

Statement

Most Notable Violations in November 2017

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The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR), founded in June 2011, is a non-governmental, independent group that is considered a primary source for the OHCHR on all death toll-related analyses in Syria.



As usual with the start of every month, SNHR has released eight reports at the start of December 2017, documenting the most notable violations that were perpetrated by the seven main parties to the conflict in Syria in November 2017 - civilian death toll, most notable violations against media activists, deaths due to torture, most notable violations against medical and civil defense personnel and their respective facilities, toll of arbitrary arrests, most notable massacres, barrel bombs use, and most notable incidents of attack on vital civilian facilities.

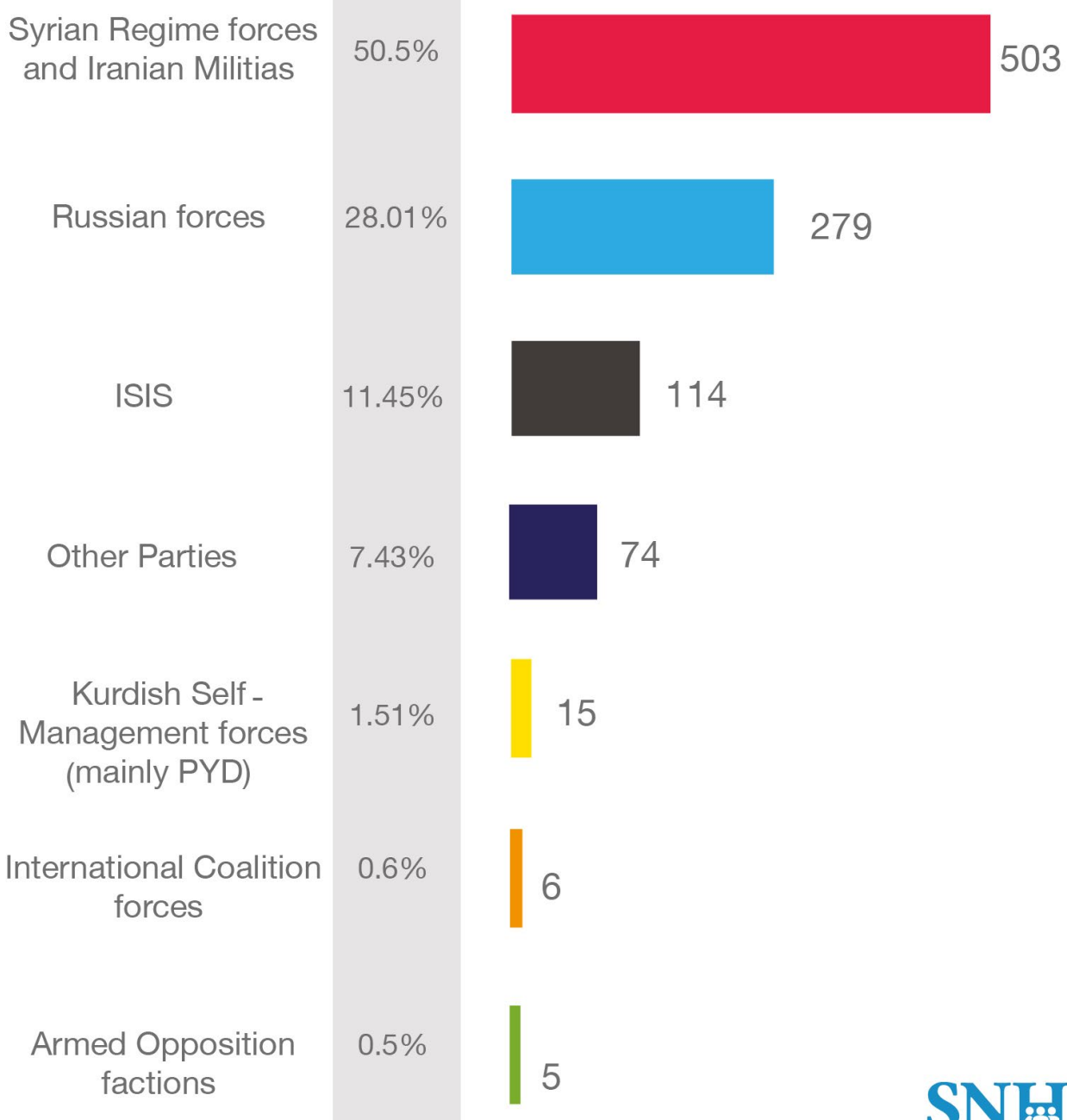
These monthly reports try to assess the impact the de-escalation agreements, such as Ankara and Astana, had, in addition to the local agreements, and their success in ceasing violations.

These reports draw upon the daily documentation efforts during November, where SNHR, through its scattered members throughout the Syrian region, monitors violations by all of the parties to the conflict, and publishes most notable news, before releasing a preliminary death toll at the end of each day. For more information, please see our [documentation and archiving methodology](#).



