



## In Its 13th Day: 42 Breaches in the Ceasefire Agreement The Killing of 87 individuals and not less than 477 breaches since the ceasefire started

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### I. Introduction

SNHR sent documented reports regarding all the breaches and violations of Kofi Anan's 6 point plan in April, May and June 2012 to his office. This plan proved its fruitlessness since the Syrian regime continued to commit different kinds of massacres and crimes that amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity; as we previously documented.

We hope that the ceasefire will pave the way to a political change towards democracy. The previous 6 points plan was under the auspices of the UN, while this ceasefire is sponsored by Russian and the USA only. As it is known, Russia cannot take that part since it is a loyal ally to the Syrian regime and one of its supporters. Hence, we questioned this ceasefire and its outcomes. The Syrian regime has violated and breached several UNSC resolutions and it was not held accountable. What if Russia follows the same footsteps? And will it be held accountable?

*Fadel Abdul Ghani, head of SNHR, says:*

*"The international community, represented by the UNSC, knows exactly what it should do to end this circle of violence, however, it resorts to unproductive solutions. We need a political transition that would transform the ruling to a democratic one. We have previously said that after Geneva 1, the bloodshed is not going to end and state administrations will be doomed to failure. ISIL and Iranian militias are filling the space the corrupted Syrian government left. We are with any agreement or resolution that would end the cycle of violence and massacres in Syria."*





Concerning the statement itself, the Syrian regime and its Russian accomplice can strike regions under the control of armed opposition in northern of Syria under the pretext of the presence Al Nusra front, even if it is extremely limited, without breaching the ceasefire. After some experience with the oppressive Syrian regime, it will welcome any breach in the ceasefire agreement and wishes that its Russian ally would end the presence of its opponents. It appears to us that the Russians would not want to get more involved in the Syrian swamp and this ceasefire would just buy them some time to rethink their options. SNHR team documented these breaches as it is the bare minimum of what we were able to document according to our methodology. We interviewed eyewitnesses and verified the footages and images we received. This report documents all the breaches that were committed by all conflict parties since the ceasefire started.

Those strikes happened in regions under the control of armed opposition and in regions that are controlled by joint forces of Al Nusra front and the armed opposition groups. The report also does not include any military operations in regions under ISIL's control. Also it is worth noting that there are some regions that are still under siege like northern Homs suburbs.

## II. Executive Summary

This report depicts the breaches in the ceasefire agreement in its 10th day, 10 March 2016, as it reached 42 breaches which include military attacks and arrests. Some breaches happened during the past days but we include it in this report after we were able to verify it.

### 1. Military Attacks:

SNHR documented 22 breaches by government forces, detailed as follows:

