



## Statment

## The Youth Paramedic Abd Al-Aziz al-Hisni is Forcibly-disappeared

SNHR has filed the case of the forcibly-disappeared Syrian citizen and paramedic “Abd al-Aziz al-Hisni”, 28-year-old, to the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances and asked the team to demand that the Syrian authorities release him. Abd al-Aziz was arrested arbitrarily from his home in Joorat ash-Shayyah in Homs by personnel affiliated to the Syrian Army on 25 May, 2011. The arresting patrol was wearing military clothes and didn’t show an arrest warrant that authorizes them to carry out the arresting. The Syrian Army personnel shot him on his leg to prevent him from escaping, tortured him, and then took him to unknown place.



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Since his arrest, his family didn’t get any news about his location. He has been forcibly-disappeared since then and his fate remains unknown while the case was filed to the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances on 23 December, 2014.

The Syrian authorities deny that it arrested “Abd al-Aziz al-Hisni”. SNHR, as well as his family, hasn’t been able to determine his fate. His family fears that they might get arrested and tortured if they asked about him repeatedly which what happened in many cases.

SNHR urges the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances to demand that the Syrian authorities release him immediately and the other thousands of enforced-disappearance cases and reveal their fates.

Even though the Syrian government is not a state part to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, it is a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Arab Charter on Human Rights. Enforced-Disappearance is considered as a violation of both these documents.

SNHR fears that forcibly-disappeared persons are being subjected to torture or have died under torture as the numbers of enforced-disappearance cases are alarmingly increasing since 2011.

