



## The Documentation of Jasem city Massacre in Daraa Governorate

**The documenting party:** Syrian Networks for Human Rights

The location on the map:



On Thursday 21 February 2016, government artillery and rocket launchers bombed Jasem city suddenly, randomly and without any warning, the bombing was concentrated on civilians' houses which resulted in the killing of many woman and children.

SNHR team in Daraa was able to document the killing of 14 civilians including three children and three women in addition to the injuring of 30 others.

The names of massacre victims:

- 1- Itrad Mohammad Al Jabawi/ Daraa/ Jasem
- 2- Khaled Fakhri Al Tamr/Daraa/ Jasem

- 1- [Qasem Ali Al Mubarak](#)/Daraa/ Jasem
- 2- Feras Soltan Al Tamr/Daraa/ Jasem
- 3- Hayel Mahmoud Al Nsairat/ Daraa/ Jasem





- 4- Ayman Khaleel Mohammad Ali Al Jabawi/Daraa/ Jasem
- 5- The girl Khetam Nedal Dbais/ Daraa/ Jasem
- 6- Mrs. Walaa Mohammad Dbais/ Daraa/ Jasem
- 7- Mrs Noor Yousef Dbais/ Daraa/ Jasem
- 8- Unidentified girl from Dbais family/ Daraa/ Jasem
- 9- Unidentified female martyr from Dbais family/ Daraa/ Jasem
- 10- Feras Al Khateeb/ Daraa/ Jasem/ Pharmacist
- 11- Alaa Ali Omayra/ Daraa/ Jasem
- 12- The girl Lenora Adnan Ahmad Al Sa'idi, four-year-old/ Daraa/ Jasem

### **Attachments and appendixes:**

First: [video showing the victims of the bombardment](#):

Second: video showing the destruction due to the bombardment:

### **Conclusions:**

1. SNHR affirms that the bombardment on Jasem was indiscriminate and was directed against unarmed civilians. Thus, government forces and Al Shabiha have violated the international human rights law which protects the right to life in addition to being committed in non-International armed conflict so it mounts to war crime as all elements were fulfilled.
2. SNHR deems what happened in Jasem city, the murder crime, a crime against humanity because it is not the first case but it has been systematically repeated throughout all Syrian governorates in a widespread manner.
3. The indiscriminate attacks by government forces are violation of customary international humanitarian law where government forces launched several shells on populated areas and did not direct the attack to a specific military object.
4. Those attacks, particularly the bombardment, caused casualties, injures or damaged civilian objects. Moreover, there are strong indicators that the damaged was great compared with the military benefits.
5. The volume of the massacre in addition to its nature, the amount of power that was used, and the indiscriminate and coordinated nature of bombardment cannot be without high instructions and it's a state policy.





## **Recommendations:**

### **To the Syrian government:**

- 1- Stop all Human Rights violations immediately.
- 2- Respect its international commitments that includes the protection of civilians in the time of war, and respect the rules of international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

### **To Human Rights Council:**

- 1-Demand the Security Council and the concerned international institutions to shoulder their responsibilities in regard to what is happening to Syrian people like murder, arrest, rape, and displacement.
- 2- Press on the Syrian government to cease murder, torture and release all kidnapped persons.
- 3- Hold Syrian government's allies and supporters- Russia, Iran, and China- morally and materially responsible for what is happening to the children of Syria.
- 4- Give the disastrous situation of victims' families in Syria greater interest and seriousness.

### **To the Security Council:**

- 1- Adopt a resolution to refer all perpetrators and criminals to the International Criminal Court.
- 2- Warn the Syrian government about the ramifications of severe acts and systematic murder and send a clear message regarding this case.





### **To the Arab League:**

- 1- Ask the Human Rights Council and the United Nations to give the case of daily murder its due interest and follow-up.
- 2- Give the case the serious and great interest and follow-up, and try to provide psychological, material and educational care for the victims' families.
- 3- Apply pressure politically and diplomatically on the main Syrian regime allies- Russia, Iran and China- to ban them from providing the international and political cover and protection of all committed crimes against the Syrian people and to hold them morally and materially responsible for all Syrian government's violations.

### **To International Commission of Inquiry:**

- 1- To cease depicting the conflict as it is between two equal parties in crimes, power and central decision-making, and to describe the crime as it is without mitigation for political objects. It also has to increase its cadres that is concerned with the Syrian case due to the volume of the daily crimes which allow it for border and more comprehensive documentation.

