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## Mohammad Al-Qaiyem Enforced to Disappear since 2013

SNHR briefed the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary disappearances, of the issue of citizen Mohammad Mahmoud Al-Qaiyem of Homs, Tadmur, then age 22, and asked to request of the Syrian authorities to release him, where he was arrested arbitrarily by Al-Mazra'a checkpoint of the government forces in Homs when he was passing it on August 2013, without showing a warrant entitles them to arrest him. Mohammad Al-Qaiyem couldn't take any



steps to know where Mohammad is due to their dear of security forces pursuit, arrest, or blackmailing.

Since the date of his disappearance his family had no news on where he is, up till the date of informing the United Nation Rapporteur on April 20, 2015 his fate is yet unknown.

Syrian authorities deny enforcing student Mohammad Mahmoud Al-Qaiyem to disappear, SNHR were unable to determine his fate until now, as is his family, and they are afraid of detention and torture in the event of repeating questions about him, as happened with many similar cases.

SNHR demanded the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearance to intervene with the Syrian authorities for the immediate release of him, and the release of thousands of cases of enforced disappearances and the need to determine their fate.

And despite the fact that the Syrian government is not a party of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances, but in contrast Party on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant, and the Arab Charter on Human Rights, which enforced disappearances violates both provisions.

SNHR also confirmed fears of torture and possibly death under torture against enforced disappeared since 2011, and the numbers of enforced disappearances still mounting.



