Eastern Ghouta in Damascus Suburbs Live under the Hell of the Syrian Regime's Massacre After Douma, Death Squad Shifted to Saqba

Government forces raided Saqba, eastern Damascus suburbs, from all of its axes, as tanks, armored vehicles, and foot soldiers advanced from the south, the side of Kafr Batna town, and from the north, the side of Hamouriya town, and from the east, the side of Hazza town, and from the east, from the side of Jisreen town. This was followed by a raid from a square called al Jam'iya square, while other government forces teams moved to the high school road, and another group raided from al Jouza area, north of the city. The tanks, which were stationed in the middle of the city, fired a tank shell at a residential building, which caused great destruction in the building and wounded a number of people, including a child who was injured in the eye. Also, tens of Saqba city residents were arrested, as we identified among them several members of al Khwaja family. Another group of forces that raided the city went to al Mahfra area, which is located west of the city, where they looted shops.

According to SNHR, 19 civilian citizens were killed in this horrifying massacre, including a woman and her child. We contacted some of the residents to document their names. What is more horrifying is that some of the victims were slaughtered using knives in a retaliation practices that call us back to the dark age and absolute savagery.

1- Ahmad Hamami, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.

2- Suliman al Ashqar (Abu al Jouz), Saqba, Damascus suburbs, was slaughtered using knives, known as Abu Ma'rouf.

3- Sharif al Bashash, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.

4- A victim from al Shaghouri family, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.

5- Abu Mohammad al Lathqani, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.

6- Abu Ghiath al Shami, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.

7- Ali al Basha, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.

8- Anas al Shamaa, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.

9- Abu Wasef al Doumani (al Mu'then), Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.







10- Eyad al Saeed, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.

11- Walid al Majber, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.

12- Khaled al Mahber, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.

13- A victim from Akash family, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.

14- Kasem al Kharfan, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.

15- A victim, his name has not been received, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces along with his wife.

16 A female victim, her name has not been received, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces along with her husband.

17- A victim, his name has not been received, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.

18- A victim, his name has not been received, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces.

19- A victim, his name has not been received, Saqba, Damascus suburbs, shot by security forces

Appendixes and attachments

Videos documenting the horrifying massacre in Saqba city, June 16, 2012 A video showing the raid by Syrian regime forces on Saqba city

Condemnation and Liability

We at SNHR, as a human rights organization concerned with defending human rights, blatantly condemn this massacre which amounts to a crime against humanity and all massacres that are committed against Syrian people on the hour. We also hold the head of the Syrian regime and the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces Bashar Al Assad responsible for the massacre and the ramifications resulting from it. Also, we demand the Security Council and the United Nations to act quickly to protect civilians in Syria, and they must bear their legal and moral responsibilities and accelerate steps to refer the perpetrators of massacres to the International Criminal Court.





