



Massacre of the city of Mou'adamiyet Sham one of the most terrible massacres of the modern era

Approximately 80 citizens slaughtered in two days

Incidents reports:

The city of Mou'adamiyet Sham in the western countryside of the Syrian capital Damascus is located about ten kilometers from the center of Damascus with a population [in 2012] of about 80,000 people.

On Saturday July 28 and Sunday July 29, 2012, the Syrian army launched a horrifically violent campaign against the people of the city, murdering 80 people, all unarmed civilians, including women, children and youths, many of whom were slaughtered with knives. Thirty-one of them were killed on the Saturday and 49 the next day, with more than 900 injured and nearly 150 left maimed in the worst military operation of its kind up to that date on the city.

In the operation, the regime army also shelled the city using:

- 1- Helicopters.
- 2- Mortar
- 3- Tanks

The shelling was carried out by artillery forces based at of the headquarters of the fourth division located in the mountains overlooking the city of Mu'admiyeh, who used mortars and other munitions.

More Details:

On Saturday morning, without any warning, the regime's Syrian Army forces located in the area between al Mou'adamiya and Darayya slaughtered young men from the Huballah and Zain al Din families.





This was followed by heavy, indiscriminate shelling and strafing of the city using heavy artillery, machine guns and other weapons, in tandem with raids on houses on the main street and arbitrary arrests of civilians. The same forces also carried out raids on houses in the al-Buhasas area, as well as looting shops and smashing them up. The regime forces then targeted the Omar ibn al-Khattab mosque with shells, after which regime troops stormed the mosque and desecrated the interior of the severely damaged building

The bombing focused primarily on the city's main street, where the regime forces used heavy artillery and heavy machine guns to systematically destroy homes and shops, with this wanton destruction documented by pictures and videos from the scene. The shelling then subsided for half an hour, during which regime helicopters were seen in the skies over the city. Thereafter, the regime forces resumed their bombardment, even more violently, this time using anti-aircraft guns to bombard it, along with the other weapons.

Residents of the city in upper floors of buildings there fled to the lower floors and basements seeking shelter in an effort to escape the indiscriminate bombardment.

The activists on the ground listed the material losses as follows:

- 1- Thirty percent of residential buildings destroyed
- 2- Sixty percent of shops and other buildings and facilities destroyed.
- 3 – Tens of thousands of residents displaced.
- 4 – Eighty killed, with a number dying due to lack of medical treatment, worsened by the inability to transport the wounded to hospitals or clinics for treatment.
5. Around 900 wounded, including some left permanently disabled.
6. 100 houses burnt.
- 7 – Massive theft and looting by regime forces of shops whose owners and staff fled in terror of the regime's bombing and killing.
8. More than 150 civilians detained by regime troops.

We note that there is no specialist hospital in the entire city, and even the activities of the Syrian Red Crescent located in the city were suspended after the heavy shelling continued, with Red Crescent personnel withdrawing to outside the city.





The victims have been identified as follows:

1. Mohammed Amin Shehada, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, shot by a sniper
2. Mahmoud Abu Zeid, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment of the city
3. Unnamed son of No. 2. Mahmoud Abu Zeid (male child), from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment of the city
4. Unnamed daughter of No. 2. Mahmoud Abu Zeid (female child), from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment of the city
5. Second unnamed daughter of No. 2. Mahmoud Abu Zeid (female child), from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment of the city
6. Khaled Abdel Rahim Damrani, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, executed by regime army forces
7. Omar Sawan, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, shot by a regime sniper
8. Wael Barghashah, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, died of injuries sustained in indiscriminate regime bombardment
9. Ahmad Aljalb, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment
10. Abu Khalil al-Ghazawi, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, shot by a regime sniper
11. Ibrahim Ahmed Al-Jalb, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment
12. Hassan al-Basimi Burghl, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment





13. Emad Mohammed Khalil Al-Sayed Ahmad Hadid, 27 years old, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, shot by a regime sniper
14. Abdul Aziz Adris, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, executed by regime army forces
15. Unnamed wife of Abdul Aziz Adris, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, executed by regime army forces
16. Ahmed Idris, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, executed by regime army forces
17. Abu Fayyad Jumaa, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, executed by regime army forces
18. Khalil Idriss, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment
19. Adnan Abdullah Qatnawi, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment
20. A friend of Khaled Abd al-Rahim al-Damrani, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, executed by regime army forces.
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22. A friend of Khaled Abd al-Rahim al-Damrani, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, executed by regime army forces
23. Daughter of Mahmoud Halabi, (female child), from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment
24. Daughter of Mahmoud Halabi, (female child), from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment





