Seven Medics were Killed in February 2015

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First: 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 shelling 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 in the month of February the killing of seven medics as follows:

- A. Government forces: killed six medics:
- Two nurses
- Four medical staff members including a woman.
- B. Armed opposition: killed a female nurse

Second: Details

A. Government forces

- 1- Abdurrahim Shoushan, nurse, from Idlib, was a member of the medical teams in Latakia suburbs hospitals. He was killed on Saturday 31 January, 2015 by government forces while he was aiding victims during the clashes that took place in Jabal Al-Arba'ien.
- 2- Abdussalam Tabashou, ambulance driver, from Aleppo, he was killed on Thursday 5 February, 2015 by government forces helicopters that dropped a barrel bomb on B'ieden circle in Aleppo Al-Halk neighborhood.







- 3- Bushra Subhiya, volunteer for SARC, from Damascus suburbs Douma city, 19-year-old, worked at Bukra Ahla project (Tomorrow will be Better) which aims to help kids psychologically, she was killed on Thursday 5 February, 2015 by government forces warplanes that targeted its residence.
- 4- Omar Al-Amouri, paramedic, from Idlib, a member of the medical staff of Orient hospital in Idlib Al-Qniya, she was killed on Friday 6 February, 2015 by government forces warplanes that targeted the hospital with a missile.
- 5- Emad Ad-Din Majid, nurse, from Damascus suburbs – Douma city, killed on Sunday 8 February, 2015, as he was going to his work, by government forces' rocket shelling of the city.
- 6- A.N (We haven't been able to identify his name), paramedic, he was killed on 26 February, 2015 by government forces warplanes that targeted a field ambulance that worked for one of the extremist groups (An-Nussra Front) at At-Tawwama intersection in Idlib.





B. Armed opposition factions

1- Fatima Khair Biek, female nurse, from Latakia – Qerdaha city, she was killed on Saturday 21 February, 2015 in a car bombing in Al-Qerdaha hospital garage. An armed opposition faction was behind the car bombing.

Third: Conclusions and recommendations

The Syrian government has blatantly violated both the International Humanitarian Law and the norms of the 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 Security Council

The Security Council should shoulder 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.







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