

Violations committed against Syria women since the beginning of Syrian Revolution

9910 women including 3399 girl child have been killed by Syrian Government Forces since the begun of Syrian revolution to 21/8/2013



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Introduction:

Syrian women participated since the first moments of the beginning of Syrian Revolution, she was demonstrator, media activists, paramedic, and many other things, due to suffered from various kinds of violations: killing, rape, displacement, torture, and the impact was turning the conflict in Syria into non-international armed conflict and increased frequency of violations against women in Syria.

According to custom, tradition, culture and religion: the woman consider the honor in society, and destruction of her physical integrity is one of the means of the defeating the other side, making her more vulnerable to direct harm like harassment, rape, forced prostitution. Syrian woman endure a significant burden of violations , on one hand and as all the Syrian people she shared men and Syrian all kind of violations made by government troops , and in the other hand she also borne the pain of losing the man stand by her; when her husband and the father of her children get killed , arrested , or disappeared , She also endured the pain of losing her own kids , Not to mention that all the Syrian women without discrimination suffered from the crimes of torture , rape , abduction by government troops

Violation committed by government forces :

1) Unlawful killings:

SNHR : by our daily documentation of Syrian victims , We noted that the proportion of killed women is very high and up to approximately 11% of the civilians victims toll , in many days **SNHR** documents almost 30 female victims , although most of the killings occurred during indiscriminate or deliberate shelling against civilians with TNT by warplane , Scud missiles , or artillery , but there are hundreds of women were killed deliberately during raids and massacres.

Our documentation methodology relies to not give any numbers without a statistic documents name , date of death , place , photo or video and how they killed

Since the beginning of Syrian revolution to 21/8/2013 , **SNHR** documents the killing of 9910 female victims : including 3399 girl child , and 184 unknown female victims by name , but we have their photos , we know how they killed and the date of incident but we couldn't get their names

We would like to indicate that 432 women snipes , that's mean the sniper are fully convinced that he killed a women.

Also 27 women have been tortured to death after they were arrested and exposed systematically to a very cruel torturing methods.

[*Please find all details for each case in the following link*](#)

We conclude from all of this with no doubt on the methodology and widespread of Syrian government in targeting civilians and committing crimes against humanity.

2) Sexual violence:

In the first place: rape even under different circumstances was committed against women, when kidnapping, raiding , and arresting in security branches, some of them have been raped in custody or detention because of their political attitude, or because they were relative to certain characters or even certain cities, while all of women in general were subject to kidnapping.

[*There were three main in rape commitment:*](#)

- 1- rape during raid and storming
- 2- rape after kidnapping
- 3- rape inside detentions

[*SNHR's*](#) estimation number of women get raped with more than 7000 cases including 400 girl child under the age of 18, it took place in Karm Alzaiton, Alrifai and Baba Amr neighborhoods in Homs. and in Jisr Alshagour in Idlib.

at least 800 rape case took place inside security forces headquarters and detention, but the most common was during raids and storm, resulted many forced pregnancies cases.

Om Zaher one of the ladies that displaced to Jordan, documented more than 2500 rap cases took place in Syria by government forces and Shabiha, in her meeting with the victims who displaced to Jordan too.

Documenting cases of sexual violence in different Syrian Governorate

[**Homs governorate:**](#)

- Hind Masharqa told me that Abo Ali told her that he detain in our house in Steen street 17 girl, 15 of them from Homs, Bab Sibaa neighborhood, two from Hama, one of them was pregnant, he said he raped them all and let his soldiers to do gang rape for the girl (S.S) he filmed the party as his describe on a video type and send it to her uncle, who is a well known Shiekh from the opposition.

One of the victim is a man who lived with his family in Bab Amr neighborhood, that at the end of February and the beginning of March 2012, about 40-50 men wearing army suit broke his house at almost 5 am, he describe how they forced his to watch gang rape to his wife and his two big daughters 14 and 11 years, before they raped him too.

