



## The citizen Hani Al Khalil arbitrarily detained since 2012

SNHR briefed the UN Working Group on arbitrarily or Involuntary arrests, of the case of the citizen Hani Al Khalil from Wadi Al Hawarna neighborhood in Hama city, age 23 at the time of arrest, and asked to request of the Syrian authorities to release him, as he was arrested arbitrarily when the members of Air security forces of the government forces stormed his house and arrested him, on 2 August 2012, without a warrant that would allow them to do so, the members were in military and civilian outfits.

He was detained in the Air security branch and accused of the possession of weapon. Furthermore he was tortured physically and psychologically. He was taken to detention centers in Damascus city then to Sednaya military prison in Damascus suburbs. The Syrian authorities prohibited his family and his lawyer to visit him and they didn't subject him to trial.

Syrian authorities deny the arbitrarily arrest of the citizen Hani Al Khalil. SNHR and his family were unable to determine his fate until now. His family is afraid of detention and torture in case of repeating asking about him, as happened with many similar cases.

SNHR demanded the United Nations Committee on arbitrarily arrests to intervene with the Syrian authorities for his immediate release, and the release of thousands of cases of enforced to 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 Arbitrarily Arrests, but in contrast Party on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant, and the Arab Charter on Human Rights, which Arbitrarily Arrests violates both provisions.

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

