

Massacres and destroying neighborhoods that support rebels are a policy for the The Syrian government... The massacres and destruction in Al-Qaboun neighborhood are a notable example of that

The Free Syrian Army consists of defected soldiers and Syrian youth from various ethnic groups, religions, occupations, and jobs. Also, people joined the FSA from various social classes such as doctors, engineers, pharmacists, workers, employees, and others. The Free Syrian Army is from the Syrian people and it is an integral part of the Syrian people.

Some of the neighborhoods have embraced the revolutions more than others. These neighborhoods have been targeted by the Syrian regime which focused on destroying and demolishing it no matter the cost. The Syrian regime's target was to get rid of anyone who supports the FSA. This policy has been adopted in all the Syrian cities. A good example of this is Al-Qaboun neighborhood, which is located in eastern Damascus. The neighborhood has witnessed many horrible massacres and systemic destruction of shops and buildings.

After a long search, mainly due to the difficulty to reach the neighborhood, many arrests, and many residents' refusal to speak, SNHR team was able to document the most ruthless military campaign in Damascus to date after contacting whoever activists we found and several field-visits.

Date of the barbarian military campaign: 16 July, 2012 until 1 August, 2012

Al-Qaboun neighborhood is one of the most prominent neighborhoods that supported the popular movement. It is located in northeastern Damascus. The Syrian regime started a barbarian campaign against it that it was the most ruthless military campaign to take place in Damascus. The campaign's goal was to demolish the roots of the revolution so it targeted systematically and deliberately civilians.

You can contact the activists and eyewitness from Al-Qaboun for any questions: free.qabon
Eyewitness from Al-Qaboun neighborhood: 4rebeelred

On Monday 16 July, 2012 government forces targeted directly and deliberately residential buildings in Al-Qaboun neighborhood using tanks, mortar shells and warplanes. Also, government forces clashed with FSA at the borders of the neighborhood.

[Sounds of explosions and clashes on Monday 16 July, 2012](#)

At 1 AM on Tuesday 17 July, 2012, government forces renews its targeting of the neighborhood by using mortar shells where more than 25 shells were dropped in one hour according to eye-

witnesses from the neighborhood. Afterwards, helicopters started soaring in the sky and used machine guns to indiscriminately target the neighborhood for more than five hours until 7 AM.

[Many houses were destroyed.](#)
[Helicopters flying and bombing](#)

On Tuesday, tanks and vehicles besieged the neighborhood completely amid a power, communications, and water outages. The tanks started shelling the neighborhood ruthlessly which was accompanied by mortar shelling and helicopters shooting indiscriminately. Furthermore, snipers spread on the rooftops of high buildings.

[Shelling on Tuesday and houses burning after government forces' shelling](#)

The indiscriminate use of warplanes and tanks by government forces forced FSA to withdraw according to a member of Al-Qaboun coordination on Wednesday 18 July, 2012. On Thursday 19 July, 2012, government forces raided the neighborhood and perpetrated a massacre in Tishreen neighborhood. What is even more horrible is that the Syrian government ordered the official media to depict the civilians that were killed in this massacre as members of armed group after they threw weapons on their dead bodies. Security forces and the army kidnapped the dead bodies after the end of that dark farce. The residents weren't able to know who was killed and who was arrested.

[Video](#) of the victims' dead bodies in Al-Qaboun neighborhood after they were killed by government forces. The video was shot by the official media

Even after FSA withdrawn from the neighborhoods, the artillery and [helicopters shelling](#) continued for two more days (Thursday 19 July, 2012 and Friday 20 July, 2012) [dozens of civilians were killed and wounded](#). Furthermore, government forces cut off power, all means of communication, and electricity. The residents weren't able to go to the cemetery so [they buried the dead bodies in the street](#)

On Saturday 20 July, 2012, 80% of the residents fled from the neighborhood according to testimonies. However, some of the families didn't manage to leave because of the siege. Afterwards, government forces carried out widespread campaign in some areas such as Tishreen neighborhood – At-Tahrib market where they raided homes viciously and looted furniture and destroyed many houses. Moreover, some homes, shops, and cars were burned which was the case in Al-Ba'la area and At-Tahrib market. Additionally, government forces slaughtered a number of the residents who remained.

The military campaign resulted in 96 being dead, including two women and two children. After long weeks of contacting the residents and through conducting a field-visit, we managed to document the names and pictures of the victims who died in addition to a number of FSA fighters. However, we weren't able to document the death toll among government forces. It should be

noted that the number of victims is certainly greater as there are many missing and forcibly-disappeared which are estimated at 140 of the neighborhood residents.