“ the men raped my two daughters and wife, they forced me to lift up my head and watch, you can’t even imagine how i felt, as a man sitting and watching them do it over and over, each one have been raped three times, then they forced me to come down from the chair to the ground, they raped me and forced my wife and children to watch my kids, all the men was looking at me and mocking and said “ look at your father” they destroy me, he added “ They same person assured that when he fled out with his family with other residents from Bab Amr, they had stopped at security barrier, where the soldiers arrested 8 girls, according to him they released all those girls later and they confirmed that they have been raped.

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her story started before the end of the last year when she passed near a security barrier in Bab Aldrib, there was almost 13 years old child asking for help from her and another girl was passing from this place rescue his form the security, she added we try to free the child from their hands and we asked them to mercy him when one of the solider order to arrest us”
Noor told the story of moving her to a apartment in Homs adding “ there was men guarding the apartment , there was another 15 female detainees, supervised by a women, her job was to prepare them as gifts for people we don’t know but most of them are military and security officers “
She added: “ when we enter the apartment they tear up our clothes, and I raped in this place, then I started to resist this women and call the girls to not obey here, when the women asked to move me from this apartment to another place”
then she moved to security centre, she figured when she left later that it was Palestine branch of military intelligence, she says that she lived through unspeakable horrors, she said all the female detainees in the department be underwear only despite the cold, which was one of their enemies all the period of detention”
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The most important achievement, Noor said that she came out of the detainee and know the responsible man for the arrest, torture and the rape dozens of Syrian girls “Basil hazkli” known as Abo Aahdand” called for international organizations to pursue him as a war criminal. “

Noor could flee out of the country with the help of a person she refused to tell many details for her safety, and he give her to persons helped her to flee to Jordan at the end of last February 2013. Noor’s tragedy continued with psychological and physical treatment, she is the now she lives in Lebanon with her brother , the only person of her family, he refused to cooperate with Syrian activity in Oman when he knew that his sister raped.

Another case Om Yousuf, she gave us her name put prevented us to publish it, fear of her family in Homs

- Om Yousuf, 32 years old, active in providing medicine and transferring medical helps.

She kidnapped in 17/5/2012, Om Yousuf was in her way to one of the hospitals, when she finished her duty in transferring medicines, in the way back she has been stopped by a barrier in Qasion area in Damascus, the soldier ask her from where she is, she answered from Homs, asked for her ID, but she wasn’t hold it yet, it led to arrest her with the driver Ahmad who was helping her in transferring medicines and took his car, then transferred her to military security branch.

She mentioned that the barrier is for Syrian Army, some soldier were military uniforms and other wearing civilians clothes, all holding kalashnikov, among them there was officer wearing military suit and soldiers their accent were costal, they arrested her with the same taxi car and took her to the military branch in the same taxi with the driver.

Om Yousuf said that they moved her between four security branches, one of them was military intelligence (where she kept arrested later), in each division they investigate with her for 2-4 hours. They took her phone and prevented her to talk with anyone from her family, a doctor, lawyer, they prevented her from visiting or communicating with anyone outside the branch.

No one of her family know where she was before three days, she refused to talk about those three days and cried heavily, the first phone between the officer in the military intelligence and her family, where he asked for 1.2 million Syrian Pounds for medical report clear that no one touch her, then they asked 250.000 SP, their family paid but they didn't release her and asked for another 150.000 SP.

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After released she is living in deplorable condition, tend to loneliness and rejects all the people around her, don't see her children or her husband and even refuses to allow him to touch her, so she asked for divorce, having tranquillizers continuously and do not stay awake for more than four hours in day and night, in case of physical fatigue, refrain from food and drink, and in the case of constant cries when talking with any of her family members even if with their parents, she lost 10 kg of weight, what increase her ordeal that military branch called her and asked her to review them again, making her live in a horror again until she flee out of Damascus.

