In Its 14th Day: 39 Breaches in the Ceasefire Agreement The Killing of 99 individuals and not less than 516 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 14th day, 11 March 2016, as it reached 39 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:

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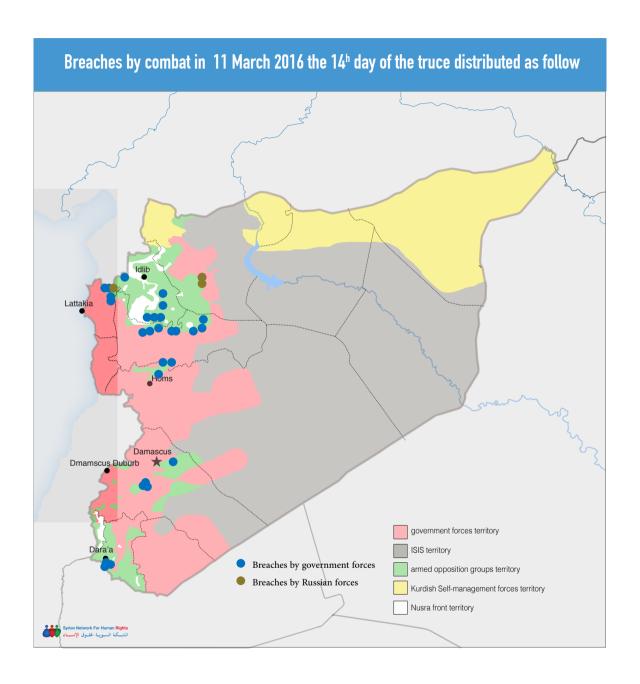
SNHR documented 31 breaches in total detailed as follows according to the main conflict parties:

- A. Government forces: committed 28 breaches detailed as follows according to the Syrian governorates:
- 4 in Damascus suburbs
- 9 in Hama
- 2 Homs
- 3 Daraa
- 6 in Idlib
- 4 in Lattakia
- B. Russian Forces: we recorded 3 breaches detailed as follows:
- 2 in Aleppo
- 1 in Lattakia















- These attacks killed 12 individuals:
 - i. 11 civilians including 2 children and 4 women
 - ii. 1 armed opposition member
- Victims' distribution according to the main conflict parties:
 - i. Government forces: killed 2 civilians including a woman
 - i. Russian forces killed:
- 9 including 2 children and 3 women
- 1 armed opposition member

2. Arrests:

SNHR documented the arrest of 8 individuals at the hands of government forces detailed as follows:

- Damascus: 3

- Damascus suburbs: 2

Lattakia: 1Hama: 1Homs: 1

II. Details:

1. Military Attacks:

A. Government forces:

- Damascus suburbs:
- Daraya City: we recorded 3 breaches that were committed by government forces. The city is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

Details of the three breaches: at 1:20 p.m., 8:23 p.m., and 11:30 p.m., government forces used its machine guns to target the northern front in Daraya city.

- Sawa town: At 12:05 p.m. government artillery forces launched a missile that targeted a residential neighborhood in Beit Sawa town which killed a woman and injured others.







- Idlib:

Al Habeet Town: we recorded three breaches that were committed 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 breach: at 6:25 p.m. government helicopters dropped a barrel bomb that fell on Al Habeet 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.

2nd breach: at 7:30 p.m. government artillery forces launched several missiles on Al Habeet town in Jabal Al Zawiyah.

3rd breach: at 8:25 p.m. government warplanes launched several missiles on Al Habeet town in Jabal Al Zawiya.

- Sfuhen town:

At 7:30 p.m. government artillery in Jureen camp launched several missiles on Sfuhen town in Jabal Al Zawiya. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of Al Nusra front or ISIL presence.

- Northern of Shehshbo Mountain:

At 7:30 p.m. government forces in Jureen camp launched several missiles on the lands northern of Shahshbo Mountain next to Flayfel town. The town is under the joint control of armed opposition and Al Nusra front. It is free of any ISIL presence.

- Badama town:

At 8:30 p.m. government forces in Jureen camp launched several rockets the southern front of Badama town which injured a civil defense member. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front,.

- Homs:

- Um Sharhouh town:

At 9:30 p.m government artillery forces launched 3 artillery missiles on the armed opposition front in Um Sharshouh town. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.





- Al Houla City:

At 2:30 a.m. government artillery forces launched a missile on the agricultural region in Al Houla city. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

- Daraa:

- Daraa Al Balad neighborhood: we recorded 3 breaches that were committed by government forces. The neighborhood is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence,

Details of the three breaches: at 12:30 p.m., 12:35 p.m, and 2:45 p.m., government artillery launched several mortar and artillery missiles on Daraa Al Balad neighborhood which killed one civilian and damaged Al Arbae'en mosque.

- Hama:

- Al Arba'en town:

At nearly 5 p.m. government helicopters dropped 5 explosive cylinders on an armed opposition front in Al Arba'en town in Hama. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

- Kadeeb Al Ban Town:

At 5 p.m. Government helicopters dropped several explosive cylinders on an armed opposition front in the town. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

- Al Madeeq Citadel:

At 3 p.m. government artillery forces launched several artillery missiles on Al Madeeq Citadel. The town is under the control of armed opposition and 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 and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence. Details of the two breaches: at 5 p.m. government warplanes launched two rockets on agricultural lands in the town. At the same time, government helicopters dropped two barrel bombs on the agricultural lands in the town.





- Al Hawash town:

At 7 p.m. Government artillery launched two artillery missiles on the residential regions in the tow. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

- Al Haweeja town:

At 4 p.m. a government tank launched 6 missiles on a residential region in the town. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

- Al Sakher region:

At 12 p.m. a government tank launched a missile on an armed opposition front in Al Sakher region in northern Hama suburbs. As a result, two armed opposition members were injured. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

- Al Jesyat town:

At 12:30 p.m. government tanks launched several missiles on the Al Jesyat town in Hama. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

- Lattakia:

- Talet Kalaa' region: We recorded two breaches by government forces. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

Details:

- First Government artillery forces and then its rocket launchers launched several mortar missiles and rockets on an armed opposition front in the town in the Kurds Mountain in Lattakia.
- Al Tefaheya town: we recorded two breaches by government forces. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence. Details: First Government artillery forces and then its rocket launchers launched several mortar missiles and rockets on a residential region in Al Tefaheya town in Lattakia.





A. Russian Forces:

Aleppo:

Al Salheen neighborhood:

Alleged Russian warplanes launched several rockets on the residential buildings in Al Salheen neighborhood in Aleppo city which killed 7 civilians including 2 children and 2 women. Several buildings were destroyed.



Victims' names:

<u>Videos</u> that document <u>the shelling aftermath on the neighborhood</u> due to the alleged Russian shelling

- Kafr Naha town:

Alleged Russian warplanes launched several rockets on Kafr Naha town western of Aleppo suburbs which killed 2 civilians, including a woman. 4 others were injured. The town is under the control of armed opposition.

Victims' names:

Anas Ahmad Al Khateen

Fatima Al Khateeb (Anas's mother)

- Lattakia:

- Al Tefaheya town:

Al Tefaheya town was shelled with ballistic missiles that were aimed at an armed opposition front. Its source is thought to be the Russian warships. As a result, one of the armed opposition members was killed and 2 were injured.

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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