- 1- Ibtisam Zinou (Mother of five).
- 2- Ruqqaya Gnam, woman.
- 3- Child Abdulhadi Abdulhai.
- 4- Child Al-Haj Mousa Zinou.
- 5- Saeed Awad.
- 6- Helal Al-Allawi.
- 7- Al-Haj Khaled Ash-Shaghri.
- 8- Mahmoud Ath-Thokour Al-Ali (from Aleppo)
- 9- Ayta Salem (from Egypt)
- 10- Moaed Ash-Sharbaji
- 11- Yahya Ataya
- 12- Mazen Abdulwahed.
- 13- Mohammad Abdulwahed.
- 14- Mahdi As-Saydnawi (Abu-Mohammad)
- 15- Majdi Al-Baghdadi.
- 16- Naeem Al-Haboul (Abu-Kasem)'
- 17- Abu-Fayez Al-Khatib (Abu-Kefah's son)
- 18- Jamal Al-Habboul (Abu-Abda Hwyan)
- 19- Wasim Kriedi.
- 20- Bassil Jabra (Abu-Hadi).
- 21- Eyad Friez As-Saghir, killed by a sniper at Zamalka checkpoint.
- 22- Unidentified, from Mesraba city.
- 23- Child Abdurrahman Is'ied, 13-year-old, Abu-Rami's son.
- 24- Suliman Al-Hamwi (Abu-Majed).
- 25- Abdussamad Zinou.
- 26- Abdussalam Haj Qaddour (Abu-Emad) from Binnish city.
- 27- Abdou Zinou (Abu-Da'as).
- 28- Mohammad Al-Khatib.
- 29- Anwar Arfa.
- 30- Anas Abdussalam.
- 31- Hassan Ar-Raihani.
- 32- Feras Abdulbari.
- 33- Hadi Alyan (from At-Twani village).
- 34- Raed Mohammad Ghurra, 23-year-old.
- 35- Unidentified.
- 36- Tamam Abdulhai, 15-year-old.
- 37- The Elder Samer IDrees Jou'ana.

- 38- Ali Al-Allawi.
- 39- Mohammad Nouh.
- 40- Ahmad Bouzgha.
- 41- Mohammad Mahmoud Ad-Diri (from Daraa)
- 42- Ibrahim Mohammad Ali Al-Jaloud, 40-year-old.
- 43- Yasser Mohammad Ali Al-Jaloud, 35-year-old.
- 44- Hussein Mustafa Mohammad Ali Al-Jaloud, 35-year-old.
- 45- Mohammad Najib Mohammad Ali Al-Jaloud, 25-year-old.
- 46 – Mohammad Khaled Mohammad Ali Al-Jaloud, 18-year-old.
- 47- Salah Abdulkarim (from Palestine)
- 48- Mohammad Salah Abdulkarim (from Palestine)
- 49- Adnan (Abu-Mar'ie, from Palestine)
- 50- Mohammad Shakkour (a tank ran him over)
- 51- Hesham Shakkour (a tank ran him over)
- 52- Yousuf Thatha, (Abu-Majd from Rukn Ad-Din)
- 53- Mohammad Ash-Shaikh Salem (from Idlib)
- 54- Mohammad Eissa Jarban.
- 55- Ma'moun Al-Masri.
- 56- Zaher Usou (Idlib – Ad-Dana)
- 57- Khaled Eissa (Hfier)
- 58- Yassin Amana (Idlib)
- 59- Kayed Amana (Idlib)
- 60- Mohannad (Abu-Ali)
- 61- Ramzi Shaikh Mohammad (Idlib - Binnish)
- 62- Mohannad Suliman (Idlib – Jesr Ash-Shoghour)
- 63- Alaa Ghurra.
- 64- Hamid Suliman, from Palestine.
- 65- Mohammad Nour Al-Hamad.
- 66- Abu-Mohammad At-Tarzi (Douma).
- 67- Ahmad Al-Asswad (Abu-Rafiq)
- 68- Abdullatif Ijnied (Abu-Abda)
- 69- Unidentified young man from “Al-Badwi” family (Slaughtered)
- 70- Mohammad Hamza (Halboun)
- 71- Awad Hamza (Abu-Hussein)
- 72- Abdou Hamza (Halboun)
- 73- The elder Mohammad Nayef Mer'ie, 70-year-old.
- 74- Mahmoud Omar Jubba, 38-year-old.
- 75- Ash-Shai Samer Ahmad Qais, 25-year-old.
- 76- Khaled Mohammad Qais, 25-year-old (Tishreen neighborhood massacre)