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Lattakia governorate:

- A person said he was an eyewitness of raping many women by intelligence elements in a house in Alhafa area at the first of June 2012, another two eyewitnesses residents in Alhafa too in June 2012 said also that Shabiha used to storm the houses and rape the women there, only one person give details about public raping in the street for women in the street of Shiir in Alhaf neighborhood.
- Eman a girl from southern Ramil area of Lattakia, told us that the owner of the house where she lives, asked her neighbor which is a displaced to have sex with him instead letting her stay in house after she became unable to pay the rent, he threatened her that if she didn't he will tell the authorities that one of her relatives is opponent activist, she wasn't the only one who exposed to this problem.
- Sometimes some of the regime's supporters who have authority and Vogue in the Government request sexual favors from women and girls in Exchange for release of detained relatives
- R.H her sister told us that she were riding a cap with her husband towards the doctor clinic, when the driver pay attention to the conversation (her husband is one of the armed rebel), he took her to the military intelligence branch was pregnant in the first month, although she had released in the next day, but she was bleeding and lost her fetus cause she had been raped in the division.

Damascus countryside governorate:

- Conscript in the Syrian army admit that he raped five girls: three of them in Altal city, two in Almaza neighborhood in Damascus.



Hama governorate:

-Monira:39 years old Syrian refugee now lives in Jordan

“ She stood powerless before her daughter’s rape and murder at the hands of Shabiha and security. Munira is trying to use a pseudonym – fear of shame – heal their pains in that narrow room of residence near the border, and provided by a Ramtha’s charity for those who flee from an unknown fate in the northern neighbor”.

Monira who came from Hama remember “ how Shabiha raped her twenties daughter raped 15 times before they strangulated her to death, that day was haunted with the smell of death”

Tartous governorate:

- B.E girl from Banyas of Tartous, came from a large family who was belonging to Muslim brotherhood party, arrested military security branch in Tartous, raped by 9 persons in this branch one by one, then they moved her to Air force intelligence branch , her friend (H. E) said that she are talking a lot about ending her of life.

Daraa governorate:

- Basma:26 years old flee out with her elder mother from one of the small neighborhood in Daraa Albalad far only 2km form Jordan,

She said with signs of fear on her face, “5 April last month, column of tasks were swirling in the village, firing in all directions, dozens of civilians were killed with blood on the ground”

“As Basma whish death thousands times as She said than to strip of her clothes and fall prey to criminals lost humanity”

She added that Security forces and Shabiha “escalated their brutal campaign in unknown and far village from the main cities, so they close schools and stores, keep shelling and rape women and children.”

Minor Rapes:

- almost 12 years old girl and her sister 14 years old) in one of the governorates) , security forces and Shabiha raped them in their house before their mother and brothers eyes, they raped them one by one, then brutally beat everyone, they were lucky to leave them alive, after they left ,the two brothers wanted to killed their sisters for shame, but the mother brought neighbors and could save them and flee them out to Jordan and hide there.

- another girl from the same governorate 17 years old, she was with her parents when they searched the house then they raped her before her parent's eyes, and then kidnapped her, what she remember that for fifteen days they transferred her from one apartment to another, and in each one there is a women responsible there and guards and other girls, there was many girls in each apartment from 5 to 10, every day Shabiha and security men alternately rape her and the others, for two weeks, before the rape the inject the girls with a material in the thigh keep them aware of what is happening but paralyzed movement, she talked about a group of monsters of them tied her then removed her clothes and brought the electric iron, heated and iron her vagina from outside and inside, she became unconscious and naked on a bed in Palestine security branch(known later that she was there) after while they released her, and her family took her and flee to Jordan, they conducted to her restoration and beautification operation on the infected areas after documenting her case, they found that the effects of material that was injected in her thigh several times still existing and led to intro-Haemorrhagia and blood disease, thought it will suffer from it for a long time.

