

The Annual Report of the Most Prominent Work of the Syrian Network for Human Rights in 2018



SYRIAN NETWORK FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) is a non-profit non-governmental human rights organization that was founded in June 2011 in light of the systematic rise of violations of human rights in Syria. SNHR aims to support the preserving and defending of victims' right and consequently accounting process, achieve justice and peace, raise the awareness of the Syrian people in regard to their civil and political rights, and amass efforts and capacities in the context of stopping violations of human rights in Syria.

The Syrian Human Rights Network works primarily on monitoring and documenting violations in Syria, and publishes research and reports related to such violations, as well as visual evidence from its investigations, such as photos, maps, graphs and infographics, in addition to working on advocacy and mobilization to defend the rights of victims, for justice and accountability in Syria. It also contributes to progress towards achieving justice and accountability in Syria.

SNHR is a member of [the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect \(ICR2P\)](#), a member of the [Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network](#), a founding member and a member of the executive committee of the [Transitional Justice Coordination Group \(TJCG\)](#), and a partner with the [Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor](#). Additionally, SNHR collaborates closely with the [Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights \(OHCHR\)](#), [the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic \(COI\)](#), which was established by the [United Nations Human Rights Council](#), and with a number of international human rights organization such as [Amnesty International](#), [Human Rights Watch](#), [Reporters Without Borders](#), [Al Karama organization](#), and [The Syrian Campaign](#), In addition to a number of local Syrian organizations.



The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) in 2018:

The Syrian Network for Human Rights continued its work in 2018, as it has done since 2011, in documenting various types of violations against Syrian citizens. We identified the perpetrators of these violations in the vast majority of the cases we documented. The Syrian Network for Human Rights' database has expanded to include additional areas and persons, and new types of violations. It is possible to briefly summarize the work of the Syrian Network for Human Rights in 2018 as follows:

I. Reports:

The Syrian Network for Human Rights issued 137 reports throughout the year, which are divided between 48 special reports and 89 monthly reports. The monthly reports document the death toll of civilian casualties during the month in question and provide a comparative toll with previous months, as well as listing the death toll due to torture, and the most notable violations against media, medical and Civil Defense personnel. They also document the most notable massacres, and provide records of cases of arrest and enforced disappearance, of usage of barrel bombs, and of attacks on vital civilian facilities. Meanwhile, the special reports focus primarily on specific issues related to the nature of events in the country and the changing situation in Syrian territory.

The Syrian Human Rights Network publishes all its reports in Arabic and English, in print form, as well as on its website and on social media. It also sends an electronic copy via e-mail to a wide range of jurists, media professionals, politicians, decision-makers, activists and actors in the Syrian case, and thousands of subscribers to its mailing list. Frequently and as necessary, it addresses the Security Council and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, including providing a copy of the Special Report, and requests urgent action to protect civilians and react according to the report's details. The Syrian Human Rights Network periodically discusses its latest special reports with the competent international bodies responsible for monitoring and documenting the violations taking place in Syria.

The following are examples of the 10 most notable special reports issued in 2018:

- [The Syrian Regime's Chemical Terrorism Hits Syrians for the 211th time](#)
- [Hay'at Tahrir al Sham Terrorizes and Blackmails the Community by Taking Hostages](#)
- [The Syrian Regime Records Forcibly disappeared persons as dead in Civil Registration Offices](#)
- [The Syrian South Torn Between a Grim Fate of Forced Displacement and Starvation or an Almost Certain Death by Falling Back into Syrian Regime's Control](#)



- [No Less Than 95,000 Forcibly-Disappeared Persons in Syria since March 2011](#)
- [On the 4th Anniversary of the International Coalition Forces Intervention in Syria, SNHR Showcases a Database for the Incidents Constituting Violations of the International Law](#)
- [The Brutal Attacks on Suwayda Governorate Between the Terrorism of the Syrian Regime and ISIS](#)
- [The Jordanian Government Bears Direct Responsibility for the Suffering of al Rukban Camp](#)
- [Report on the Targeting of River Crossings Following the Destruction of Bridges in Deir Ez-Zour Governorate](#)
- [Urgent Action Must Be Taken to Save Nearly 6,000 Civilians in Hajin District](#)

The following links also show examples of the monthly reports (record for December 2018), which we issue on a monthly basis, including the monthly monitoring and documentation of violations reported

- [Documenting the Death of 6,964 Civilians in Syria in 2018](#)
- [At Least 7,706 Cases of Arbitrary Arrests Documented in Syria in 2018](#)
- [Documenting the Death of 976 Individuals due to Torture in Syria in 2018](#)
- [At Least 223 Massacres Documented in Syria in 2018](#)
- [At Least 3,601 Barrel Bombs Dropped by the Syrian Regime in 2018](#)
- [24 Media Workers Documented Killed, 28 Injured, and 31 Arrested or Kidnapped in Syria in 2018](#)
- [91 Medical, Civil Defense, and Red Crescent Personnel Documented Killed in Syria, and 198 Attacks on Their Related Facilities](#)
- [At Least 587 Attacks on Vital Civilian Facilities Documented in Syria in 2018](#)

II. Cooperation with several institutions in the United Nations

The Syrian Human Rights Network continues its cooperation and support for the work of several institutes in the United Nations with regard to the investigations and statements we publish. Cooperation and coordination also continued with the Independent International Commission of Inquiry, the Humanitarian Affairs Organization, UNICEF, the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism, and the Working Group on Enforced Disappearances. For example, the Syrian Human Rights Network in 2018 alone submitted details of around 100 cases of forcibly disappeared Syrians, and received a response from the Working Group to include 32 of these, as well as contacting the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial killings, and the Special Rapporteur on torture.