- 77- Khaled Ali La'sali, 26-year-old.
- 78- Anas Ali Al-Bahri, 22-year-old.
- 79- Ziad Ali Darwish, 25-year-old.
- 80- Ismail (Bayea' Al-Qeshta's son)
- 81- Ibrahim (Bayea' Al-Qeshta's son)
- 82- Abu-Yasser Al-Klawi (Idlib)
- 83- Ahmad Al-Kurdi, 40-year-old.
- 84- Mohammad Al-Kurdi, 38-year-old.
- 85- Halim Amani.
- 86- Doctor Mar'ie Hussein.
- 87- Dr. Mar'ie's brother.
- 88- Dr. Mar'ie's cousin.
- 89- Faraj Lbad (Shafiq).
- 90- Nabil Alyan (Abu-Sakhr).
- 91- Mohammad Alyan.
- 92- Hassan Mahmoud Abdurrahman.
- 93- Belal Adnan Al-Baghdadi.
- 94- Safwan As-Saghir.
- 95- Ahmad Ghannam.
- 96- Abdulmajid Jelou (Tishreen neighborhood massacre)

Appendixes and Attachments

First: [Video](#) footages and picture documenting the aforementioned names

http://youtu.be/_DiPGNM3OkQ

<http://youtu.be/Yc49Lc2fxO4>

<http://youtu.be/oyqq8FaTReg>

<http://youtu.be/QdUcRQARIWE>

http://youtu.be/A1_DS2I6oXE

<http://youtu.be/tMazQsUMPI0>

[Anwar Arfa \(Abu-Omar\)](#)

[Some dead bodies that was disfigured](#)

Second: Destruction

[Tanks](#) destroying homes and shops in Al-Qaboun

<http://youtu.be/1ry7Myo7YSI>

[Destruction](#) and [fires](#)

http://youtu.be/8WzW7i_bddo

http://youtu.be/1-_y1zjofE0

<http://youtu.be/jWFFd4MJy0I>

<http://youtu.be/ZSC5IKnmhHM>
<http://youtu.be/AGIKR0heDxc>
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<http://youtu.be/R9wfQ3JiDkl>
<http://youtu.be/yLuUjxQ2spM>
<http://youtu.be/bUSrV2CGSVk>

Third: Shelling

[Damascus](#) – Al-Qaboun neighborhood, [helicopters' shelling](#), 17 July, 2012

[Snipers](#) stationed in Al-Qaboun, 19 July, 2012

A [warplane](#) shelling Al-Aboun neighborhood, 19 July, 2012

[Al-Qaboun neighborhood](#) being raided using heavy weapons 19 July, 2012

The [tanks](#) that shelled Al-Qaboun neighborhood 19 July, 2012

Appendix on the destruction in the neighborhood

[The Syrian regime destroyed](#), in an indiscriminate and systematic manner, without any legal or judicial restrictions no less than 65% of the neighborhood which varied from homes to shops that were demolished completely including all of its contents

[The continuous and systematic](#) demolishing in [Al-Manteqa As-Sena'iya](#) (The industrial area) resulted in more than 400 homes and 1200 shops and warehouses being destroyed. The industrial area is resided by more than 60% of the neighborhood residents.

People in panic and the [destruction](#) and [rubbles](#) caused by the barbarian military campaign which might also cause diseases and illnesses

[Abdullah ben Al-Mubarak](#) Mosque was targeted more than three times using shells and machine guns from the Air Force Intelligence branch which resulted in partially destroying the mosque and wide destruction of its interiors.

- Area (1): between the highway and Al-Bulman Garages road, was demolished completely. The only things left are rubbles and some electricity poles.
- Area (2): between Al-Bulman Garages road and Al-Mutahleq Al-Janoubi highway, everything was demolished including the trees.
- Area (3): [Shops](#) on Al-Karajat road was demolished completely including the surroundings of Hejazi gas station. The demolition reached a depth of 20 meters in some alleys.
- The surroundings of Al-Fath mosque was destroyed including all the homes and shops. What was left has been stolen by Shaibhas (militias).

This ceaseless destruction might lead to a humanitarian catastrophe that would affect more than 15,000 people who are left without home or jobs.

[Picture](#) of the ruins and destruction after the ruthless shelling on the neighborhood:

SNHR, as a human rights group, condemns, in the strongest possible terms, this horrific massacre that can be classified as a crime against humanity and all other massacres that the Syrian people are being subjected to ceaselessly. We hold the Syrian government and the Syrian Army commander-in-chief Bashar Al-Assad directly and fully accountable for this massacre and all of its consequences and responses. Furthermore, we hold Iran, Russia, and Hezbollah accountable for the killing as they are continuing to supply the Syrian government with money and weapons. Additionally, we urge the U.N. and the Security Council to take action as soon as possible in order to protect the civilians in Syria and to act upon its moral and legal responsibilities to transfer all the individuals responsible for these massacres to the International Criminal Court.