- 15 years old girl arrived to the hospital, transferred across border with the help of good-doers , her family was killed and she raped for 10 days inside apartments in the same governorate, before they moved her to Palestine security branch in days, they bring mice and put the head of the mice inside her vagina and they made them hurt her to spread poisons in her body, she moved later to Palestine security branch where she suffered from infections in uterus and abdomen, then they threw girl in remote area in outskirts of Damascus to die, But God willing was to live and tell her story, a group of youth found her, shelter her, and provide her some treatment for her and then flee her to Jordan, where her medical case was entirely documented, the girl almost treated but she still suffering from infections in abdomen, the same effects of injunction in thigh and suffering from the same blood disease.

Conclusions:

- 1- Syrian Government Armed Forces committed rape and sexual violence in all of Syrian governorate in extensive systematic methods consider crimes against humanity
- 2- There is a close tight between rape and the ongoing armed conflict, the last have committed by government forces to deter and intimate armed rebels and put pressure on them, so it is considered as war crime.
- 3- rape used to committed inside official detention places and unofficial as a method of torture which considered as violation of International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law.

3) Kidnapping :

The hardest thing afflicting women in Syria is the kidnapping, where both of the conflict's parties do it, either for Exchange or for retribution or be counterattack kidnapped, and difficult to count the number of abducted women, due to the secrecy in order to ensure deliveries and exchange, the most cities that have experienced the abduction are Homs and Damascus countryside, in Homs offices similar to real estate offices was founded to cover exchanges operations.

- Khaldia of Homs, Safwan Masharqa office concerning with kidnapped people from opposition, while Abu Naif Khadour office concerning with kidnapped people from regime's supporters. the office task is to secure exchanging instead of physical or human cost (for one girl five men, and 70.000 S.P for each), before they founded this offices most abduction cases used to end with the kill of the victim during exchange.

- Hiba Masharqa 20 years old girl from Bab Aldrib, she said: 7 armed men wearing Alassad army's suits broke into our house accompanied with political security officer called Ahmad Mansour and without allowing us to say a word, they put black cover over our eyes and took us to another house without allowing to me to put my veil (Hijab) , even my mother put my father's keffiyeh, we spend 28 days were the most terrifying in my entire life

without any let us any word they put on black gang and eyes took us to another, Abu Ali used to threaten me that he will rape me and cut me if Alfarouk Brigade bring back his cousin.

The only thing that prevented them from raping me is to ensure the safe return of the sniper!! My mother was talking to the exchange Office, he is the cousin of my father, telling him that strives to release us saying (not afraid to your honor, will you want to violate your honor in before me), one of the brigade's fighter told me to refer him with my finger if someone had raped me or hurts me, vowing not to surrender the prisoner and killed him if I gave him a sign, I was terrified to make any movement might be understood as a sign.

Mother says: "I will never forget that day in the Office, where Fayiz droish gave us to them instead of the prisoners and others, it was a critical and difficult situation, I did not stop crying , They were all really men, it was a difficult and extremely frightening situation"

- L.A randomly Kidnapped and subjected to harassment and rape by their abductors who tried to exchange her with prisoners arrested by the armed opposition, and after the killing of two families were likely to be in exchange for them, she thought that she will suffer from the same fate and that was what she wished for, she stayed with the kidnappers about a month, to back and her body was exhausted cause of electric shocks, cigarette burns, and abductors alternate raping her..... when one of the researchers met her, she only wanted to get rid of pregnancy resulting from rape, although after months from the incident, But she still tremble and when she remember the incident and utterly terrified of the idea to meet anybody, she still wishing death.

- There are several cases where the abducted girl killed, sometimes during the swap process, as happened with female Professor in Faculty of education in Homs University, where she kidnapped from the building of Faculty of education and asked for ransom, when they paid for her, the kidnappers kill her and threw her body.

- Rama Alaasas, kidnapped four armed men loyal to Syrian Government in 27/8/2012, in front of her house and detained her in shaded Infiniti car, and went up into her house and stole electronic devices and amount of money was in home and told the family to prepare ransom to retrieve her, her parents obeyed and agreed to give the amount upon Razzi hospital in Maza, before M.T.N Telecom Office.