Damascus suburbs: 6

Hama: 5

Homs: 1

Daraa: 5

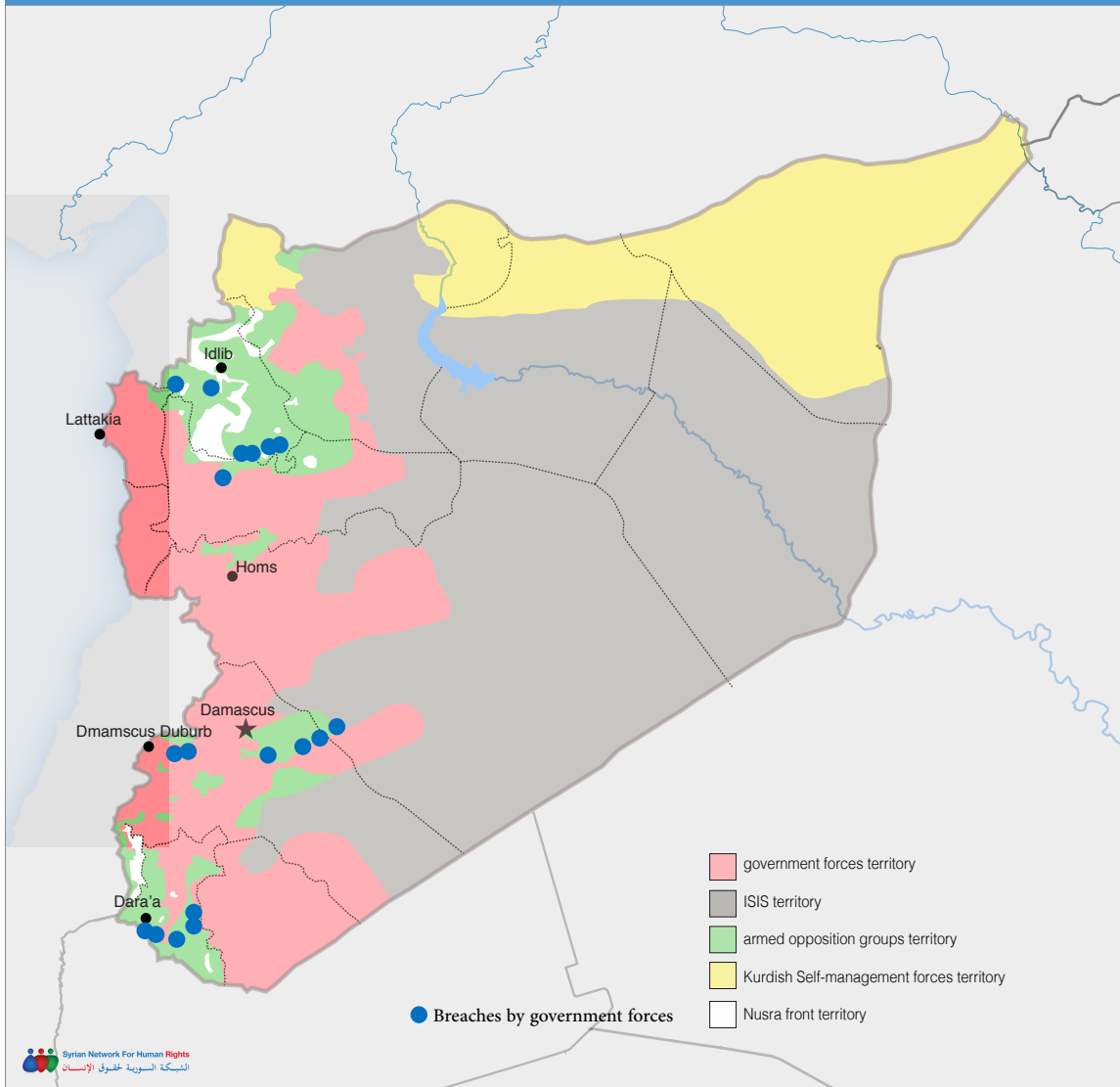
Idlib: 5

These government attacks killed 4 civilians including a child.





## Breaches by combat in 10 March 2016 the 13<sup>h</sup> day of the truce distributed as follow





## 2. Arrests:

SNHR documented the arrest of 20 individuals detailed as follows:

A. Government forces arrested 17 individuals:

4 were arrested in Damascus

3 in Damascus suburbs

3 in Aleppo

4 in Al Hassaka

2 in Lattakia

1 in Hama

B. Kurdish Self Management Forces arrested 3 individuals in Al Hassaka governorate.

## III. Details:

### A. Government forces:

- Daraya city: it is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

At 12:29 a.m. government forces used its machine guns against the northern front in Daraya city.

### - Khan Al Sheeh town:

At 8 a.m. government forces in Talat Al Kabouseyi town used its heavy machine guns on Khan Al Sheeh – Zakya road. The town is under the joint control of armed opposition and Al Nusra front. It is free of any ISIL presence.

- **Douma City – eastern Ghouta:** We recorded two breaches. The city is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL and Al Nusra front presence.

1st breach: government artillery forces launched several missiles on residential neighborhoods southern of Douma city.

2nd breach: government artillery forces targeted the civil defense team that was aiding injured people due to the shelling. Hence, a fire truck that belonged to the civil defense was burned. Four civilians were killed including a child and 15 others were injured. A vehicle that belonged to the civil defense was burned and 3 shops were damaged.