The report entitled: [“996 Civilians Killed in November 2017”](#), records that killing civilians continued this month at the same rate despite Ankara Ceasefire Agreement and the de-escalation agreements that followed. Syrian-Russian alliance topped all parties for the third month in a row by killing 882 civilians. Deir Ez-Zour governorate saw the most killings by the Syrian-Russian alliance with 295 civilians, followed by Damascus and its suburbs, with 231 civilians, while ISIS’s killings were concentrated in Raqqa governorate with 60 civilians out of the 114 civilians killed by the group this month as ISIS was only topped by the Syrian-Russian alliance. Deir Ez-Zour governorate saw the second-most killings by ISIS with 46 civilians.

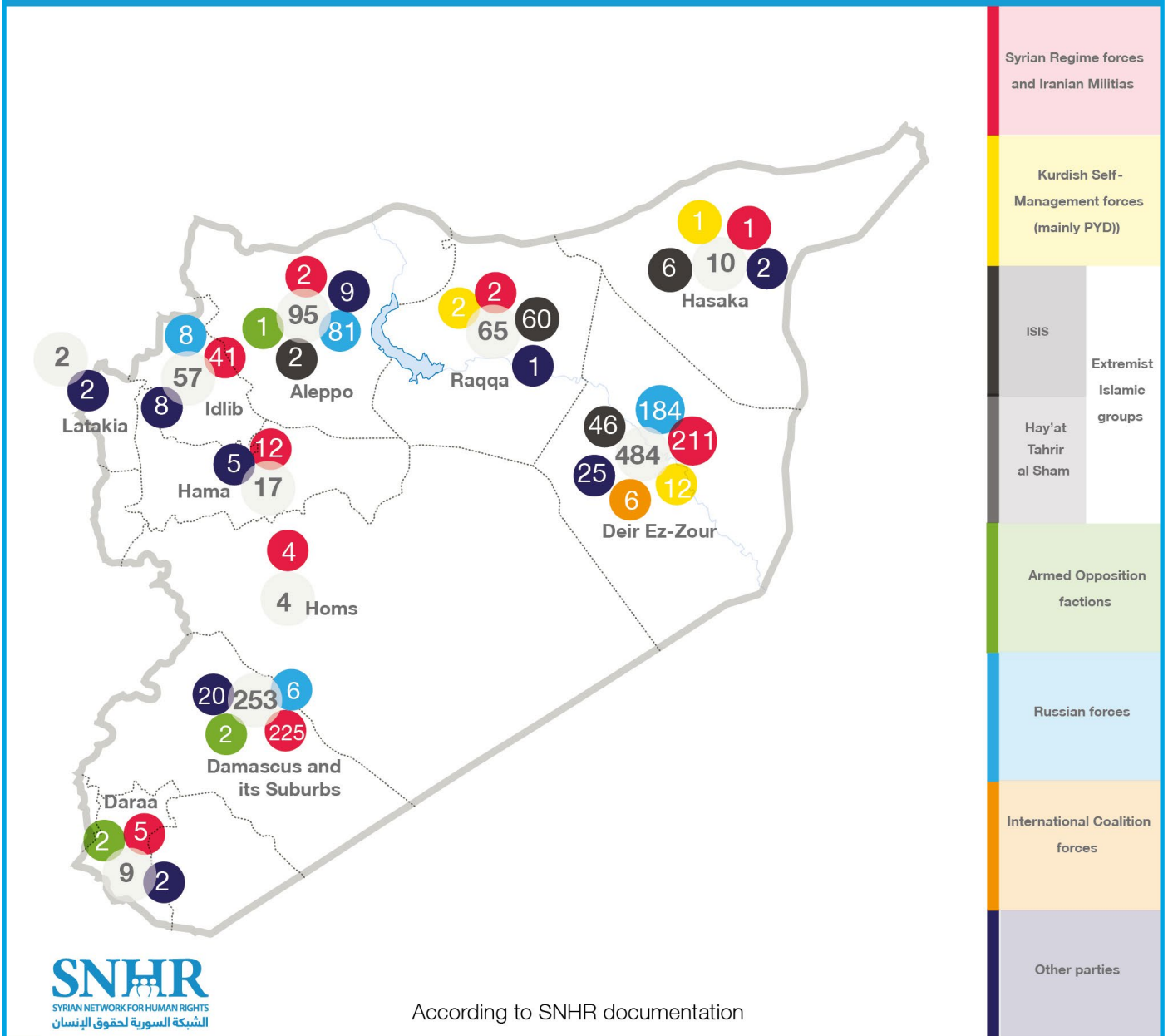
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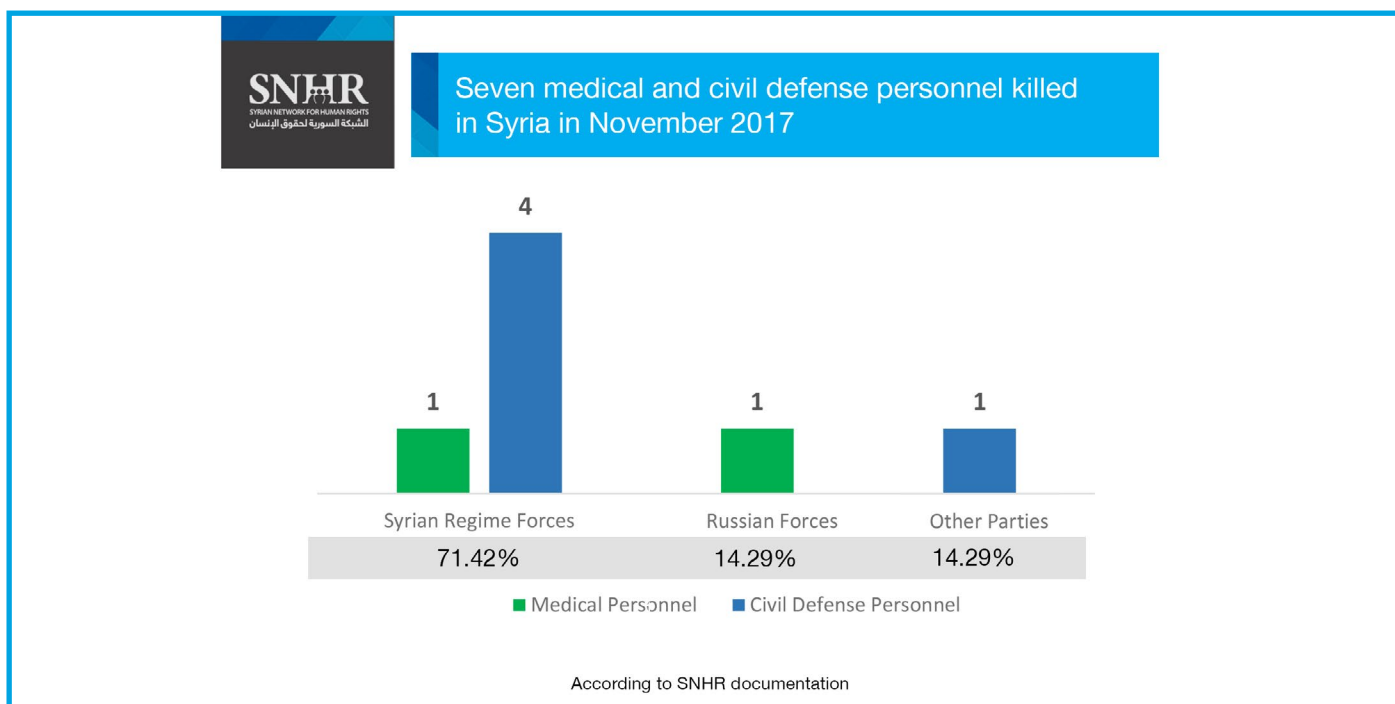