25. Daughter of Mahmoud Halabi, (female child), from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment
26. Garam Hikmat al-Aloush (female child, aged 10 years), from Yusuf in Idlib province, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment of Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside <http://youtu.be/0-8zBAQVGk8>
27. Batul Mohammed Al-Abd (female child, aged 6 years), from Yusuf in Idlib province, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment of Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside
28. Nour Mohammed Al-Abd (female child, aged 3 years), from Yusuf in Idlib province, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment of Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside
29. Mohammed Khalifa, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, executed by regime army forces
30. Ahmed Rajab, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, executed by regime army forces
31. Salah al-Boshi, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment
32. Khaled Mahmoud Al-Shalabi, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, shot in the head by a regime sniper.
33. Obada Mohammed al-Saghir / Damascus countryside / Ma'admiyeh al-Sham / known Abbadi al-Nur killed by a sniper
34. Mohammad Nizar Natouf, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, shot by a sniper
35. Nazir Omar Natouf, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, shot by a sniper





36. Khaled Abu Zeid Rehana, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, shot by a sniper
37. Ahmed Ibrahim Ibrahim, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment
38. Hassan Qweider, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, slaughtered with knives
39. Ahmed Hassan Qweider, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, slaughtered with knives <http://youtu.be/wUfKbnIgWqI>
40. Mahmoud Rajab, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, slaughtered with knives <http://youtu.be/wUfKbnIgWqI>
41. Emad Rajab, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, slaughtered with knives <http://youtu.be/wUfKbnIgWqI>
42. Mufeed Rifab, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, slaughtered with knives <http://youtu.be/wUfKbnIgWqI>
43. Tareq Rajab, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, slaughtered with knives <http://youtu.be/wUfKbnIgWqI>
44. Sham Bakri (female child, aged 10 years), from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment
45. Osama Abdul Rahim Sulaiman, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment
46. Abd al-Hay Shehadeh, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, executed by regime army forces
47. Hamid Ali al-Hussein, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment





48. Mohammed Khalifa, from Mou'adamiyet Sham, Damascus countryside, killed in indiscriminate regime bombardment

Also amongst the so-far unidentified victims killed in this two-day massacre in Mou'adamiyet Sham by regime forces are:

[Unidentified martyr](#), tortured before burnt and hanged by regime forces in Mou'adamiyet Sham

[Seven unidentified women](#), slaughtered by regime army forces in Mou'adamiyet Sham

- [Eight unidentified martyrs](#), slaughtered by regime army forces in Mou'adamiyet Sham
- [Thirteen so-far unidentified](#) martyrs executed by regime army forces in Mou'adamiyet Sham
- [Unidentified woman](#), executed and beheaded by regime army forces in Mou'adamiyet Sham

Other footage from the massacre

[The bodies](#) of four members of the Rajab family, slaughtered by regime forces

[Pictures](#) of some of the victims of the massacre

[A number of the bodies](#) of victims of [the massacre](#) were transferred to Darya and buried there on the second day, Sunday July 29, 2012

Documentation of some of the injuries inflicted on survivors attacked by regime forces during the massacre:

[Photos](#) of the injured and the types of severe injuries they suffered:

[Videos of the injured](#):





Detainees:

A large number of detainees, around 200, were arrested by regime forces during the period of the regime's massacre. It is very difficult to identify some of those arrested, most of whom we have no information about. These are amongst those who have been forcibly disappeared from Mou'adamiyet Sham by regime forces during the weekend that the massacre took place:

1. Mr. Nasser Hamdan Hamdan and his children
2. Cheb Ahmed Hamdan
3. Cheb Khaled Hamdan
4. Alaa Hamdan
5. Alaa Hamdan's nephew, Khalid Al-Ahmad
6. Musa Al-Ahmad
7. Cheb Ahmed Mohammed Al-Abd
8. Ahmed Khaled Aker (Salous), seized from in front of his house
9. Haj Ahmed Mohammed Damrani
10. Khaled Ibrahim al-Wawi, aged 47, a former detainee.
11. Mohamed Hosny Damrani.
12. Hassan Mohammed Taqtaq
13. Hamdan insisted.
14. Ahmed Khaled Al-Khatib
15. Abu Abdo Abdel Salam
16. Haj Abdul Latif Sawan.
17. Ali Abdul Latif Sawan.
18. An unspecified number of young me from the Al-Barghashah family

Footage of the devastation inflicted by the regime over the weekend of the massacre

Massive shelling and destruction of Mou'adamiyet Sham, :

[Smoke rising](#) from the shelling

[The impact](#) of the ferocious bombardment of the Mu'damiyah

[The bombing](#) of Omar bin al-Khattab mosque

[Photos](#) of the massive destruction of buildings and vehicles left by the military machine of the Syrian regime:





The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR), as a human rights organization engaged in defending human rights, strongly condemns this terrible massacre, which is classified as a crime against humanity, and all the massacres that the Syrian people are subjected to on a constant and relentless basis around the clock. We also place full and direct responsibility for the massacre and for all its consequences and repercussions on the Syrian regime and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Bashar al Assad. We call on the Security Council and the United Nations to act quickly, to take all the necessary measures to protect civilians in Syria, to live up to its moral and legal responsibilities, and to accelerate the steps towards referring of all those involved in these massacres to the International Criminal Court.