The same car that took Rama two days ago and took showed, and took the amount from her brother, pulled their weapons at him and said one sentence before they drift away (after half an hour the girl will be in the House) but she never appear again, Rama disappeared without any traces it despite several attempts to exchange her with other Abductees or prisoners but they failed.

4) Detention and arrest inside detention centers:

Although the number of women prisoners are few [SNHR](#) documented the arrest of more than 4,500 female detainees, where authorities did not take into account the human nature of them, even they subjected to conditions of torture like the systematic torture that men subjected to, an led to killed 27 female detainee tortured to death.

Different examples of arrested women:

- The ladies in the security branches live the worst periods of detention, particularly in the early days and during the investigation with them, and sometimes takes weeks to two months, even though it is not allowed to any security department to detent a citizen for more than 60 days without being brought to justice or charge, but some remain in the security branches overall period of their detention as (H.F) and her friend (R.Q) who stayed in the section 227 during the first five months of the period of their detention on 20/6/2012 and up to 17/1/2013.

H.F Says “they stop torturing detainees when we want to go to the bathroom so you don’t see them, but the effects are clear on their bodies, we used to hear the cry, the sounds of skinning ..., beaten, scream, electric shock, we smell the torture ... The smell of blood, almost every two days they arrest a group of armed and carrying out what they call the party of torture they gather them, and they beat them. Often two or three dies .. Their voices never go out of my mind”

Although they didn’t subjected to any physical torture, only when they arrested at the check-point ,but when jailers told them that they would not come out ever they attempted to suicide several times due to the psychological consequences of what they saw in department.

L.Z one of the civil activist, told us how she detained with her family during their displacement of Sweida to out of the country after she was arrested several times by the Government , when a barrier in Saida of Darra governorate stopped her with her sister and father, and disabled brother, Sidon governorate of Daraa in the region betweenDaraa and Sweida, controlled by a group of bearded fighters riding motorcycles and carrying black flags , Asked for their ID’s when they know they are from the Druze sect, someone load his weapon and shot in the air, he intended to shoot and kill them all but someone else didn’t allowed ,reminding him that they have not committed any offence.

“ Moments of horror and thin line separated between us and the occurrence of massacre, where we could be the victim.”

They detained the father and his son, while they asked the girls to go to a home of one of the villagers and they went away for about two hours and a half says,she said they were blind-folded and kneeling , one of the armed men beat the father on his head causing simple bruised ,except for insulting and cursing the Druze sect, one said to her father “ you don’t want to speak? well, you will when we shot on your crazy son “and fired bullets in the air in the presence of the son, and after settling things by some residents and activists, the leader of the group ordered to bring back her brother.she was crying with fear and joy of returning alive.”

- Fatima Saad: from Latakia was exposed in detention for both physical and psychological torture, after the military intelligence raid her home at dawn of 28-06-2012 , she was arrested with her father in charge of preparing field hospitals, during investigating the investigator throw on her a cup of coffee was in front of him, while her father still accessible without being able to do anything to defend his daughter, after he left the elements and soldiers began to beat her with their hands, feet, whips , and even spit on her face, when she was collapsing unconscious, someone emptied a bottle of cool water over her head to wake up and continue investigation, which used to last for 12 hours, Fatima tortured by Shabah (torture method) , and her body burned with cigarettes several times.

“It was a long journey of kicked, beaten and threatened to acknowledged knowing one of the activists, when I admitted after threatening me with rape, they hang me for three hours after tying my hands and raise me over the ground, I felt I was dying, the detective shocked me with a wooden stick by bare electric wire for three consecutive days”

Violations connected with visiting detainees in prisons:

Arrested women deprived from visits, the family are not allowed to ask about them and even they deny their existence, where they tell people that Al-Qaeda, Nusra and the terrorists who abducted their daughters, and this is an additional punishment of prisoners and their relatives, and apply in all branches of security, lawyer Michael Shammas says: we can't do anything until the detainees referred to a prison, and there we can find out and follow her case and sometimes even in prisons prevent visiting her and deny her exist, don't include her name despite being there.

