



## In Its 8th Day: 36 Breaches in the Ceasefire Agreement The Killing of 62 individuals and not less than 289 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 8th day, 5March 2016, as it reached 36 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 23 breaches that were committed by government forces. Details:

Damascus suburbs: 14

Idlib: 1

Lattakia: 1

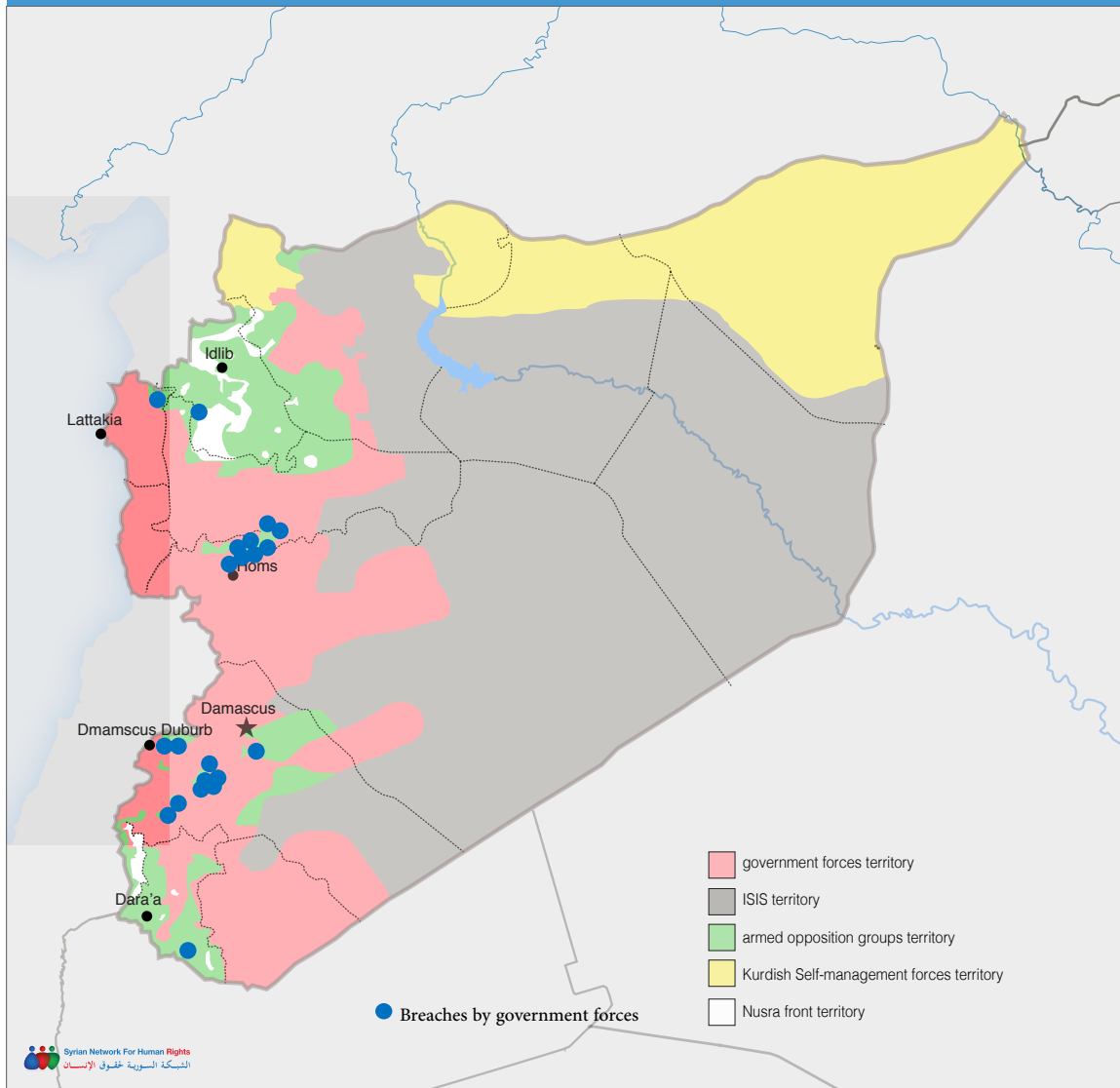
Daraa: 1

Homs: 6





## Breaches by combat in 6 March 2016 the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the truce distributed as follow





These attacks killed 7 individuals at the hands of government forces:

- A child
- 6 armed opposition members

## **2. Arrests:**

SNHR documented the arrest 13 individuals which constitutes a breach in the cease-fire:

- Government Forces arrested 10 individuals including a child. Details:

Damascus: 2

Hama: 2

Damascus suburbs: 3

Lattakia: 1

Deir Al Zour: 2

- Kurdish Self Management Forces arrested 3 individuals. Details:

Al Hassaka: 2

Aleppo: 1

## **III- Report Details:**

### **1. Military Attacks:**

#### **A. Government Forces:**

##### **- Idlib:**

##### **- Jirjinaz town:**

At 10:30 a.m. government helicopters launched a rocket that targeted the eastern neighborhood in Jirjinaz town which caused simple material damages to the street in the town that is under the joint control of armed opposition and Al Nusra front.

