



## Two medics were killed during January 2015

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### First: Executive Summary

SNHR's high standards for documentation is based on collecting direct testimonies from survivors or victims' families in addition to analyzing and verifying photos, video footages, and some medical records. However, we can't claim that we've documented all the incidents in light of the ban and pursuit by the Syrian regime and other armed groups.

To read more about the methodology of SNHR in documenting victims, please visit the following [URL](#).

The consistent shelling and targeting of medical facilities and medical teams since 2011 by the different conflict parties indicates a systematic policy that only aims to kill more victims and deepens the suffering of the injured civilians and rebels.

In January 2015, SNHR documented the killing of two medics by government forces:

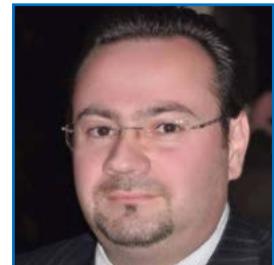
A. Government forces: killed a doctor (he was tortured to death inside the detention centers. It is verified that doctors are subjected to crueler torture than other prisoners)

B. Unidentified armed groups: killed a female doctor

### Second: Details

#### A. Government forces:

Anas Mohammad Al-Qtiefani, orthopedic surgeon, from Damascus suburbs – Douma city, 42-year-old, he was arrested by government forces on Thursday 23 August, 2012 at the Lebanese-Syrian borders while he was coming back to Syria from a business trip in Beirut. His family told us that they were informed that he was tortured to death inside Sydnaya military prison on 27 January, 2015.



Anas Mohammad Al-Qtiefani,

#### B. Unidentified armed groups

[Doaa Al-Hassan](#), from Homs – Ekrma neighborhood, died on Friday 30 January 2015, she died of wounds sustained as a result of a car bombing on 21 January, 2015 in Homs – Ekrma neighborhood. SNHR hasn't been able to identify the group behind the bombing.

### Third: Conclusions and recommendations

The Syrian government has blatantly violated both the International Humanitarian Law and the norms of the Humanitarian law and committed crimes that can be openly classified as war crimes when it targeted medics as well as crimes against humanity through these numerous acts of killing.





### **The Security Council**

The Security Council should shoulder its legal and moral responsibilities in respect to what happening in Syria instead of only watching the daily bloodbath only becoming bigger.

Russia and China should stop protecting the Syrian regime after it was proven that it has perpetrated war crime and crimes against humanity. Also, the International Community should take further steps to protect the lives of the Syrian people if Russia and China didn't change their positions.

### **Fourth: Acknowledgment**

Our thanks go to victims' families, their families and friends, and to the cooperating activists who without their help we wouldn't have been able to finish this report on this level. Our most profound condolences go out to the family and relatives of the victims.

