

## Most Prominent Victims of Torture in June 2014

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4892 Victims have died under torture including 94 children and 32 women from the beginning of the Syrian revolution until the end of June 2014.

#### **Executive Summary :**

In June 2014, the Syrian government has tortured at least 302 victims to death including two children. This continuous torture since 2011 is a clear indicator that the Syrian regime is torturing the prisoners systematically and excessively.

#### **SNHR documentation team has documented the most prominent cases:**

Three teachers - Six university students - One doctor - Two engineers - Three elders  
One judge - Two lawyers - One media activist - Two athletics - Two children  
Twelve cases that involved victims from the same family (24 victims in total)

#### **Methodology :**

Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) is an independent non-governmental human rights organization that was established to document human rights violations, victims, and prisoners in Syria. For more information about the methodology we follow in documenting victims, please visit [the following URL](#).

#### **Details :**

##### **Teachers :**

[Ahmad Abdurrazzaq Jalloul](#), a teacher from Al-Hbiet town in Idlib countryside, died under torture inside a security branch, his family told us about his death on 5 June, 2014.

[Hassan Jassim Ar-Rashid](#), the principle of Al-Walid bin Abdullmalek School, from As-Sabkha in Ar-Raqqa, he was arrested four months ago at one of the Syrian regime's military checkpoint on Ar-Raqqa - Damascus road, his family was informed of his death inside the detention center in 2 June, 2014.

[Mohammad Zakariya An-Naddaf](#), a 41-year-old Sharia professor from Al-Kiswa – Damascus countryside, he was arrested along with his family about a year ago where he was accused of being revolutionary active, her wife was released after six months of imprisonment and torture. On 24 June, 2014 the authorities informed his family of his death inside a detention center a few days after the presidential amnesty decree was issued.

##### **University students :**

1- [Samer Ayroud](#), 23-year-old, specialized in statistics at the faculty of science, from Al-Mokambou neighborhood in Aleppo, arrested at the beginning of April 2014 by the Air Intelligence along with other students from Aleppo University as he was accused of being a member of dormant cells. He was later transferred to the military hospital where he died from wounds sustained during torture. His family received his corpse on 4 June, 2014 provided that they

have to bury him immediately after they receive him without examining the body. However, there were clear signs of torture in his face according to one of his relatives. The cause of death was written myocardial infarction per the request of the Syrian regime's intelligence.

[Manhal Abdullah](#) Al-Hamdi Al-Msalma, 19-year-old, a second-year medical student at Damascus University, from Daraa – Al-Mahata neighborhood in Daraa. He was tortured to death inside the prisons of the Syrian regime in Damascus. He was arrested in February 2014 at a military checkpoint in Daraa. On 10 June, 2014 his family received a phone call from the military police to come and receive his son's death certificate.

[Mohammad Abdulkafi Arafat](#), 22-year-old, he was studying law at Homs University. The military security branch arrested him from the university campus on 4 December, 2013 and after six months branch no. 215 informed his family of his death on 14 June, 2014.

[Hamza Abdussattar](#) Al-Mousa Al-Maksour, 25-year-old, a four-year university student at the faculty of commerce and economics in Aleppo University. He was arrested on 13 August, 2012 at Khan Shaikhoun military checkpoint under the pretext of not having the necessary papers to postpone his military service, he was sent to the Military Security branch in Hama then he was transferred to several prisons including Palestine branch before he died at the branch no. 215 in Kafrsousa.

When his family went to ask about him on 16 June, 2014, they told him he died a few days ago and gave his family his personal belongings.

Mohammad bin [Hassan Al-Khalaf](#), he was studying petroleum engineering, from Al-Qusayr - Homs. He was arrested about two years ago. His family told us they learned about his death inside the detention center on 19 June, 2014.

[Ammar Yasser Al-Omar](#), 19-year-old, he was studying electronic engineering at Damascus University, from Al-Qosour neighborhood – Der Ezzor. He was arrested on 10 April, 2014 from the university residence. He was sent to Palestine branch in Damascus. Palestine branch called his family to tell him about his death, SNHR couldn't verify his death until 23 June, 2014.

