

Major violation of media freedom in Syria in October 2013

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documenting the most prominent violations against media activists in Syria as murder, torture to death, arrest, and abduction Killing 22 media victims including 2 tortured to death by security forces

First: Summary :

Violations committed against media activists for this month distributed as follows:

- 1- Kill: 22 victims of media activists and journalists, Syrian regime killed 21 of them including 2 under torture, Islamic state of Iraq and Levant killed one.
- 2- Detention and Abduct: 6 media activist have been abducted this month: 2 of them kidnapped Islamic state of Iraq and Levant and the other 4 by unidentified armed groups.
- 3- Injured: 7 media activist have been injured while covering the fighting in Dier ez-Zoor

Second: Introduction :

The continuous violations committed against media freedom and the worker in this field in this method caused fear and anxiety, especially the increased quantity and quality of those crimes that lasted daily and instantaneously for long months with the intensification of the armed conflict between the two parties on the Syrian territories.

It seems that we are not saying any new fact or information if we point out to the Syrian government as the main responsible of the huge loss in souls and properties, as nothing new when we mention the superiority of government forces on armed and extremist groups in quantity and quality of targeting media activists by systematic and widespread killing, arbitrary arrests, torturing to death, In what appeared to be a State policy since the beginning of the Syrian revolution and until this moment in gagged, block reports and picture, and pursuing journalist and media activists.

SNHR reaffirmed its condemnation of the continuous violations against media freedom and convey the truth of any party and whatever type or size disparity.

As the network seeks actively from all parties, to respect media freedom and to ensure the safety of media activists, with accounting involved in violations against journalists and media activists. SNHR also underlines the need to hard and fast move for civil society organizations and bodies to press on the Syrian Government and armed opposition, and deter them by appropriate means.

Third: Major violation against media freedom committed by government forces in Syria during October 2013 :

SNHR monitored during October 2013, raise of media activists' victims number in Syria, where 21 media activists including 1 under the age of 18 were killed and 2 have been tortured to death, and at least 6 were injured.

The arrest context:

On the other hand government forces released the French writer journalist Jean-Pierre Du-
thion in Paris Match magazine after detention lasted for 4 days, as they issued a decision to
release the blogger Tal Almalohi, but it didn't carried out until this moment.

- 1- The bloody events of this month started with the murder of media activist Odai Mohamad
Bardan: a founder of Tafas city coordination of Daraa governorate, 1/10/2013.
- 2- Media activist Abdalnaser Alshanbour affected in his wounds
after he was injured in Tafas of Daraa, 2/10/2013.
- 3-Media activist Siwar Marwan Alissa, cause of shelling his town Noaemah of Daraa , 4/10/2013
- 4-Media activist Mohammad Deiri, Media office manager of Furqan Brigade,
during covering clashes in Mork of Hama , 6/10/2013.
- 5- Media activist Mohamad Sharifa, responsible and media office manager
of Qabon free congregation, on shelling on Qabon , 6/10/2013.
- 6- Media activist Maher Hamzah, shelling during covering massacre
in Hamoria of Damascus countryside , 7/10/2013.
- 7- Media activist Ayham Aldimashqi, a member of Media office south Damascus during
covering clashes in Saida Zainab of Damascus countryside , in 8/10/ 2013
- 8- Journalist Abdulhadi Katish , tortured to death in Air force intelligence
branch of Aleppo, 8/10/2013.
- 9- Child Media activist Ahmad Saleh, killed during covering clashes
in Abu Jirin of Aleppo countryside , 10/10/2013.
- 10- Media activist Osama Swidani, killed in a mine explosion
between villages of Nawa and Jasim of Daraa , 12/10/2013.
- 11- Media activist Amine Kojo, killed during covering clashes
in Hfiria of Damascus countryside, in 13/10/2013.
- 12- Media activist Khair Abdulrahman Alkhair, killed during covering
clashes in Rashidiah neighborhood of Dier ez-Zoor, 14/10/2013.
- 13- Media activist Moumen Dalati, shelling on Zabadani 14/10/2013.
- 14- Media activist Abu Abdulrahman, killed during covering clashes
in Alaasali neighborhood of Damascus, 14/10/2013.
- 15- Media activist Abdullah Abu Mohamad , shelling on Moazameah
of Damascus countryside , 15/10/2013.
- 16- Media activist Yousef Alsaer , killed during covering clashes
in Sinaa neighborhood of Dier ez-Zoor, 15/10/2013.
- 17- Media activist Mohamad Khalaf Alazzo “ the small media activist”, killed during
covering clashes in Sakhour neighborhood of Aleppo , 21/10/2013.
- 18- Media activist Abdullah Barghout, killed in shelling on Nabk
of Damascus countryside , 26/10/2013.