An [image](#) that depicts the shelling aftermath [on Jirjinaz town](#)

##### **- Damascus suburbs:**

- **Harasta city- eastern Ghouta:** we recorded 5 breaches that were committed by government forces Harasta city that is under the control of armed opposition. The town is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

1st breach: at 10 a.m. government forces' members bombed one of the buildings in





Al Ajami neighborhood in Harasta city after they planted explosives in a tunnel that connects the building to the vehicles administration in the city.

2nd breach: at 10:15 a.m. government artillery forces launched several mortar missiles on a building in Al Ajami neighborhood that was previously bombed which killed 2 armed opposition members.

3rd breach: on 3 March 2016: at 9:30 a.m government artillery forces launched 2 missiles on Al Ajami neighborhood that is next to the military vehicles administration.

4th breach: on 1 March 2016: at 8 p.m. government forces targeted the building that is next to the military vehicles building in the neighborhood with a surface – to – surface missiles.

5th breach: on 30 Feb 2016: at 9:50 p.m. government forces targeted Al Khoms region in Harasta city, an agricultural land, with a surface to surface missile.

- **Siqba City – eastern Ghouta:** on 4 March 2016: Government forces targeted the vicinity of Siqba city in the middle of eastern Ghouta with heavy artillery which killed a child, Raghad Sharar. The town is under the control of armed opposition and Al Nusra front. It is free of any ISIL presence.

- **Madaya:**

We recorded two breaches by government forces in regions under the control of opposition groups. It is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

1st breach: at 9: 30 p.m. Shiite militias shot at Madaya town from the municipality checkpoint that is 300 meters away from it. The militias which control the checkpoint belong to Hezbollah militia.

2nd breach: at 9:30 p.m. Shiite militias shot at Madaya town from Al Ouzi checkpoint that is 500 meters away from it. The militias which control the checkpoint belong to Hezbollah militia.

- **Khan Al Sheeh town:** is under the joint control of armed opposition and Al Nusra members

At 10:15 p.m. government forces in Talat Al Kabouseya town targeted with heavy machinery Al Sa'eed Street northern on Khan Al Sheeh camp.





**- Daraya City – western Ghouta:**

5 breaches were recorded: On 1 p.m., 3: 50, 5:05, and 6:15 p.m. government forces targeted Daraya city with its machine guns and targeted the southern, northern, and western fronts.

The fifth breach: on 4 March 2016, government forces shot at the northern front in Daraya city which killed an armed opposition member.

**- Lattakia:**

**- Kibbana town:**

At 12:07 p.m. government forces launched its heavy machines and targeted an armed opposition front. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front members.

**- Homs:**

Al Houla city: we recorded two breaches. The town is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front members.

1st breach: at 5:50 p.m. government forces launched its machine guns on Al Douwar neighborhood in Al Houla city.

2nd breach: government forces launched its machine guns on the residential neighborhoods in Al Houla city.

**- The road between the cities of Al Houla, Rastan and Talbisa:**

At 8:15 p.m. government forces in Ruky at Al Zara targeted with machine guns the road between Talbisa, Rastan and Houla cities. The region is under the control of armed opposition and free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front members.

**- Kebseen 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 members.

At 9 p.m. government forces launched 3 artillery missiles on an armed opposition front in Keyseen town in Homs.

At 9 p.m. government forces used its heavy machinery on an armed opposition front in Keyseen town in Homs which killed 3 members from the armed opposition and the injury of another.





#### **- Taldo region: on 4 March 2016**

Government forces launched its machine guns on Al Hurryi roundabout in Taldo region in Homs that is under the control of armed opposition. The town is free of any ISIL or Al Nusra front presence.

#### **- Daraa:**

##### **- Daraa Al Balad neighborhood:**

At 11: 02 p.m. government artillery forces launched 3 missiles on Daraa Al Balad neighborhood which injured 5 civilians and damaged 3 houses.

## **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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