F.Z: teacher arrested from her home in Mazzeh neighborhood of Damascus , in 7-2-13 and held in Kafarsosa security branch 215, but even her family was not able to see her or check her to this date.

Fatima Saad was detained in the Palestine Branch (235) , she didn't see for two consecutive months just the elements who used to bring her food, and says that she thought that she was the only one in this place, some thought she lost her mind as a result of prolonged isolation, she spent her nine months detention moving between Homs, Latakia and Damascus, but her family wasn't able to visit her only after more than six months in detention in Latakia civil prison.

- Sara Hussein detained in the Palestine Branch (235) in the Syrian capital Damascus, but no one was allowed to call or visit her, despite that her mother the teacher Hind Almajli was arrested on 14/09/2012 in the same section, but she was unable to see her and the mother did not know that her daughter is there too, L.Z says “Sarah was singing out loudly until her mother hear her and recognized her voice, she knew that there were only walls separates between them, But she never knew if that happened “, when the mother released in 08/01/2013 she knew about her daughter's arrest in the same place, in addition to the kill one of her brothers, and the arrest of other with his daughter Alissar Almajli.

- H.F and her friend R.Q, who have been arrested in security branch 227 in Damascus since 20/6/2012 to 17/1/2013, their families thought that they lost forever, until they released some other detainees who were with them and they recognized their place.

Health conditions in detention and medical services available:

The health care wholly prevented and the infected with chronic physical disease denied from medical treatment despite their pressing need for medication which increases the plight. and even who suffered of incurable disease, do not receive inferior care.

- H.F is a college student Says: there is one bathroom , over 100 men and women detainees using it alternatively per hour, no towels or SOAP, damp prevail, no hygiene, which caused to spread fungi on the body , because the medical supervisor mockery on her when she need sanitary napkin in the period, she decided to use her clothes as sanitary napkin during period, which caused to her chronic infections remain throughout her detention period, despite the request of the responsible nurse for treatment, in addition to one of the prisoners (M.H) who work in The clinic also begged him to bring the medicine of medicine , but he only bring treatment that they called chalk, because the lack of interest and did not get rid of the disease until they leave prison, similarly Fatima Saad stayed for two months having period without using any sanitary napkin!

- There were more than one pregnant when they were arrested and placed in prison among them: Ayah Alahmad from Aleppo, Malika Alkhatib from Aqraba of Damascus, and Fidaa (Um Yahya) from Hama, although the family of Ayah provided the born baby needs, but according to H.G, the elements didn't gave her when needed , while Fidaa suffered from getting the needs of her new except baby, not to mention the needs of her child Yahia (five years old) who was with her.

- Hanadi Says: “ during my detention I saw many women aged 50 and 60 often were suffering from some diseases but they didn't get any care, a lady from Lattakia called Huda died in the dormitory next to me because of an asthma attack and no one helped her or even give her any medication, as well as several women were suffering from Disc pain and provides no treatment for them.

- According to violations documentation centre, Ms. Kinda Shamaa from Dier Balba of Homs, arrested while she suffered from breast cancer, the same for Fathia Husain Ibrahim from Daraa, also had thyroid cancer and osteoporosis and had not provided for them with any healthcare.

Dimensions for the release:

- Faten Fawaz Rajab-Damascus Masters degree in physics, was arrested air intelligence on 26/11/2011, where she spent in the investigation Department of of the air force intelligence 10 months before being transferred to the Special Branch (215) of the of military intelligence Division where she is still up to the preparation of this report.

Noor Hamzah says that Faten have injected with unknown material, and she was shaved head and was subjected to torture, as well as engineered Mariam Fayad who spent week in the same cell with Faten, that the Government is pressing to get the results of her researches and has offered to release her in Exchange for signing a paper of leaving Syria to the Islamic Republic of Iran, but she refused and told Mariam that she asked to shaved her head because of Lice and matted hair and her inability to take care of it, as she bleed from her eyes and ears, and suffers from epilepsy and sometimes believed that drugs are caused these symptoms , it should be mentioned that Jamil Hassan: manager of military intelligence branch told her that she will be his dotage within at most two years after refusing to cooperate with the Government.

