



UN has to Ensure the Safety and Fate of IDPs from Aleppo's Eastern Neighborhoods

Since the second Cessation of Hostilities ceasefire ended on 19 September 2016, the bombing and destruction by the Syrian and Russian regimes haven't stopped for one day in the eastern neighborhoods of Aleppo. Committing hundreds of violations that constitute war crimes, these airstrikes targeted residential neighborhoods, hospitals, and schools haphazardly sometimes while in other cases were deliberate. In addition, these neighborhoods have fallen again under an overwhelming and crippling siege after the Syrian regime forces, with the support of Hezbollah and Iranian and Iraqi Shiite militias on the ground, managed to take back Al Ramousa neighborhood which was a pathway used by Syrian armed opposition to access Aleppo's eastern neighborhoods. We recorded in three extensive reports the details of the most notable violations in that period of time.

In mid-November 2016, Russian forces immensely intensified their airstrikes destroying entire neighborhoods almost completely amid a lack of any concern by the U.N. regarding the toll of casualties and wounded and the horrifying violations that are being perpetrated on a daily basis. Under this air cover, the Syrian regime forces and the Shiite militias that are fighting with the regime advanced on the ground and, consequently, took over Masaken Hananou neighborhood and then Jabal Badrou neighborhood in addition to parts of Al Haydariya and Al Sakhour neighborhoods. 35 civilians would die every day averagely. SNHR documented the killing of 676 civilians, including 165 children and 87 women, in the eastern neighborhoods of Aleppo city at the hands of Russian and Syrian forces from 19 September 2016 until 30 November 2016. The death toll is distributed by the perpetrator party as follows:

- Russian forces: 462 civilians including 128 children and 66 women.
- Government forces: 214 civilians including 37 children and 21 women.

Subsequently, eastern neighborhoods of Aleppo were split into two parts: the south and the north where most of the residents of the neighborhoods that were taken over by the regime and its allies fled to the southern part being the larger part while another portion of the residents fled to the northern part. Additionally, a third group fled to Al Sheikh Maqoud neighborhood which is under the control of the Kurdish Democratic Union Party forces.





There is a large group of people who couldn't escape where they were arrested by the regime forces and their allying Shiite militias. The fate of most of these people is unknown to SNHR, and we received reports about quick extrajudicial field-executions and women being raped as investigations are still ongoing to collect more evidences and release new reports in that regard. Based on the above, the Syrian Network for Human Rights is deeply concerned about the fates of all the civilians who fell under the control of the regime forces and the Shiite militias. From past experiences, the fate of most of these people would be arrest, and then enforced-disappearance, or quick executions. Here, we call on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the office of the United Nations special envoy for Syria, and the Security Council to play an integral role in revealing their fates, insure their freedom, and spare them the brutal retaliatory acts in order to avoid the tragedy that was Baba Amro neighborhood in Homs.

Attachments

[Pictures showing](#) civilians fleeing [Aleppo city's](#) eastern neighborhoods to regime-held areas, Sunday 27 November 2016, according to SANA news agency



[Video showing](#) the aids given by Russian forces to the civilians fleeing Aleppo's eastern neighborhoods to the regime-held areas, Sunday 27 November 2016, according to RT news agency





Pictures showing the residents of Aleppo's eastern neighborhoods fleeing to Al Sheikh Maqsoud neighborhood, Sunday 27 November 2016



Videos showing civilians fleeing the besieged neighborhoods of Aleppo city to Al Sheikh Maqsoud neighborhood, Sunday 27 November 2016, that were broadcasted by RuMaf news agency



Video showing the continued flee from Aleppo's eastern neighborhoods to Al Sheikh Maqsoud neighborhood, Monday 28 November 2016, that was broadcasted by ANHA news TV channel

