

# As Ceasefire Violations Mount, Syrian Human Rights Defenders Demand UN-led Monitoring and Enforcement

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The Syrian Network for Human Rights, founded in June 2011, is a non-governmental, non-profit independent organization that is a primary source for the United Nations on all death toll-related statistics in Syria



[31 January 2017] Syria's ceasefire risks coming undone, Syrian human rights monitors warn, if urgent action is not taken to ensure adequate enforcement and to establish an independent monitoring mechanism. In a [new report](#) released on Monday, the Syrian Network for Human Rights ([SNHR](#)) documented a total of 366 breaches of the Syrian ceasefire since it went into effect on 30 December 2016, no less than 98 percent of which were caused by Russia and the Assad regime. These violations led to more than 100 deaths, the vast majority of them civilians.

“We are seeing yet another Syrian ceasefire under threat of collapse due to a lack of credible monitoring and enforcement,” Fadel Abdul Ghany, Chairman of the Syrian Network for Human Rights said. “Russia and the regime are continuing combat and arrest operations across Syria in clear violation of the ceasefire, and they are doing so with total impunity. If the ceasefire is to hold, it must be independently and impartially monitored by the United Nations, not parties to the conflict, who themselves engage in war crimes. Additionally, violators of the ceasefire must be held accountable with credible and enforced consequences. Without effective enforcement, the ceasefire—on which the success of the political process hinges—risks failing, and Syria's civilians will pay the price.”



## In the first month of the Russia-Turkey ceasefire in Syria, SNHR data reveals:

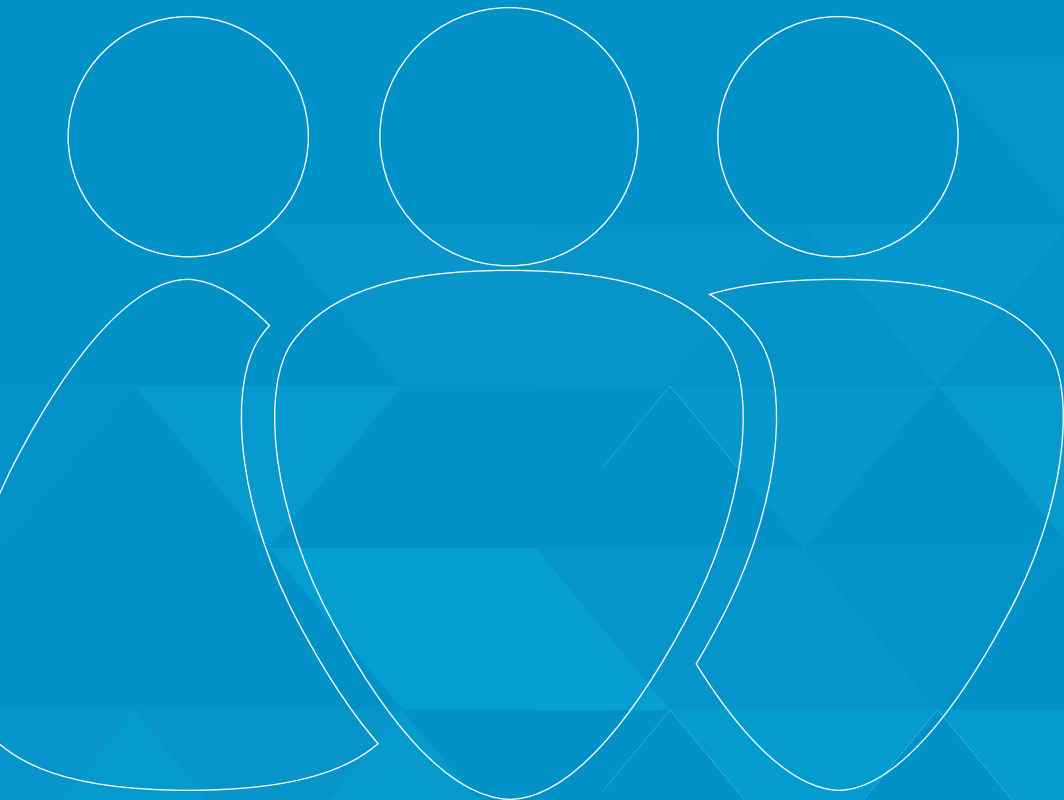
1. 366 ceasefire breaches – %98 of which were caused by Assad's forces and Russia.
2. At least 282 breaches were perpetrated by the regime, 43 breaches by Russia, and 8 breaches by armed factions in violation of the ceasefire. These attacks resulted in 95 civilians deaths.
3. In total, 100 killed, including 24 children and 14 women. %99 of deaths were caused by Russian and regime forces.



The Syrian Network for Human Rights calls for:

1. The UN to lead an independent monitoring mechanism for the Syrian ceasefire. Parties to the conflict – Russia and Iran – lack the credibility needed to monitor the ceasefire, which threatens ceasefire's sustainability.
2. Robust enforcement of ceasefire, which must include clear, credible consequences for violators.
3. Real pressure on the regime by Russia and Member States to comply with ceasefire terms and halt all aerial attacks and arrest operations.





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