



Statement

Yahia Al Khalil Enforced to Disappear since 2013

SNHR briefed the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary disappearances, of the case of citizen Yahia Al Khalil from Deir Ba'alba neighborhood in Homs city, age 26 at the time, and asked to request of the Syrian authorities to release him, as he was arrested arbitrarily at a checkpoint in Al Ghouta neighborhood in Homs city by state security forces of the government forces in January 5 2013, he was taken to State Security Branch in Homs city he was later transferred to Branch 215 the General Administration of Military Intelligence in Kafrsousa neighborhood in Damascus city, his family had no news regarding his place of detention after that, his fate remain unknown for his family and the Syrian Network for Human Rights.



Syrian authorities deny enforcing Yahia Al Khalil to disappear, SNHR were unable to determine his fate until now, as is his family, and they are afraid of detention and torture in the event of repeating questions about him, as happened with many similar cases.

SNHR demanded the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearance to intervene with the Syrian authorities for his 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.

