

Ethnic cleansing massacres against several families in one day in Al Sabeel neighborhood in Homs

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Shabiha (groups of pro-government armed militia) continued committing ethnic cleansing massacres in Homs Governorate with the support of the Security forces and army of the Syrian government, in order to displace the city residents, the people of Homs didn't forget the slaughtering and executions of complete families like 'Bahader' family and 'Al Ham-ad' that took place in Karm Al Zaitoun.

We point out that no less than 93 families in Homs lost one or two of its members on the hands of the Shabiha, snipers, or government shelling.

We point out that the massacres took place in the midst of a siege imposed by 67 government forces' checkpoint where the slaughtering, gunshots, and executions happen and the bodies left for days as it starts to decompose and disintegrate.

On July 2, 2012, the Shabiha and with no reason broke into the house of 'Atfa' family and killed the father and mother and the 3 children as 2 children were killed by knives then by gunshots as the whole family were killed

Names of the family that have been killed:

Walid Fares Atfa (the father)

Sabah Alwan (the mother- Walid Atfa's wife)

Zohour Atfa

Shrouq Atfa-11 years old

Israa Atfa- 15 years old

Al Zamel family:

The same method was repeated with another family from Al Sabeel neighborhood in Homs as a complete family was killed as they killed the Father and his 2 wives and all his kids:

Abdul Hakim Zamel- field execution by the Shabiha- July 2, 2012

Reem Beiraqdar- first wife of Abdul Hakim Zamel- field execution by the Shabiha- July 2, 2012

Hala Al Mehbani-second wife of Abdul Hakim Zamel- field execution by the Shabiha- July 2, 2012

Khalid Al Zamel- son of Abdul Hakim

The third family is Al Ghintawi family as the Shabiha killed them inside their house as member of the family survived –the child Osama- who told us about the horrific massacre his family suffered as he saw them slaughtered in front of his eyes.

The Shabiha executed the parents and 2 children; a boy and a girl

Nasser Al Ghintawi- field execution by Shabiha- July 2, 2012

Fatima Al Jabouli- field execution by Shabiha- July 2, 2012

Sua'ad Al Ghintawi- age 14- field execution by Shabiha- July 2, 2012

Omar Al Ghintawi- age 4- field execution by Shabiha- July 2, 2012

Due to the government forces ban if Internet and Communication and the prohibition of the media and the ban of SNHR from entering the neighborhoods, we couldn't get the videos until 10 days after the incident.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgKEr4JlnJk>

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The murders carried out by the Shabiha is an ethnic cleansing crime that the Syrian government, Security forces, and its Shabiha have full legal and humanitarian responsibility for committing this massacre.

And it is considered systematic and wide-spread as it has occurred tens of times and it is a crime against humanity as it has all aspects and evidences of the crime.