

I joined the early days of the Syria uprising in February 2011. It was a only matter of weeks before the chants and dancing were met with bullets and arrests from the regime of Bashar al-Assad.

I saw my brother and sister killed -- many Syrians suffered similar tragedies. I was fortunate that at least I knew what happened to them. All around me people were disappearing or dying and no-one was keeping records. In your country these deaths are likely registered by the government, in Syria it was the government killing the people.

I set up the Syrian Network for Human Rights to document what was happening to civilians in Syria.[1] I wanted to make sure that there was a record of all crimes so that the world could know what was happening. So that every family could find out what happened to their loved ones.

Have a look at the data and find out who is killing civilians in Syria.



2011 – 2016: Who's Killing Civilians In Syria? 183,827 1,984 2,159 2,196 2.959 311 356 416 ISIS **AL NUSRA KURDISH** RUSSIA UNKNOWN **US-LED** REBELS REGIME

We have a network of thousands of volunteers inside Syria reporting on who is attacking civilians and how. My team then sorts these thousands of reports, verifies

*Numbers documented from 15 March 2011 to 01 March 2016, according to the Syrian Network for Human Rights

them and complies reports for Syrians and the world. It's tough work. **But we don't** want people to die silently. For us this record is very important.

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When we started we were documenting just a few types of violations: sniper fire, torture, execution. Five years later we have dozens: scud missiles, barrel bombs, chemical weapons, cluster munitions. Weapons we could not imagine in our worst nightmares are now part of our everyday lives.

I travel around the world showing this information to people. Every time I show it I get faces of surprise. They expect me to tell them that Isis is the main killer - but the reality is very different. What's happening in Syria is a government massacring its own people. The biggest killer of civilians is aerial attacks – Isis doesn't own a single plane.



Today I am asking you to look at the data. Look at the charts. With my friends at The Syria Campaign we have put together a website that shows who is killing civilians since the start of the fighting. This is important as we can't end the killing in Syria without knowing who is doing it.

Please help me and my team by sharing this website with your friends and family. Together we have risked a great deal to get this information out.

Thank you,

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