# Violations against media activists

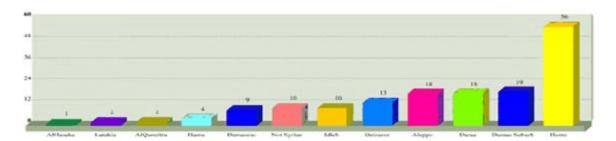
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Syrian Network for Human Rights and through our monitoring noted that Syrian Government consider media activist and medical staffs as the most dangerous on it , so persecuted them vigorously and when they get arrested , exposed to very cruel way even more than other detainees The Syrian network documented, since the beginning of the Syrian revolution and to this date the killing of 162 media professionals documented by name , photo , place and date and how they get killed , Including : 7 journalist have been arrested and tortured to death 3 women - 10 foreign journalist

Following link contains all the needed details

(The following chart shows the distribution of the 162 media victims on the Syrian governorates)





### **Most Prominent media activist's victims:**

### **Basil Shehadeh:**

A well known movie director, he was studying at Syracuse University in the United States, he returned to Syria in order to participate in the peaceful movement against the government. He was arrested when he was in one of the demonstrations in Damascus by the Intelligence forces in Damascus, and then released. He used his camera to document the attacks of the Syrian army on city of Homs' neighborhoods. He was killed in 29/5/2012 in Safsafa neighborhood in Homs after it shelled by the Syrian Government's Armed Forces .



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### Rami Al-Saied:

A revolutionary prominent media activist in Homs, where he was filming the live broadcast of the demonstrations, he was documenting the victims of the Syrian Government's Armed Forces' shelling; those killed and wounded along with abuses against civilians. He was killed near blockade Bab Amr neighborhood cause of heavy shelling by the Syrian government's Armed forces in 21/2/2012.



### Tamer Al-Awaam:

A film director and a political activist from Al-Swidaa. He made many documentations about the Syrian Revolution activities, the most prominent was "Memories at the Checkpoint". He died cause of shell's shrapnel cause of random shelling on Radio neighborhood in Aleppo by Syria Government's Armed Forces in 9/9/2012.



### Mary Colvin:

An American journalist, works for the British Sunday Times Newspaper. She was killed in 22/02/2012 as a result of targeting the Media Center for Bab Amr neighborhood in Homs by Syrian Government's Armed Forces. Thus, Mary was killed with her French photographer colleague Remi Ochlik.



### Remi Ochlik:

A French photographer. He worked in all the Arab Spring countries in 2011. He witnessed the Tunisian and the Egyptian Revolutions, then the war in Libya. His staling photos that is full of humanity were published in Paris Match and Time Magazines and in The Wall Street Journal. He was awarded the first prize for the young photographers in the "Visa Pour L'Image" photojournalism festival. He was killed with his colleague the journalist Mary Colvin in Homs, Bab Amr neighborhood in 22/2/2012.



### Mika Yamamoto:

A Japanese journalist. A pioneer in the field of video journalism, she was awarded many prizes, worked for the Independent Media Group (Japan Press).killed cause of shelling on by the Syrian Government's Armed Forces while fulfilling her media duty in covering the current events there in 21/08/2012.



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#### **Media Activist in Prisons:**

### **Mazen Darwish:**

A journalist, a member in the International Federation of Journalists, the founder and the head of "The Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression". He was arrested in 16/2/2012 after breaking into the center by the Air Force Intelligence Forces. he still arrested and not accused of any crime, , suffering from several health problems.



### Activist, Ali Othman:

One of the most famous media activists in Homs. He participated in documenting tens of crimes and violations against the Syrian citizens. One of his most famous and important works was the first video for shelling when he commented: "Baba Amr is being shelled, where are you Arabs?" He was arrested in 28/3/2012 by military security branch in Al-Bab neighborhood / Aleppo. He was then sent to the military security branch to end in Palestine branch after only days from being arrested, and he is still so far .





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