Arresting Number of Doctors and Relief Personnel by Government Forces

Simultaneously with the increasing rates of killing and destruction by government forces, the security and intelligence bodies is continuing its violations of human rights on a daily basis in all of its form including the arrest of doctors and aid personnel whose only crime was alleviating the suffering of the injured and displaced persons and saving them under the constant bombardment on all Syrian governments.

SNHR fears for the fate of Dr. Ghannam Arslan, and fears that he is subjected to torture and ill-treatment after he was arrested illegally by a patrol affiliated to the State Security branch in Homs city on 26/11/2012,

Dr. Ghannam Waleid Arslan, born in Homs 1975.

Has medicine certification in Damascus University 1987.

Has master degree (high studies) of skin diseases in Damascus University 2000.

The manager of Al Ber association hospital and social services, 1994-2003.

The general director of the hospital since 2003.

Has diploma in hospital administration from the administration Studies Institute 2006.

The skin magazine's editor that issued by Syrian Arab Association for dermatology 2007.

Former teacher at the University Hospitals affiliated to medicine school in Damascus university.

The same branch in the capital Damascus stormed the surgeon" Haitham Sa'ed" clinic that is located in Al Qasa' area and destroyed its contents, they warned him from doing anything to help the victims of the bombardment and the wounded in clashes. On 26/11/2012, the doctor disappeared as he was ambushed by the regime elements who asked him to come in order to treat wounded. His family saw him last time as he left his house to the clinic, but he had not arrived. SNHR received information suggests that he is in the internal branch of the State Security.







Haitham Sa'ed, born in Damascus 1955, from Bersheen village-Hama.

Has a medicine certification in France.

Specialist in General Surgery.

Married and has three children.

His family were unable to contact him or visit him.

Although Mohammad Mosa has a certification of veterinary medicine the regime elements stopped him on 21/11/2012 as he left his house to workplace near the agricultural bank in Al Heffeh city. They insulted him according to eyewitnesses and arrested him without any charge, the elements' curses indicated that his charge was treating injured armed opposition elements in the area. The doctor Mohammad Rafeiq Adel Mosa, born in 1976.

Lattakia- Al Heffeh.

Has a certification in veterinary medicine- Hama.

Married and has three children.

The regime didn't reveal his detention center and bans visiting him.

On 13/11/2012, the Air Intelligence arrested the youth Jalal Al Kobaisi who is concerned with aiding the IDPs whose houses were destroyed and they refuge to Al Insa'at school.

Mr. Jalal Al Kobaisi, born in Al Insha'at-Homs. A merchant and a member of a very well-known family. His family owns Saba Company of Ice cream industry.

The authorities didn't reveal his detention center and bans contacting with him.

As the authorities restrict who work on helping people and relief the injured, they arrested the manager Talal Al Yousefi from his house that is located in Mar Taqla neighborhood without a warrant, they didn't accuse him with any charge and didn't reveal his detention center.

The manger Talal Al Youfefi "Abu Rami", born in Latakia, a secritury of Al Ber for social services in Latakia city.





SNHR has documented the arrest of other doctors in the same month by security bodies:

Dr. Samer Romia- Yabrood- Damascus Suburbs.

Dr. Mai Al Jandali.

Dr. Ayham Ghazool- Damascus.

In addition to the arrest of three doctors in October, while the number of the detainees reached to 22 doctors in September.

SNHR condemns the government and public international organizations, particularly the Red Crescent and the Red Cross in addition to Doctors without Borders organization and demands of them that they take serious and clear attitude in regard to arresting doctors and aid personnel which are considered as violations of human rights.

SNHR deems these procedures a violation of the Syrian constitution and all obligations of the Syrian government to respect and support human rights pursuant to the international agreement and in regard to the case. These agreements are signed by the Syrian government. We also demand that the authorities release immediately all doctors and paramedics without any restrictions, and hold it fully responsible for their safety.