The report [“One Media Activist Killed, Seven Injured, and Two Arrested, Toll of November 2017”](#) stresses that media activists are still being killed in Syria every month as Syrian regime forces continues to kill media activists in November at the same rate for the third month in a row with one media activist killed by the Syrian regime in November. The report adds that Syrian regime’s use of poison gas on the battlefronts in Eastern Ghouta, as part of its offensive, injured six media activists who suffered from suffocation.



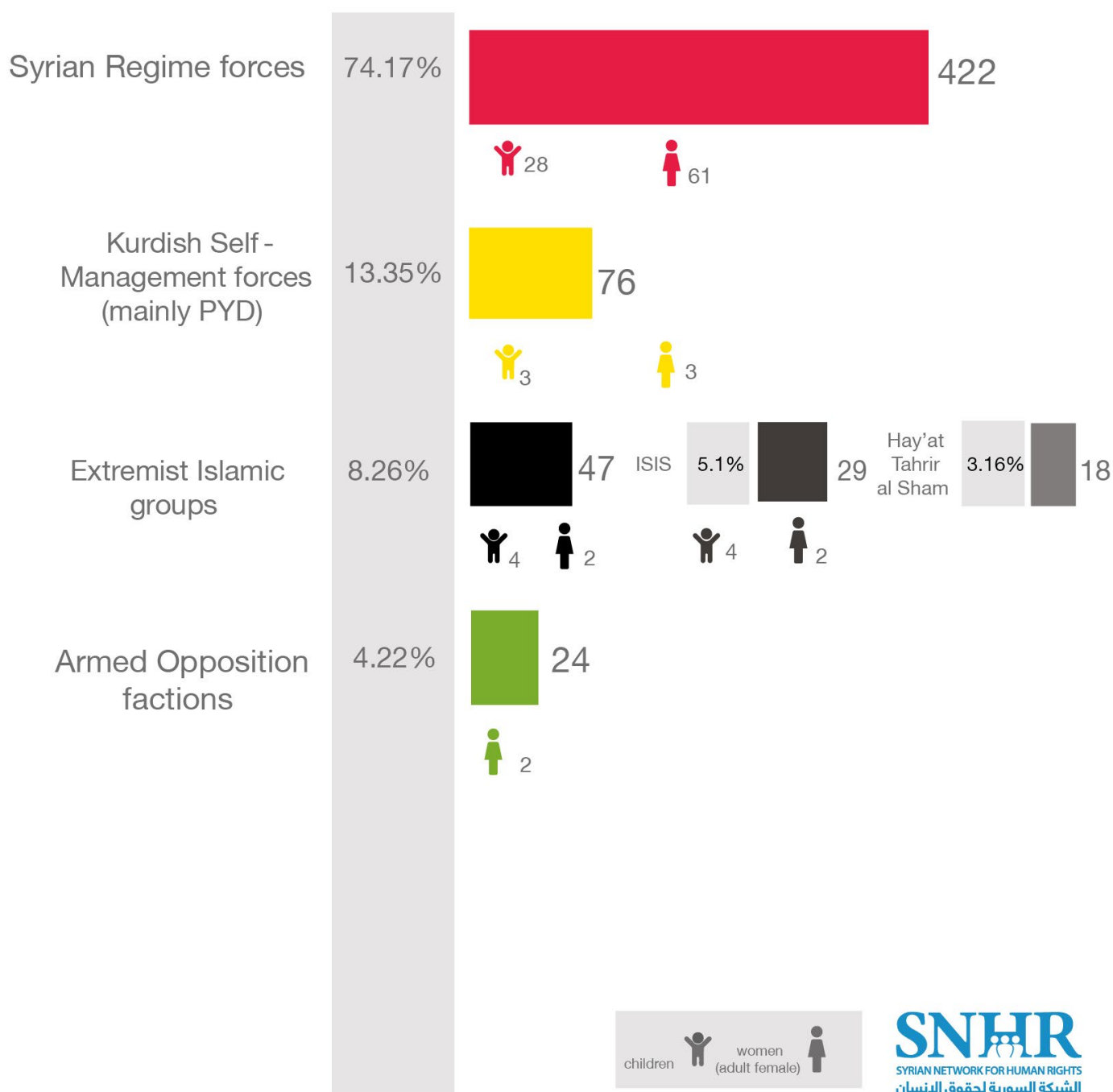
According to the report [“Nine Individuals Died due to Torture in November 2017”](#), deaths due to torture dropped in November to an unprecedented rate since last April. November’s deaths due to torture were distributed across Daraa, Idlib, Deir Ez-Zour, Homs, Quneitra, Hasaka, and Raqqa governorates.