#### **Doctors :**

[Ma'rouf Qasem Ismail](#), a 60-year-old dentist, from Al-Qusayr - Homs countryside, he was married and has kids. He was tortured to death inside Sydnaya prison in Damascus countryside after he was arrested a year ago in Homs, on 17 June, 2014 the prison called his family and informed them of his death.

#### **Engineers :**

[Ma'moun Gazi Affoush](#), an engineer from Al-Qosour neighborhood - Der Ezzor, he was in his thirties. He was arrested eight months ago at a Syrian regime's checkpoint. On 25 June, 2014 a security branch called his family and informed them about his death and gave them his identification and belongings.

K.S, an engineer (His name was kept a secret for security reasons), from Hama, he was arrested in July, 2013, died under torture inside a security branch, the authorities gave his family his death certificate officially on 19 June, 2014.

### **Judges :**

Mousa Laila, a judge from Tarnja village – Qunietra. He died under torture inside Sydnaya prison in Damascus countryside, his family was informed of death on 14 June, 2014 after he was expected to be released based on the recently-issued presidential amnesty.

### **Lawyers :**

The Lawyer Mahed Abdulqader, 35-year-old, member of the bar association in Aleppo and the General Commission of the Free Syrian Lawyers Union, from Der Jamal village – Aleppo, he was arrested at the beginning of February 2014 near his office in As-Sabil neighborhood – Aleppo. He died under torture inside the Air Intelligence branch in Aleppo, his corpse was transferred to Tishreen military hospital and was buried in a cemetery in New Aleppo neighborhood, his family was informed of his death on 6 June, 2014.

Ali Al-Wisi, lawyer, from As-Sayda Zainab - Damascus countryside, died under torture inside a Syrian regime's detention centers in Damascus. His family was informed of his death on 6 June, 2014.

### **Media activists :**

[Mohammad Omar](#) Hamed Al-Khatib, a 34-year-old, a journalist from Du'damiat Ash-Sham in Damascus countryside. He was arrested on 8 January 2012 by the Air Intelligence in Al-Muzza military airbase at the city borders, he was transferred to a security branch in Al-Qymariya - Damascus and then to Sydnaya prison where was tortured to death. On 28 June, 2014 his family was informed that he died a month and a half ago and asked them to come to receive his identification.

### **Athletics :**

[Wael Walid Kani](#), a 20-year-old basketball player who used to play for Al-Wehda, club single, from Dammar Al-Balad neighborhood - Damascus. He was arrested at a military checkpoint in Damascus on 4 September, 2012, he died under torture inside the General Intelligence branch - State Security - branch no. 285. The authorities called his family on 20 June, 2014 to tell him that he died. [Hassan Sby'ie](#), a former player who used to play for Tishreen club, 50-year-old, from Latakia. Died under torture inside a security branch after being imprisoned for a year, his family was informed of his death on 24 June, 2014.

### **Children :**

Child Ali Taysir Al-Awad, a 17-year-old child from Mahien town - Homs countryside. Died under torture inside a security branch in Homs after he was arrested six month ago at a military checkpoint in Al-Qaryatien city - Homs countryside. His family was informed of his death on 12 June, 2014.

[Child Mohammad Ajjak](#), 16-year-old, from Rukn Ad-Din neighborhood in Damascus countryside. Died under torture inside the prisons of the Syrian regime in Damascus on 12 June, 2014.

### **Elders :**

Mohammad Othman, 60-year-old, from Housh Arab – Damascus countryside. Died under torture inside the prisons of the Syrian regime. The Authorities called his family at the end of last May to inform him of his death, but they didn't receive the body yet. SNHR couldn't contact any of his relatives to verify his death until mid-June.

[Ibrahim Mahmoud Al-Hassan](#), 60-year-old, from Izra – Daraa countryside, he was arrested by the Military Security in April 2012 and died under torture inside the prisons of the Syrian regime. His family was informed of his death on 21 June, 2014.

Mohammad Abduljawad An-Nssierat, a 70-year-old, from Ibta' town – Daraa. Died under torture inside the prisons of the Syrian regime. His family was informed of his death on 7 June, 2014.