Take Human as shields:

Women were used as human shields in several places in Syria during the raiding of certain neighborhoods or to escape from the fighting's fire.

- In Aashira neighborhood in Homs, government forces forced women to walk in front of soldiers during the military forces moved into the neighborhood (according to a members of armed groups)

- In Midan neighborhood in Aleppo, woman used as a human shield to cover from sniper, and shoot on 12/1/2013

- In the middle mountain of Idlib countryside It was monitoring the use of a group of civilians, including women and children, to break the siege on Aldaher barrier: 6/10/2012.

- Colleagues in the Human Rights Watch have documented in report issued in 2013, and said that the "Syrian Government forces exposed the residents to dangerous, as forced them to walk in front of soldiers during the arrest operations and during troop movements and attacks on towns and villages. Witnesses from the towns of Janodia, Kafar Nabal, Kafar Roma, and Ain Larose in Idleb, that they saw army and Shabiha forced people to walk in front of them during an operation in March to restore areas fell by opposition. "

- M.A mentioned that she was with her friend M.S from Darya and have French nationality, when Alarbain barrier at Moazameah- Darya road stopped her in 31/12/2012, while security forces were inspecting her, shootout took place between armed groups and them, and when the shooting increased, the commander of intelligence forces shield with the ladies, push the ladies' bodies under fire to protect himself, while enabling access to the car safely and leave the place with them, both women detained at the air force intelligence branch in Mezze military airport, M A stayed in unknown location until 1-2-13, where she was transferred to Adra prison and released on 27/2/2013.

M A said that M.S mother when she came from France to take care of her daughter's children, government forces arrested her immediately, and under threat of killing children they forced her to call another two girls in Darya sisters: S.A and G.A, and ask them to come, where they arrested all of them in Alkhatib security branch in Damascus in 9/1/2013.

The mother B.S was released after one week in 16-1-2013 while they converted M.S and S.A and G.A files to the terrorism Court.

Detention women as a hostage and pressure :

The other side to humiliate opponents is arresting women as hostages and a pressure to make their men relatives to handle themselves , or to ensure the handed of prisoners during exchanges, and their numbers have exceeded 125 laides in the last six months, including two girl children.

- In 10/12/2012 women just in Daraa, when armed group attacked Saida housing which was turned to military headquarter during the period of armed conflict, it was a housing for officers and their families, now there are heavy cannons and mortars in addition to anti aircraft, when the armed opposition controlled it ,they killed who resisted and seizure the rest including 5 women, according to A.H resident in Daraa, The Government has generalized an order on the barriers in the city to arrest any girl, the number of the arrested girl that evening reached 100 most of the students , that's to pressing Sergeant Yasser Aboud, who was holding the prisoner in the residents, he submitted to the demand of the Government to release the 100 girls.

- In 9/2/2013, a group of soldiers stopped at Yafour barrier of Damascus countryside a car carrying a teacher W.A and arrested her with her three children the older is 14 years and the youngest is one year, and took them to the fourth brigade headquarter in Mozamiyeh and the driver M.Z.A, after two weeks of arrest showed that the Syrian Government seeks to release three prisoners retained battalions (Sham Islamic Freedom Movement) which the woman's husband belong, held her and her three children hostage to press him.

The negotiations failed twice because of the hesitation of the battalion at the last minute, claiming inadequate time and due to the Government's request for three prisoners while they want only to handle over two.

The mother stayed arrested in bad circumstances there was no Mattress or even cover food fits her children, her sister W.A said "When we received her last call she was crying and screaming in hysterically fear on her small child to disease due to sleep on the cold prison floor and asked us to act quickly "several attempts have been made to release the Lady and her children until they were released in 26/3/2013 and then left the country.