The report, [“Seven Medical Personnel Killed, and 24 Incidents of Attack on Vital Medical and Civil Defense Facilities in November 2017”](#), records that violations against medical and civil defense personnel have returned to their former levels seen in September. The report stresses that the Syrian-Russian alliance’s offensive against Eastern Ghouta has notably contributed to the toll of violations against medical and civil defense personnel as 58% of all medical and civil defense personnel killed in November were killed in Eastern Ghouta, and all of them were killed by Syrian regime forces. As for attacks on vital medical and civil defense facilities, Syrian regime forces trumped all parties with 11 attacks -nearly double the number of attacks for which they were responsible in October- in Eastern Ghouta while Russian forces were responsible for the second-most attacks with eight attacks.



The report [“No less than 569 Cases of Arbitrary Arrest in November 2017”](#) stresses that the Syrian regime continues to enforce its policies of arrest for conscription purposes. We also recorded that Self-Management forces have carried out raids and arrests that involved political activists and figures who oppose the group’s policies in their areas of control.

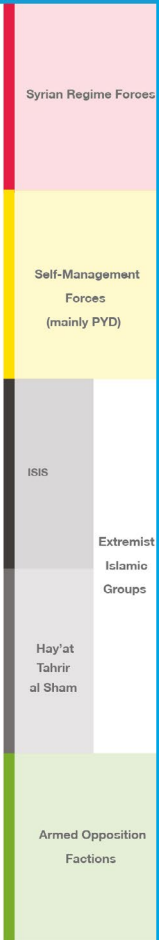
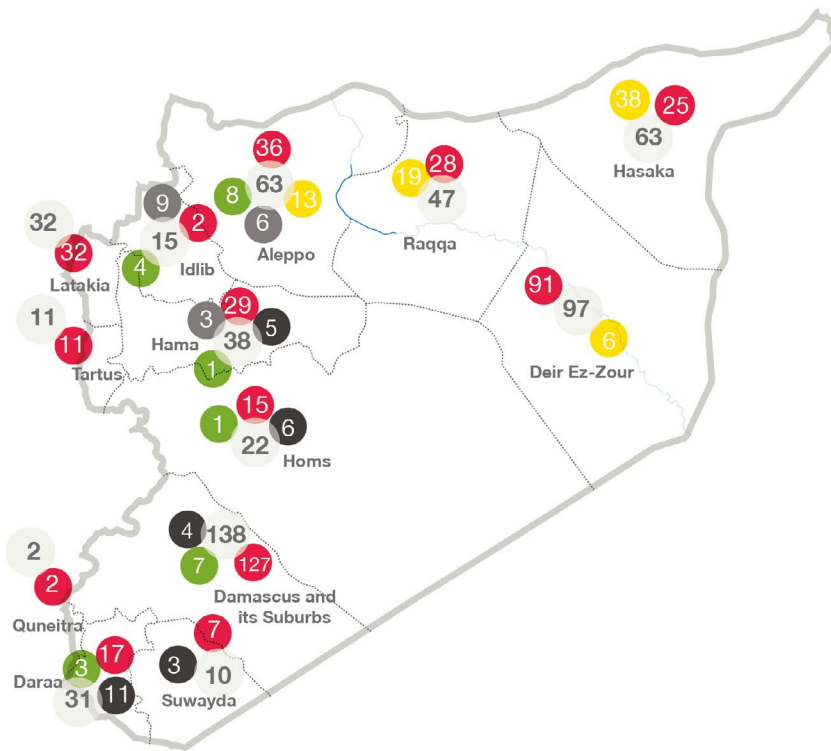
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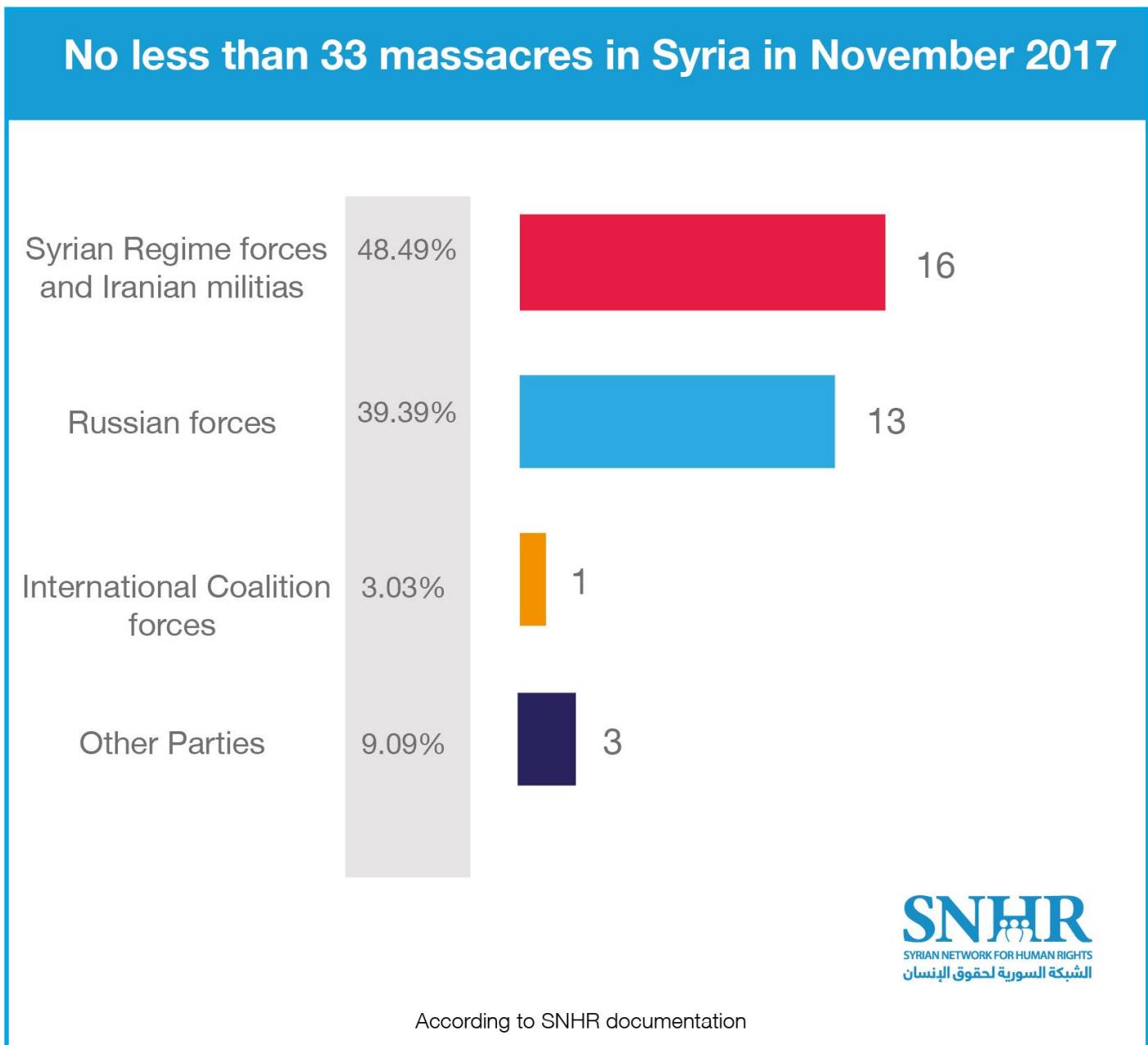
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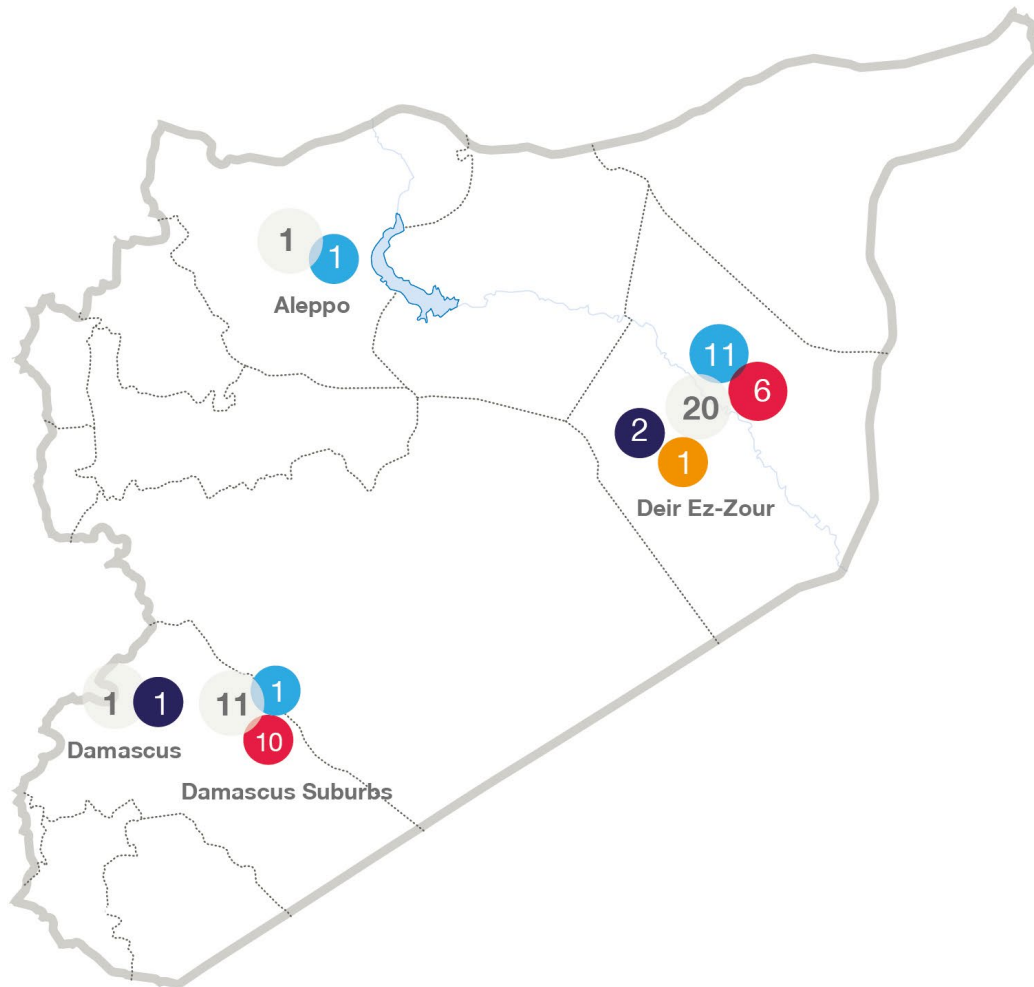
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The sixth report, "[No less than 33 Massacres in November 2017](#)", documents that Syrian-Russian alliance forces have topped all parties in terms of massacres for the third month in a row with 29 massacres. On the other hand, we recorded an unprecedented drop in the number of massacres at the hands of international coalition forces who only were responsible for one massacre. The report says that Deir Ez-Zour governorate saw the most massacres with 20 massacres, followed by Damascus suburbs with 11 massacres where all of the 11 massacres were perpetrated by the Syrian-Russian alliance in Damascus suburbs' Eastern Ghouta.



