## **Statment**

## Doctor Mohammad Bashir Arab Enforced to Disappear since 2013

SNHR briefed the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary disappearances, of the case of doctor Mohammad Bashir Arab from Al Hamadaniyeh in Aleppo, age 31 at the time, and asked to request of the Syrian authorities to release him, as he was arrested arbitrarily from his friends' house in Al Sheikh Khuder neighborhood in Aleppo by Air force Intelligence of the Syrian Authorities in November 1, 2011, without showing a warrant entitles them to arrest him, Dr. Mohammad broke his arm and leg while trying to escape the arrest.



Dr. Mohammad Arab was seen after his arrest by Air force Intelligence in Aleppo from the period from November 2011 until January 2012, he was later transported to Aviation Command prison in Damascus and stayed there from January 2012 to July 2012, while he was there Dr. Arab declared a food strike asking to be put in front of a court and asked for the chance to communicate with his family, and continue his Master degree, he spent most of his time in the individual cell in the Aviation Command Prison, and he was tortured severely and transported to Al Mujtahed Hospital for treatment, Dr. Mohammad was later seen in December 2013 in Saydnaya Military Prison, and Dr. Mohammad family informed SNHR that they received the information from released detainees.

Since his last disappearance in December 2013 his family had no news on his whereabouts, and until the date of informing the United Nation Rapporteur on date his fate is yet unknown.

Syrian authorities deny enforcing Dr. Mohammad Arab to disappear, SNHR were unable to determine his fate until now, as is their 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 his immediate release, 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.