Violations against Syrian women in neighboring country:

Women and children represent the majority of refugees who fled from the conflict conditions, which expose them to different deprivations and greater risk of sexual violence. Syrian Network for Human Rights estimates the proportion of women and children refugees about 75% of refugees toll.

Women and girls trafficking for sexual exploitation and forced labor is a general feature of the situation, the phenomenon of marriage Syrian girl refugees spread in several camps in Arab countries, such as Jordan , Egypt , Libya and Algeria.

According to L.A a psychological therapist follow refugee women in Z'atari camp, that girls subjected to harassment during their movement within the camp and that the parents become frightened to sleep at night because of insecurity inside it , so they be guards on their daughter, after a family's tent smashed by some drunks and girl was raped, that's one of the reasons that led many families to marry their daughters to finish this terror without any guarantees for the rights of girls.

Mostly marriage is exploited to the tragic situation that refugee's families experienced, and has been implicated in that refugee's families and some religious men , pretext of maintaining girls, reward in addition to some who have bad intentions.

And an extra burden Syrian women refugees suffering from is that even if the husband there he has relied on her to go to charity and waiting to receive aid, their argument that because she is woman she will get more sympathizers and grant more allocations to her, which led to psychological pressure on the woman which is responsible of her family affairs.

Legal conclusions concerning the violations committed by the Syrian Government:

- 1- Syrian Government Armed Forces committed extensive systematic widespread crimes against Syrian women by unlawful killings, rape, arrest, torture, displacing, so it is considered crimes against humanity.
- 2- Syrian Government Armed Forces committed these extensive systematic crimes in non international armed conflicts , so it is considered as a war crimes
- 3- Syrian government by killing and targeting civilians violated both International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law

Second: Armed Opposition:

SNHR documented the kill of 11 women during clashes and fighting between armed rebel and government forces in all of the Syrian Governorate, the following link show all details: <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBTG1pbmF4QVFMSFE/edit?pli=1>

We have no reports of rape or other forms of sexual abuse committed by members of the anti-Government armed groups.

Most violations committed by the armed opposition groups is kidnapping and who was often aimed at the exchange of abduction and mutual kidnapping , SNHR did not documented any case of torture for kidnapped women by armed opposition.

Legal conclusions concerning the violations committed by Armed Opposition:

The abductions have remained limited and individual, but on the other hand the Syrian opposition must track and prosecute those involved in kidnappings that are contrary to international humanitarian law , the applicable law in Syrian conflict.

Recommendations :

Human right council

- 1- Call upon security council and relevant organizations to take upon their responsibility towards what's happening Syrian people especially sexual violence which considered the worst crimes at all.
- 2- Exert pressure on the Syrian government to stop torturing , demanding the release of all detainees
- 3- Hold the allies and supporter of the Syrian government : Russia , Iran , China , moral and physical responsibility towards what's happening Syrian children
- 4- Serious attention of this case and give it high priority and , and try to take care of torture victims families
- 5- Forming specialized committees to follow up the situation of rape victims, and relieve them and care for them physically and mentally.
- 6- Forming protection committees to provide moral and psychological support to rehabilitate victims.

Security Council :

- 1- Decision to refer all the criminals and the involved to ICC.
- 2- Warn Syrian Government's Armed Forces of their repercussions of using brutal methods and systematic killing and send clear messages about.

Arab League :

- 1- Demand Human Right Council and United Nations to give this serious issue the right attention and follow up
- 2- Serious attention of this case and give it high priority, and try to take care of victims' families mentally , physically , educationally
- 3- Political and diplomatic pressure on Syrian Government 's Armed Forces main allies-Russia, Iran and China -to prevent them from continuous providing cover and international and political protection for all the crimes committed against the Syrian people and hold them moral and physical responsibility for all the excesses of the Syrian Government's Armed Forces
- 4- Forming specialized committees to follow up the situation of rape victims, and relieve them and care for them physically and mentally.
- 5- Forming protection committees to provide moral and psychological support to rehabilitate victims.

