



The Documentation of Mua'damiyet Al Sham Town Massacre in Damascus Suburbs

Mua'damiyet Al Sham:

It is located about several kilometers west of Damascus city, near Darayya city and Al Mazej Al Dimashqi neighborhood. Its population is 70000.

Mua'damiyet Al Sham is a town center, one of the closest cities to the capital Damascus and one of the most prominent cities in Western Ghouta.

The location on the map:



Incident's details:

The testimony of the eyewitness who was at the time of the bombardment (Abu Ra'd) and he is still alive:

You can contact with the eyewitness via skype account: m.jamal.mm

“As usual on every Friday, we go the mosque to pray, on our way, an artillery shell fell on the minaret of the mosque to drop it down but, thanks God, it didn't fell. After ten minutes, as the people was entering the mosque, another shell fell resulting in the death of several individuals and the injury of tens of individuals. The screams for help rose up. I run with some brothers to give them a hand and relief the injured, 5 minutes





later, the second shell fell resulting in severe losses among the civilians. thus, who was a paramedic become a martyr and many injured persons fell down in addition to damage in great part of the mosque and the neighboring buildings as well”.

SNHR’s team in Damascus suburbs have documented the death of 13 civilians. We also documented the injury of more than 25 persons.

The names of the massacre victims:

- 1- Emad Mohammad Al Damarani/ Damascus suburbs/ Mua’damiyet Al Sham.
- 2- Mohammad Mahmoud Qazah/ Damascus suburbs/ Mua’damiyet Al Sham.
- 3- Amina Zain Al Deen Zain Al Deen/ Damascus suburbs/ Mua’damiyet Al Sham.
- 4- Aisha Zain Al Deen/ Damascus suburbs/ Mua’damiyet Al Sham.
- 5- Mahmoud Mohammad Nakhleh/ Damascus suburbs/ Mua’damiyet Al Sham.
- 6- Radwan Ahmad Al Khateeb/ Damascus suburbs/ Mua’damiyet Al Sham.
- 7- Ismai’l Zamzam/ Damascus suburbs/ Mua’damiyet Al Sham.
- 8- Adbul Razaq Mohammad Taqtaq/ Damascus suburbs/ Mua’damiyet Al Sham.
- 9- Baha’a Deeb Al Aswad/ Damascus suburbs/ Mua’damiyet Al Sham.
- 10- Ahmad Khaleel Khaleel/ Damascus suburbs/ Mua’damiyet Al Sham.
- 11- Unidentified person/ Damascus suburbs/ Mua’damiyet Al Sham.
- 12- Unidentified person/ Damascus suburbs/ Mua’damiyet Al Sham.
- 13- Unidentified person/ Damascus suburbs/ Mua’damiyet Al Sham.

Attachments:

First: videos depict the massacre martyrs:

Second: video depicts the destruction in the town due to the bombardment:

Conclusions:

1. SNHR affirms that the bombardment on Mua’damiyet Al Sham city in Damascus suburbs was indiscriminate and directed against unarmed civilians. Thus, government forces and Al Shabiha have violated the international human rights law which protects the right to life in addition to being committed in non-International armed conflict so it mounts to war crime as all elements were fulfilled.

2. SNHR deems what happened in Mua’damiyet Al Sham, the murder crime, a crime against humanity because it is not the first case but it has been systematically repeated in all Syrian governorates in a widespread manner.





3. The indiscriminate attacks by government forces are violation of customary international humanitarian law where government forces launched several shells on populated areas and did not direct to specific military object.

4. Those attacks, particularly the bombardment, caused casualties, injures or damaged civilian objects. Moreover, there are strong indicators that the damaged was great compared with the military benefits.

5. The volume of the massacre in addition to its nature, the amount of power that was used, and the indiscriminate and coordinated nature of bombardment cannot be without high instructions and it's a state policy.

Recommendations:

To the Syrian government:

- 1- To stop all Human Rights violations immediately.
- 2- To respect its international commitments that includes the protection of civilians in the time of war, and respect the rules of international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

To Human Rights Council:

- 1- To demand the Security Council and the concerned international institutions to shoulder their responsibilities in regard to what is happening to Syrian people like murder, arrest, rape, and displacement.
- 2- To press on the Syrian government to cease murder, torture and release all kidnapped persons.
- 3- To hold Syrian government's allies and supporters- Russia, Iran, and China- morally and materially responsible for happening to the children of Syria.
- 4- To give the disastrous situation of victims' families in Syria greater interest and seriousness.





To the Security Council:

- 1- To adopt a resolution to refer all perpetrators and criminals to the International Criminal Court.
- 2- To warn the Syrian government about the ramifications of severe acts and systematic murder and send a clear message regarding this case.

To the Arab League:

- 1- To ask the Human Rights Council and the United Nations to give the case of daily murder its right of interest and follow-up.
- 2- To give the case the serious and great interest and follow-up, and try to give the victims' families psychological, material and educational care.
- 3- To press politically and diplomatically on the main Syrian regime allies- Russia, Iran and China- to ban them from providing the international and political cover and protection of all committed crimes against the Syrian people and to hold them morally and materially responsible for all Syrian government violations.

To International Commission of Inquiry:

- 1- To cease depicting the conflict as it is between two equal parties in crimes, power and central decision-making, and to describe the crime as it is without mitigation for political objects. It also has to increase its cadres that is concerned with the Syrian case due to the volume of the daily crimes which allow it for border and more comprehensive documentation.