III. Advocacy and Media Coverage Activities:

The Syrian Human Rights Network participates every year in a number of conferences, events, and workshops in order to discuss the human rights situation in Syria and its impact on the political process, the path of transitional justice and the stability of society. The following are the main events in which the Syrian Human Rights Network participated in 2018:

- [SNHR Welcomes EU Leadership in Pursuit of Justice in Syria](#)
- [SNHR Gives a Presentation on the Issue of Accountability at the Invitation of Seven European States](#)
- [Uganda: SNHR Takes Part in GAAMAC III](#)
- [Geneva: SNHR Takes Part in a Side-Event on the Sidelines of the 39th Session of the Human Rights Council](#)
- [NEW YORK: Speech Delivered by SNHR Chairman on Accountability at the Headquarters of the UN General Assembly](#)
- [New York: SNHR Takes Part in an International Event on Accountability in Syria at the UN Headquarters](#)
- [New York: On the Sidelines of the UN General Assembly Sessions, SNHR Takes Part in a Side-Event on the Issue of Releasing Death Certificates for Forcibly-Disappeared Persons](#)
- [Washington, D.C: SNHR Holds a Number of Meetings with the US Government](#)

IV. Areas of Cooperation:

- The Armed Conflict Location & Event Dataset (ACLED) and the Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) Establish [a Partnership](#).
- Providing a number of international institutions with data, reports and statistics on human rights violations in Syria. The most prominent bodies that relied on the statistics of the Syrian Network in 2018:



- Providing media institutions with reports, statistics, information and analysis on the human rights situation in Syria. These are some of the most prominent media outlets that relied on the statistics of the Syrian Network in 2008

Arab Media Outlets



Foreign Media Outlets:



V. News and Designs:

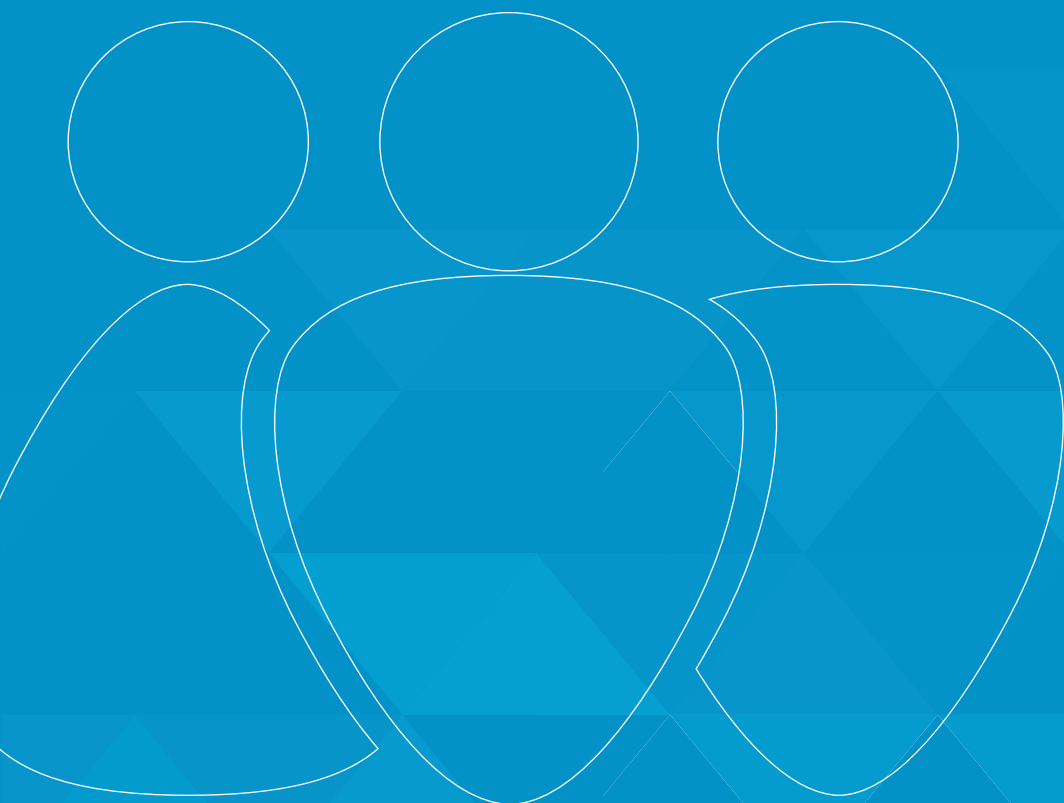
The Syrian Human Rights Network works on a daily basis to monitor and document violations in Syria, and publishes the news on incidents of violation documented throughout the day on its website and on social networks. We also published a large number of pictures and videos, in addition to graphs, and information and statistical charts. You can follow SNHR's work via social media at the following links:



VI. Acknowledgment and Appreciation

The Working Group of the Syrian Network for Human Rights is grateful to the residents, eyewitnesses, survivors and local activists, including journalists, medical personnel, Civil Defense personnel and others for their invaluable work and help, and confirms that without their cooperation and trust, we couldn't have reported and documented reports, news and photos as we have done.





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