



Medics Killed in June 2015 10

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I. Executive Summary:

SNHR's high standards for documentation are based on collecting direct testimonies from survivors or victims' families in addition to analyzing and verifying photos, video footages, and some medical records. However, we can't claim that we've documented all the incidents in light of the ban and pursuit by the Syrian regime and other armed groups.

To read more about the methodology of SNHR in documenting victims, please visit the following [URL](#).

The consistent bombing and targeting of medical facilities and medical teams since 2011 by the different conflict parties indicates a systematic policy that only aims to kill more victims and deepens the suffering of the injured civilians and rebels. SNHR documented the death of 10 medics in June 2015, incidents are detailed as follow:

A. Government Forces (army, security forces, local militias, and foreign Shitte militias) killed 4 medics, detailed as follow: two doctors [one of them died under torture in one the detention centers], a paramedic, and a Red Crescent female volunteer.

B. ISIS (known as Daesh in Arabic) killed 3 medics, detailed as follows: two doctors and a nurse.

C. Armed Opposition Groups killed 2 medics; a doctor and a pharmacist.

D. PYD Forces killed a nurse.





II. Incidents' Details:

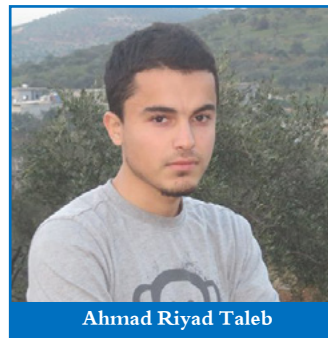
Government Forces:

Mahmoud Mohamad Kassem Al Mafa'alni, a doctor from Nahta town in Daraa was arrested by government forces nearly three and a half years ago. On 16 June 2015, we learned from his family that he died under torture in one of the government detention centers.



Rafee' Al Farouh

Rafee' Faisal Al Farouh, a doctor from Al Hara City in Daraa, was 33 years old when he died of his wounds on 8 June 2015 in one Jordan's hospitals. He was injured due to an explosion of one of the cluster bomb remnants dropped by government aviation on Al Hara City.



Ahmad Riyad Taleb

Ahmad Riyad Taleb, a paramedic from Byanoun City in Aleppo, was 19 years old when he died on 21 June 2015, due to government tank shelling on a building where armed opposition groups were treating the wounded, on Bashakoy frontier in Aleppo.



Hanan Mohammed Al Hassan

Hanan Mohamad Al Hassan, a volunteer in the Syrian Red Crescent from Daraa, was 28 years old when on 25 June 2015 died due to mortar missile shrapnel that was shelled by the government artillery on Al Sabeel neighborhood in Daraa.

ISIS (known as Daesh in Arabic):

Zouzan Mahmoud, from Ein Al Arab City (Kobani) in Aleppo, died on 14 June 2015 after ISIS bombed a car next to a PYD Force military site.



Zouzan Mahmoud

Elias Nissan, a doctor from Hasaka governorate, died on 27 June 2015 when ISIS stormed Ein Arab region and accused him of supporting the Syrian regime. They shot him to death.





Yaseen Kadrou, a doctor from Al Hasaka governorate, died on 27 June 2015 after ISIS stormed his house in Al Nashwa neighborhood in Hassak City and shot him dead since they accused him of being a gynecologist.

Armed Opposition Groups:

Raed Sultan, from Sheikh Taha in Aleppo, died of his wounds on 20 June 2015 when he was injured with artillery shrapnel that was shelled on his house on 15 June 2015. Investigations revealed that the missile came from an armed opposition group controlled area.

Rajaa Mohamad Ra'ad, a pharmacist, from Barzi neighborhood in Damascus, died on 30 June 2015 after a mortar missile was shelled on the neighborhood from an artillery canon centered in an armed opposition group controlled area.

PYD Forces:

[Bassam Al Assaf](#), a nurse from Sefyan Habbib neighborhood in Raqqa, who worked in Tal Abyad hospital, was 24 years old when on 15 June 2015 was abducted by PYD Forces on Ein Arous checkpoint. He was accused of being an ISIS member, thereby shot. His body was found in a region near Al Zaybakiyi town on 24 June 2015.

III. Conclusions and recommendations

The Syrian government has blatantly violated both the International Humanitarian Law and the norms of the Humanitarian law; particularly Article 3 of Geneva Conventions and the international humanitarian law and committed crimes that can be openly classified as war crimes when it targeted medics as well as crimes against humanity through these numerous acts of killing.

The employment of weapons in indiscriminate bombing is an explicit violation of the international humanitarian law. All the armed opposition factions should immediately stop these practices.





The Security Council

The Security Council should uphold its legal and moral responsibilities in respect to what happening in Syria instead of only watching the daily bloodbath only becoming bigger.

Russia and China should stop protecting the Syrian regime after it was proven that it has perpetrated war crime and crimes against humanity. Also, the International Community should take further steps to protect the lives of the Syrian people if Russia and China didn't change their positions.

Medical organizations around the world

There is a severe shortage in the medical teams in Syria because of the ceaseless killing of Syrian doctors which should be properly addressed. Also, these organization can send volunteers to safe areas where wounded are sent for treatment. We have recorded many cases where wounded died due to lack of medical capabilities.

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