Cases that involved victims from the same family

Diyaa Taufiq Anqa and his brother Muntyer, from Yabroud – Damascus countryside, died under torture inside the Syrian regime detention centers. Their family was informed of their death on 8 June, 2014 but they didn't receive their bodies.

Lawrence Ash-Shaf'ie and his brother Hammam, Palestinians, from Al-Yarmoum camp – Damascus, died under torture inside the Syrian regime detention centers. Their family was informed of their death on 14 June, 2014 but they didn't receive their bodies.

Thabet Abdou Al-Manna' and his brother Mustafa, from Balyoun town – Idlib, Thabet is a 35-year-old married man and has four kids while Mustaa is 32-year-old. They died under torture inside the Syrian regime detention centers after they were arrested about two years ago. On 15 June, 2014 the authorities informed Thabet's parents of his death and then told them about Mustafa on the next day.

[Ibrahim Mohammad Hamdan](#) (Mhawesh) and his Brother Hamdan, from Tadmour - Homs, they were arrested by Al-Badiya branch in Tadmour at the end of February 2012, they died under torture inside a security branch in Damascus. Their family was informed of their death on 16 June, 2014.

Ibrahim Hussein Ad-Da'boul and his son Hussein, from Jarjnaz town – Idlib, died under torture inside Sydnaya prison in Damascus countryside. Their family was informed of their death on 17 June, 2014.

Ahmad Mohammad Younus and his brother Al-Laithi, from At-Tabaqa - Ar-Raqqa. Died under torture inside Sydnaya prison - Damascus countryside. Their family were informed of their death on 17 June, 2014.

[Mahmoud Al-Briedi](#) and his cousin Anas, Mahmoud is a defected policeman and Anas is a defected officer. On 23 June, 2014 their family was informed that Mahmoud died under torture inside branch no. 284 while Anas was tortured in Death inside Sydnaya prison after he had been imprisoned for three years.

Moaed Mousa Ibrahim Al-Koud and his Brother Mohammad, from Al-Hara city – Daraa. Died under torture inside the Syrian regime detention centers. Their family were informed of their death on 23 June, 2014.

Feras Ahmad Qastal and his brother Mahmoud, from As-Sakntouri neighborhood – Latakia, Feras is 27-year-old and Mahmoud is 40-year-old. They died under torture inside Sydnaya prison in Damascus countryside. Their family were informed of their death on 17 June, 2014.

Mazen Ahmad Asbrou and his brother Isam, from Salma town – Latakia, both of them are married. They were arrested by the Military Security branch in Latakia two years ago and were later transferred to Sydnaya. In accordance with the presidential amnesty, Isam was released and told his family about his brother's death before he himself died because of his poor health conditions on 25 June, 2014

Khaled Ahmad Affouf and his brother Abdurrahman, from Baba Amrou neighborhood – Homs, they were arrested at Al-Qtiefa military checkpoint in Damascus countryside. They died under inside a security branch in Damascus. Their family learned of their death on 25 June, 2014.

## Reccomendations :

### The Security Council :

- 1- Pass a resolution to transfer the Syrian case to I.C.C. and to stop supporting the principle of impunity.
- 2- Warn the Syrian government of the consequences of using brutal torture methods as it affects civil peace and coexistence within the society.
- 3- Apply the principle of “The Responsibility to Protect” (R2P) that was submitted by the UN in 2005.

### Human Rights Council :

- 1- Pay greater attention to the case of dying under torture which is one of the most horrible crimes.
- 2- Demand the Security Council and the concerned international organization to uphold their responsibilities regarding this critical issue.
- 3- Press on the Syrian government to stop torturing and opening its prisons and detention centers in order to assess the humanitarian condition inside.
- 4- Hold the allies of the Syrian regime –Russia, Iran, and China- the moral and historical responsibility in regard to the Syrian regime’s violations in this field.

### The Arab League :

- 1- Urge the Security Council to pay greater attention to this critical issue.
- 2- Press diplomatically and politically on the Syrian regime’s allies –Russia, Iran, and China- to stop them from providing the Syrian regime with political cover and hold them the historical and moral responsibility in regard to all the Syrian regime’s violations.