- **The road between Deir Mekren and Ofra in Wadi Barada towns:** we recorded two breaches by government forces. The two towns are under the joint control of armed opposition and Al Nusra front. It is free of any ISIL presence.

1st breach: at 5 p.m. government tanks launched two missiles that targeted the road between Deir Mekren and Ofra in Wadi Barada

2nd breach: at 5 p.m. government forces used its machine guns on the road between Deir Mekren and Ofra in Wadi Barada.

- **Idlib:**

**Al Ghasaneya town:**

Government warplanes launched two rockets that targeted the periphery of Al Ghasaneya town in western of Jisr Al Shoughour. The town is under the joint control of armed opposition and Al Nusra front. It is free of any ISIL presence.

**Al Bara town:**

At 1:55 p.m. government warplanes launched an airstrike on Al Bara town in Jabal Al Zaweya in Idlib. The town is under the joint control of armed opposition and Al Nusra front. It is free of any ISIL presence.

**Knasfara town:**

At 2 p.m. government warplanes launched an airstrike on the agricultural lands northern of Knasfara town in Jabal Al Zawiya. The town is under the joint control of armed opposition and Al Nusra front. It is free of any ISIL presence.

**Al Habeet town:** we recorded two breaches by government forces. The town is under the joint control of armed opposition and Al Nusra front. It is free of any ISIL presence.

1st and 2nd breaches: government artillery launched several missiles that targeted the farms northern and western of Al Habeet town.

- **Homs:**

**Um Sharshouh town:**

At 1 a.m. government artillery forces launched 4 artillery missiles on the armed opposition front in Um Sharshouh town.

The town is under the joint control of armed opposition and is free on any Al Nusra front or ISIL presence.





**- Daraa:**

**- Daraa Al Balad neighborhood:** government forces committed two breaches. The town is under the joint control of armed opposition and Al Nusra front. It is free of any ISIL presence.

1st breach: at 3:30 p.m. government artillery forces launched several artillery missiles on Daraa Al Balad neighborhood.

2nd breach: at 10 p.m. government artillery forces launched two missiles on the neighborhood.

**- Al Mensheye neighborhood:**

At 3:30 p.m. government forces used its machine guns on the periphery of Al Mansheya neighborhood in Daraa city that is under the control of armed opposition. It is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

**- Al Harak City:** we recorded two breaches. The town is under the control of armed opposition. It is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

1st breach: at 10:30 a.m. government artillery forces launched 6 missiles on a military building in Al Haraka city in Daraa.

2nd breach: at 10:45 a.m. government artillery forces launched 6 missiles on the same building.

**- Hama:**

Al Shareaa' town: we recorded two breaches by government forces. The town is under the control of armed opposition. It is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

1st and 2nd breaches: at 7:30 p.m. government artillery forces launched several missiles on Al Shareaa' neighborhood in Hama. At the same time, government forces used its machine guns and targeted the town.

**- Al Madeeq Citadel:**

At 7:30 p.m. government artillery forces launched several missiles on Al Madeeq Citadel. The town is under the control of armed opposition. It is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

**- Kafr Nabouda town:** we recorded two breaches by government forces. The town is under the control of armed opposition. It is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

1st breach: at 12:40 p.m. government warplanes launched 4 rockets on an armed opposi-





tion front in Kafr Nabdoua.

A [video](#) that depicts the shelling on the town

2nd breach: at 11: 20 a.m. government tanks shelled an armed opposition front in the town.

A [video](#) that depicts the government tank shelling on Kafr Nabdoua town

## Recommendations:

- We ask the joint American and Russian committee to investigate these incidents, announce its results to the Syrian people and prevent it from happening again.
- We demand the international community to correlate the ceasefire with political efforts that would pave the way towards a transitional stage that would result in a democratic regime, which will end the suffering of the Syrian people.

If breaches are still being committed, then this fragile ceasefire may fail at any moment. Since USA is a major advocate for this agreement, then it should persuade the Russian government to cease its airstrikes and pressure its ally the Syrian government to do so.

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