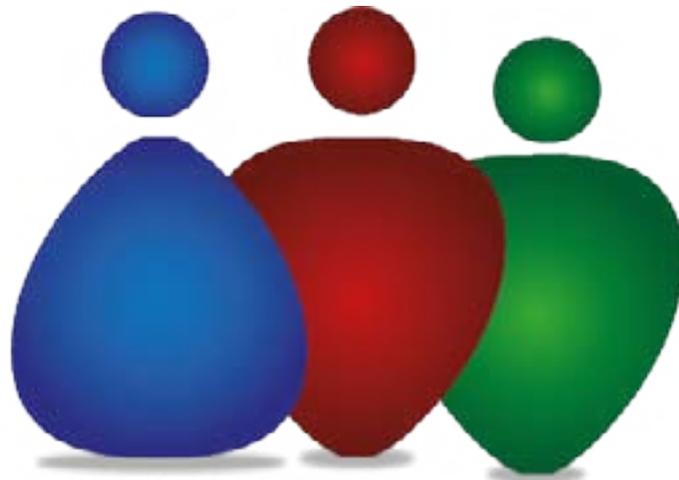
SNHR documented names of patients died because of the lack in medical equipments in kidneys section:

https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9dF5VO4iR18X2M5bWo4N29rM0k/edit?usp=drive_web

Photo of Raqqah National Hospital

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4PBLuuH0DW_cmNpQkg3TGtyTUE/edit?usp=sharing

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