



The Killing of 16 Medical and Civil Defense Cadres in April 2016 The attack on the medical and the Civil Defense cadres continues despite the cessation of hostilities agreement

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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, medical and civil defense facilities and 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.

Since the start of the cessation of hostilities agreement, various Syrian governorates witnessed a remarkable and well relative decline, compared with the previous months since March 2011, talking mainly under the control of armed opposition areas; because the rest of the control zones are controlled by the Kurdish Democratic Union Party and the areas of the Syrian regime's control shall not be subjected to daily aerial bombardment, which is considered the main culprit in the killing of at least 60% of the victims, and the destruction of buildings and the displacement of its citizens. However; despite all this, the





violations did not stop and, in particular targeting biomedical centers and its cadres by the Syrian regime and its allies.

After one day of the declaration of the Supreme Commission for negotiations to postpone its participation in the Geneva talks on 19 April, the governmental and Russian forces resumed bombardment of areas beyond the control of the Syrian regime to return the pace of killings to what it was before the cessation of hostilities agreement.

SNHR documented the killing of 16 medical personnel and civil defense Cadres in April 2016, incidents are detailed as follow:

A. Government Forces (army, security forces, local militias, and foreign Shiite militias) killed 8 medical personnel and civil defense cadres, detailed as follows:

- a doctor
- 5 civil defense members
- a volunteer in the Syrian Red Crescent
- one medical cadres

B. Russian forces: killed 6 medical staffers, detailed as follows:

- Two doctors
- 2 females nurses
- 5 volunteers in the Syrian Red Crescent
- 1 medical Cadres

C. Armed Opposition Factions: killed 2 medical cadres, detailed as follows:

- A doctor
- One medical staffer

II. Incidents' Details:

A. Government forces:

[Hassan Mohamed Al-A'raj](#), internal heart doctor, from Kafr Zeita Hama governorate, born in 1970, married and has children. He is the principal of the American Syrian Medical Center and the Director of Sahhat Hama Al Horra Administration in addition to Kafr Zeita Specialist Hospital. He died on Wednesday, 13 April 2016 because of the bombardment of shelled missile by the regime's warplanes on his car in front of Central Al Maghara Hospital near the town of Kafr Zeita.





[Ahmad Jaber Kaser](#), a volunteer in the Red Crescent; Syrian citizen from the city of Al Dhmeir in the governorate of Damascus countryside, married and has children, died on Monday 18 April 2016 as a result of government artillery shelling on Al Dhmeir City.

Ramadan, known as Abu Ahmad Jaweih (not dubbed for security reasons), he is an ambulance driver, from Aleppo, a 40-year-old, married with 5 children, works with ambulances and emergencies, died on Friday, 22 April 2016 because of the government artillery shelling at the district of Bab Al Neirab in the city of Aleppo, controlled by the opposition armed factions, while aiding injured due to earlier bombardment.

[Hussein Ismail Orabi](#), a civil defense member in the city of Al Atarib, Aleppo suburb, from Al Jenah Aleppo suburb, born in 1983, earned elementary degree, married and has children, died on Tuesday, 26 April 2016 because government artillery shelling at the civil defense center in Al Atarib City.

[Khaled Bashar al-Khatib](#), one of the civil defense members in the city of Al Atarib, Aleppo suburb, from Jenah, Aleppo suburb, born in 1994, earned a degree from Nursing Institute, unmarried, died on Tuesday, 26 April 2016 because of government artillery shelling at the civil defense center in Al Atarib City.

[Hamdo Haj Ibrahim](#), one of civil defense members of city of Al Atarib, Aleppo suburb, from Khan Al Asal town, Aleppo suburb, born in 1989, earns a primary education certificate, married and has children, died on Tuesday, 26 April 2016 because of government artillery shelling at the civil defense center in Al Atarib City.

[Ahmed Tarik Abdullah](#), one of civil defense members city of Al Atarib, Aleppo suburb, from gene Aleppo suburb , born in 1983, the sum of the Secondary School Certificate, married and has children, died on Tuesday, 26 April 2016 because of government artillery shelling at the civil defense center in Al Atarib City.





[Ahmed Mahmoud Taher](#), one of civil defense members of city of Al Atarib, Aleppo suburb, from Jenah town, Aleppo suburb, born in 1979, earns the Secondary School degree, married and has children, died on Tuesday, 26 April 2016 because of government artillery shelling at the civil defense center in Al Atarib City.

B: Russian forces:

Batoul Aloush, a nurse, from Al Thakana Neighborhood, Raqqa, works in Modern Medical Hospital in the city of Raqqah, a 28-year-old, married, has two children, died on Sunday 10 April 2016 due to alleged Russian shelling against the hospital.

[Mohammad Wassim Khaled Mouaz](#), pediatrician, from the city of Aleppo, born in 1980, single, works in the pediatric department at Basil Aslan Field Hospital (Jerusalem) in Al Sokkari district in the city of Aleppo, [died](#) on Wednesday, 27 April 2016 due to alleged Russian shelling against the hospital



[Ahmed Mohammed Yassin](#), dentists, from Aleppo, born in 1988, single, works in the dental department of Basil Aslan Field Hospital (Jerusalem) in the district of Al Sokkari in Aleppo city, controlled by the Syrian opposition factions, died on Wednesday, 27 April 2016 due to alleged Russian shelling against the hospital.

Ismail Ahmad Hussein, responsible for the maintenance section in Basel Aslan Field Hospital (Jerusalem) in Al Sokkari district in the city of Aleppo, from Aleppo, born in 1993, earns Secondary School Certificate, unmarried, died on Wednesday, 27 April 2016 due to alleged Russian shelling against the hospital.

Ahmed Mohammed Tabchu dubbed Abu Mohammad Al Haras; one of the guards of the hospital Basil Aslan Field Hospital (Jerusalem) in Al Sokkari district in the city of Aleppo, from Aleppo, born in 1976, holds primary certificate, married and has children, died on Wednesday, 27 April 2016 due to alleged Russian shelling against the hospital.





Safaa Dib Al Kassoum, a nurse, from the city of Kurnaz suburb of Hama province, works in a hospital in Basel Aslan Field Hospital (Jerusalem) in Al Sokkari district in the city of Aleppo, died on Wednesday, 27 April 2016 due to alleged Russian shelling against the hospital.

V: opposition armed factions:

[Khaled Eskif](#), one of medical cadres, from the city of Aleppo, born in 1995. He works in al-Daqaq hospital, earns the High School degree. On Tuesday, 13 April 2016, the Turkmen Front related to opposition armed faction groups in Aleppo kidnapped Khaled in front of Al Hakim hospital on the charge of dealing with the Kurdish Self Management Forces. They reaffirmed his body after several hours and [he](#) was [subjected to severe torture](#).

[Mohammed Waleed Qablawi](#), a doctor, from Aleppo, born in 1976, married and has 4 children, works at a private clinic, died on Monday 25 April 2016 as a result of the fall of several fired propelled grenade rockets on Al Zahraa association in the city of Aleppo, originating from centralized in Al Rashideen district under the control of armed opposition factions.

III. Conclusions and recommendations

The Syrian and Russian governments and ISIL have 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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