Statement on filing a complaint on an enforced disappearance case for the United Nations' Working Team



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The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR), founded in June 2011, is a non-governmental, independent group that is considered a primary source for the OHCHR on all death toll-related analyses in Syria.



Mrs. Ibtisam Jum'a

Enforced to Disappear since 2013

SNHR briefed the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary disappearances, of the case of the citizen "Ibtisam Jum'a" from al Rastan city in the northern suburbs of Homs governorate, age 53 at the time of her arrest and asked to request of the Syrian authorities to release her as she was arrested arbitrarily on June 30, 2013, as she was passing a checkpoint of Syrian regime forces near al Abbasiya Dispensary in Homs city. Since then, we had no information about her fate or whereabouts and her fate remains unknown for the Syrian Network for Human Rights as well as her family



Syrian authorities deny enforcing Mrs. Ibtisam Jum'a to disappear, SNHR were unable to determine her fate until now, as is her family, and they are afraid of detention and torture in the event of repeating questions about her, as happened with many similar cases.

SNHR demanded the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearance to intervene with the Syrian authorities for her immediate release, and the release of thousands of cases of enforced disappearances and the need to determine their fate.

And despite the fact that the Syrian government is not a party of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances, but in contrast Party on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant, and the Arab Charter on Human Rights, which enforced disappearances violates both provisions.

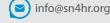
SNHR also confirmed fears of torture and possibly death under torture against enforced disappeared since 2011, and the numbers of enforced disappearances still mounting.















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