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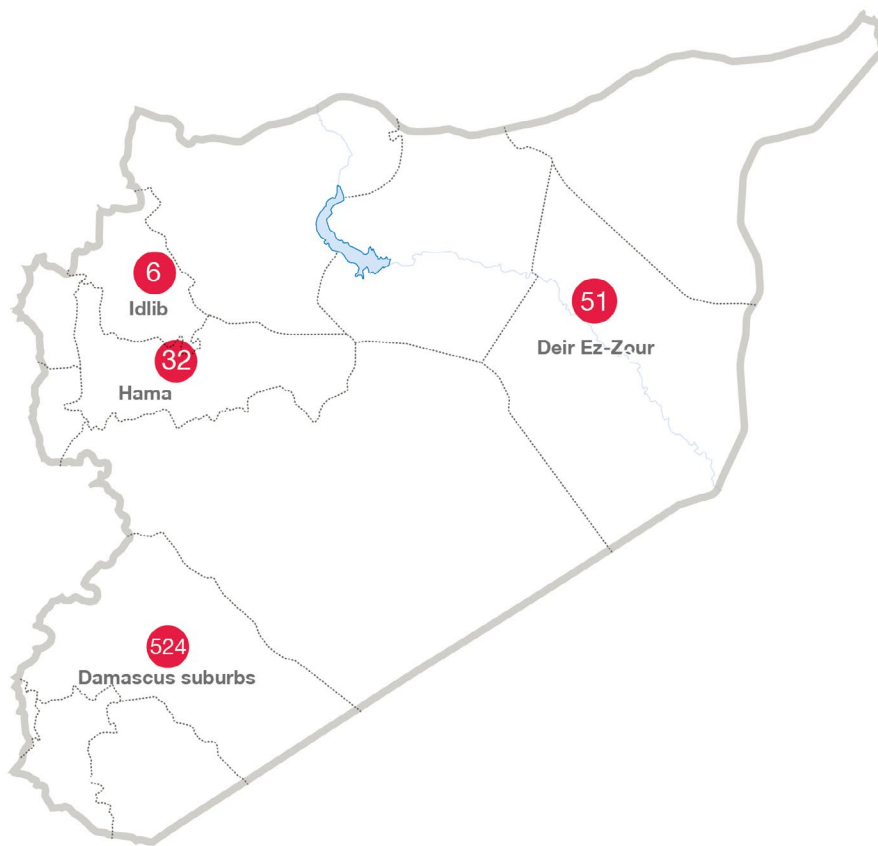


