



The Full Documentation of Al Arba'ien Neighborhood

On the morning of Wednesday 19 September 2012, the residents of Al Arba'ien neighborhood in Hama city woke up to a vicious shelling on the neighborhood by the tanks and armored vehicles stationed at Al Vilat circle in northern Hama city. The shelling was followed with tens of tanks and armored vehicles as well as vehicles transporting soldiers from the regime army raiding the neighborhood and shooting fire randomly from 15.5mm shotguns in order to spread panic and fear and impose a curfew. The tanks, then, encompassed the neighborhood and banned anyone from entering or getting out into the neighborhood in addition to severing all forms of communication.

Additionally, Masha' Al Arba'ien neighborhood was targeted using mortar shells before it was raided by the Syrian regime forces.

The vicious shelling lasted for hours and resulted in a number of victims and wounded. Afterwards, the regime security forces carried out raid campaigns arresting a number of the neighborhood youths and field-executed seven of them. Afterwards, they did the unspeakable, something that is devoid of any sense of humanity and decency, something that is unprecedented in its savagery and barbarism, and appalls the very core of humanity in the 21st century and all of this happened in front of the civil society and human organization in the world; those enemies of humanity burned the dead bodies after they piled them in one of the houses before setting them, as well as the house, on fire.

SNHR notes something of an utmost significance which happened tens of times throughout Syria. This is a disgrace and a major challenge for all major human rights organizations in the world: the Syrian Arab Red Crescent staff in Hama city headed to the neighborhood to aid the wounded, but the Syrian army faced them with live bullets forcing them to retreat which led to complications for many injuries. In addition, the regime army forces field-executed some of the wounded.





The outcome of this barbarian campaign:

- 26 victims including one woman. Among the victims were seven victims who were field-executed and then burned. Also, there were four dead bodies that were taken by the regime army so they couldn't be identified.

- More than four houses were burned after it was raided by the army forces.

- More than seven women from the neighborhood were arrested.

SNHR team, through contacting residents and activists and visiting the neighborhood, was able to identify and document the names of the massacre victims in addition to obtaining a number of videos and pictures of many of them

1- [Ismail Ma'rawi](#), born in 1981, shot by the army forces.

2- Hamza Bakkour, Hama, Masha' Al Arba'ien, was burned alive by the regime army after they surrounded the house he was in.

3- Nedal Bakkour, Hama, Masha' Al Araba'ien, was burned alive by the regime army after they surrounded the house he was in.

4- Basel Kan'an, Hama, Masha' Al Arba'ien, was burned alive by the regime army after they surrounded the house he was in.

5- Photographer AbdulKarim Uqda, Hama, Masha' Al Arab'ien, was burned alive by the regime army after they surrounded the house he was in.

6- Hamza Kenan, Hama, Masha' Al Arba'ien, 12-year-old, child.

7- Mohannad Ahmad Da'boul, Hama, was field-executed by the army forces.

8- Fatima Al Tashan, known as Um Shadi, female, Hama, was killed in the indiscriminate shelling.

9- Mustafa Al Shawwa, Hama, was killed in the indiscriminate shelling.

10- Fadi Mustafa Al Shawwa, Hama, was killed in the indiscriminate shelling.

11- Ahmad Klieb, Hama, was killed in the indiscriminate shelling.

12- Hussein Hrehish, Hama, was killed in the indiscriminate shelling.

13- Amjad Al Uqda, Hama, was killed in the indiscriminate shelling.

14- Nouri Al Sawwas, Hama, was killed in the indiscriminate shelling.

15- Tareq Suliman Matar, Hama, was killed in the indiscriminate shelling.

16- Ahmad Matar, Hama, was killed in the indiscriminate shelling.

17- Nezar Adnan Shehab, 20-year-old, Hama, was shot by the army forces.

18- Yousef Shahoud, was killed in the indiscriminate shelling.

19- Ammad Shahoud, was killed in the indiscriminate shelling.

20- Bassel Kenan, was killed in the indiscriminate shelling.

21- Samir Farazat, was killed in the indiscriminate shelling.

22- [Abdullah Tahmaz](#), was [killed in the indiscriminate shelling](#).





- 23- Unidentified victim whose dead body was taken by the regime army.
- 24- Unidentified victim whose dead body was taken by the regime army.
- 25- Unidentified victim whose dead body was taken by the regime army.
- 26- Unidentified victim whose dead body was taken by the regime army.

Attachments

1- [Videos for the victims](#)

[Dead bodies](#) found [burned](#) after they were field-executed

Some dead bodies which were burned in one of the houses that were burned with everyone inside

2- [Videos showing the military aspects](#)

The neighborhood surrounded by the army with the support of BMP military vehicles. These forces were stationed at the cemetery so they would prevent the residents from burying the dead bodies

The [road blocked](#) by the army

[Random shooting](#) by the army members who were scattered throughout the neighborhood

[A house in the neighborhood](#) after it was burned and raided by the army members

3- [Videos showing the destruction](#)

Smoke rising from the neighborhood after the shelling

As a human rights organization that is concerned with defending human rights, we, at the Syrian Network for Human Rights, strongly condemn this horrifying massacre that is considered as a crime against humanity as well as all the massacres against the Syrian people. We hold the Syrian regime, in its entirety, and the commander-in-chief of the Syrian Armed Forces Bashar Al Assad directly and fully responsible for this massacre as well as all repercussions and retaliations to this crime. Furthermore, we hold Iran, Russia, and Hezbollah directly responsible for the killings as they continue to provide the Syrian regime with weaponry and finance. We urge the Security Council and the United Nations to take every possible step to protect the civilians in Syria and uphold their moral and legal responsibilities, and to accelerate the steps towards referring all those who were involved to the International Criminal Court.