- 19- Media activist Mohanad Obaid “ known as Mohamad Hababina”, after one day in his kidnapped, suspected to be killed by elements of the regime in Raqqa, 21/10/2013.
- 20- Media activist Hasan Othman, during covering clashes in Nubbal and Zahraa villages of Aleppo, 28/10/2013.
- 21- Media Activist Hasan Qasem, correspondent in Qalamon media centre, tortured to death in Harasta military branch after transferring him from Branch 148 of Damascus, 30/10/2013.

SNHR also documented at least 7 injuries, in during covering clashes in Dier ez Zoor, and they are:

Media activist Abo Marouf correspondents in Sham News Network in Hamidiah neighborhood 13/10/2013

Media activist Hamoud, known as freedom prisoner “a founder of Dier ez-Zoor rebel brigade, and member of Media office of Dier ez Zoor free radio station “, shelling on Takaya neighborhood, 14/10/2013.

Correspondent of Dier ez Zoor channel Nedal Alharbi in Sinaa neighborhood, 15/10/2013.

Media activist Issa Harb ,Almojahidne fi Sabil Allah brigade in Rasafa , 15/10/2013.

Media activist Rami Abdulaziz, Mouata brigade media activist, 15/10/2013

Media activist Ahmad Alhajr, Rashidiah neighborhood, 18/10/2013

Media activist Rabeaa Hmidi in military airport, 27/10/2013.

Foruth: Major violation against media freedom committed by armed opposition in Syria during October 2013:

It looks that the incidents during this month is the least bloody and violence when compared with the last few months, although dramatically violations committed by armed opposition against free practice of media work in Syria.

One media has been killed and six have been kidnapped.

- 1- Kill of Media activist Mohammad Saed Alkhatib, correspondent of Al Arabiya channel, shot by masked gunmen, elements of Islamic state of Iraq and Levant are suspected of his kill, in Hritan of Aleppo countryside, 26/10/2013.

As kidnapped the following:

- Rami AlZarrouk, “media activist and responsible in Radio Ana’ by elements of Islamic state of Iraq and Levant in Raqqa 1/10/2013, then they broke into Ana organization and confiscation of transmission devices and especial equipments of the office 15/10/2013.
- Photographer Ziad Homsy , by elements of Islamic state of Iraq and Levant in the North of Syria, 12/10/2013.
- Russian Photographer Constantine Juravljev, by armed groups in Aleppo countryside , 12/10/2013.
- Media activist: Hazem Alhusain in Raqqa by masked armed groups 9/10/2013
- Mauritanian journalist Isaac Mokhtar “Sky News correspondent” and his colleague Lebanese correspondent Samir Kassab by unknown armed groups, while covering the field events in Aleppo.

Fifth: Attachments:

Pictures and videos of media activities that are mentioned in the report

A- Victims and wounded by Government's forces :

[activist Odai Mohamad Bardan](#)

[Abdulnaser Alshanbour](#)

[Mohamad Sharifa](#)

[Maher Hamzah](#)

[Abdulhadi Katish tortured to death](#)

[Child Ahmad Saleh](#)

[Osama Swidani](#)

[Amine Kojo](#)

[Moumen Dalati](#)

[Yusef Alsaer](#)

[Abdullah Abu Mohamad](#)

[Mohamad Khalaf Alazzo](#)

[Abdullah Barghout](#)

[Mohanad Obaid](#)

[Hasan Othman](#)

[Jean-Pierre Duthion](#)

[Blogger Tal Almalohi](#)

Injuries :

Media activist [Abo Marouf](#)

[Nedal Alharbi](#)

B- Victims and Kidnapped by Armed groups :

[Mohammad Saed Alkhatib](#) - [link2](#) - [link3](#) - [link4](#)

[Rami AlZarrouk](#)

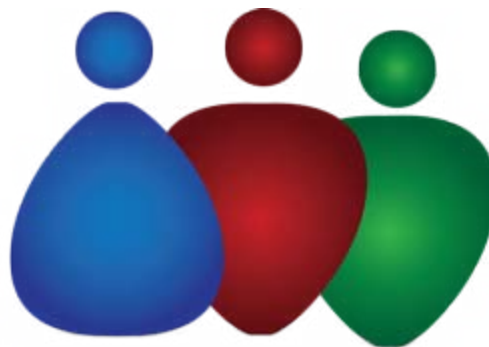
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