

# Statement on filing a complaint on an enforced disappearance case for the United Nations' Special Rapporteur

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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



## The citizen Fahd Saleem

### Enforced to Disappear since 2013

SNHR briefed the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary disappearances, of the case of the citizen Fahd Saleem from Al Sabeel neighborhood in Daraa city, age 44 at the time of his arrest and asked to request of the Syrian authorities to release him as he was arrested arbitrarily on 1 September 2013 when the members of the Syrian regime army forces raided his place of work, that is located in Al Sabeel neighborhood in Daraa city, and they took him to unknown place. Since then, we had no information about his fate or whereabouts and his fate remains unknown for the Syrian Network for Human Rights as well as his family.

Syrian authorities deny enforcing the citizen Fahd Saleem to disappear, SNHR were unable to determine his fate until now, as is his 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.





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