- Syrian Regime forces and Iranian militias
- Russian forces
- Kurdish Self-Management forces (mainly PYD)
- ISIS
- Extremist Islamic groups
- Hay'at Tahrir al Sham
- Armed Opposition factions
- International Coalition forces
- Other Parties



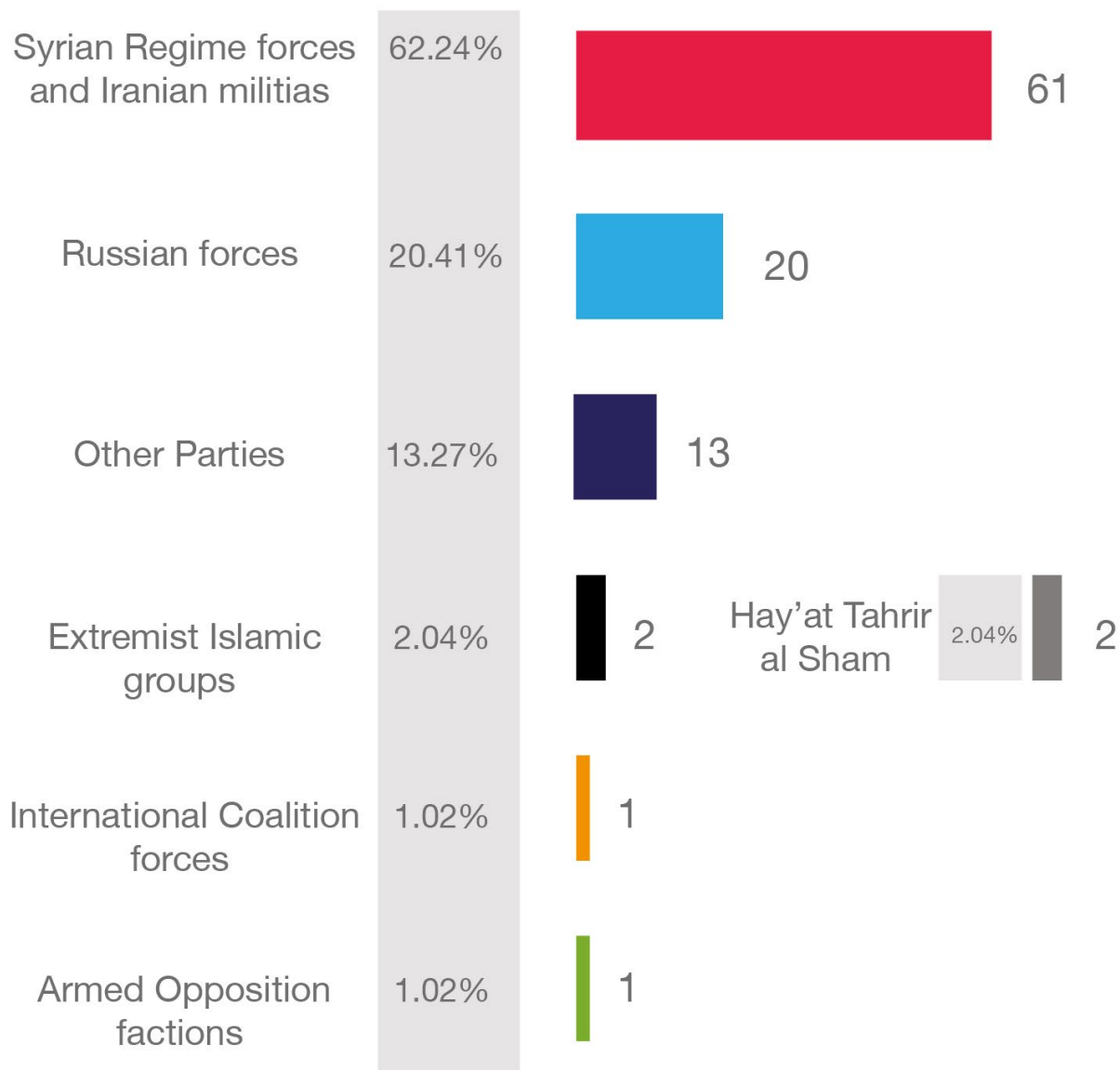
The report [“No less than 613 Barrel Bombs in November 2017”](#) stresses that Syrian regime forces continues to drop barrel bombs at the same rate as October. For the third month in a row, Syrian regime forces’ use of barrel bombs concentrated in Damascus suburbs governorate where 524 barrel bombs were dropped there while Deir Ez-Zour governorate came second with 51 barrel bombs.

No less than 613 barrel bombs were dropped by Syrian regime forces helicopters in November 2017

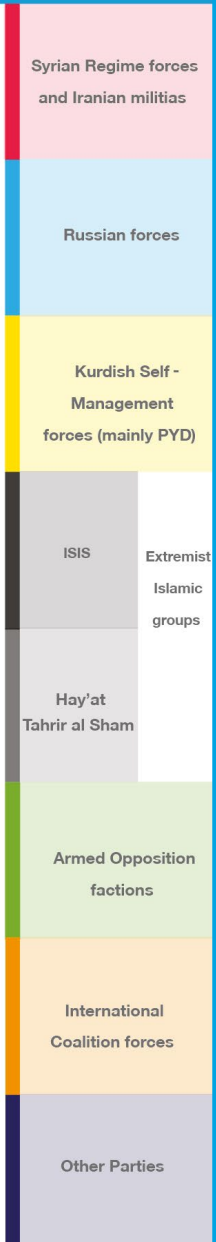
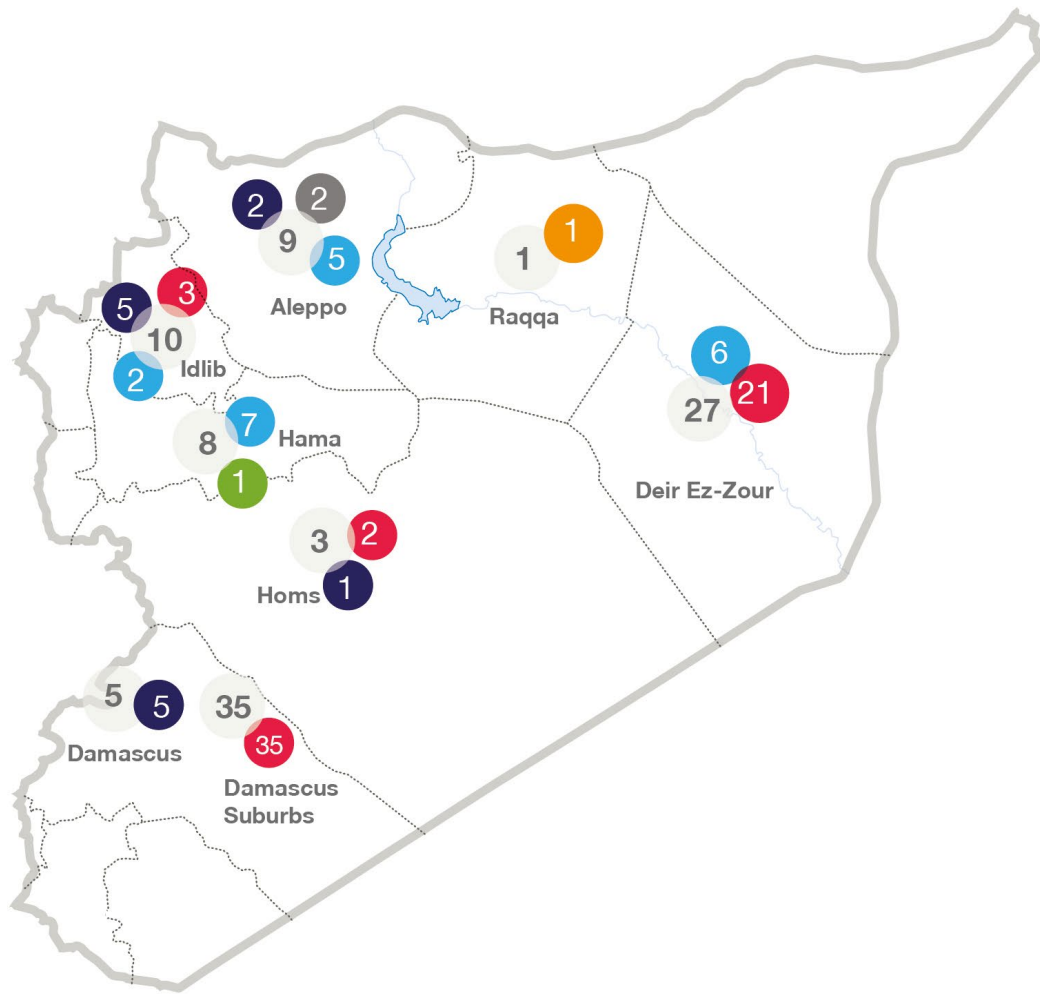


The report [“No less than 98 Incidents of Attack on Vital Civilian Facilities in November 2017”](#) records that Syrian-Russian alliance forces were responsible for the majority of attacks on vital civilian facilities with nearly 81 attacks. Despite the ongoing de-escalation agreement in Eastern Ghouta, we recorded 35 attacks there – all of which were at the hands of Syrian regime forces. Deir Ez-Zour governorate came second with 27 attacks where Syrian-Russian alliance forces were responsible for all attacks in Deir Ez-Zour governorate.

No less than 98 incidents of attack on vital civilian facilities in November 2017



A total of 98 attacks on vital civilian facilities in November 2017





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