The Full Documentation of Zor Al Hesa Massacre

The Village is located to the northeast of Helfaya city. Its population is no more than 1000 people. There is a nearby military checkpoint, namely Zelien checkpoint. Orontes River goes right through the village and splits its agricultural lands into two halves. Most of the residents live in the northern part compared to the south where the simple village residents plant seasonal fruits and vegetables. This village is known for being extremely poor.

Location on the map

On 5 August 2012, army forces started a raid in the morning and randomly opened fire on the people which resulted in the killing of 10 victims at least including four from the family of Al Jaloud who were extrajudicially killed and executed. Some of the dead bodies were stolen while the remaining dead bodies were taken to Helfaya city for the prayers and the funeral.

Also, the indiscriminate shelling wounded 12 citizens from the village residents including one woman.

Through contacting the town residents, we were able to acquire and record the victims' names

- 1- Khaled Mahmoud Al Jaloud.
- Mohammad Mahmoud Al Jaloud.
- 3- Mahmoud Mahmoud Al Jaloud.
- 4- Hasan Ahmad Al Jaloud.
- 5- Subhi Al Stouf.
- 6- AbdulBaset Subhi Al Stouf.
- 7- Hayyan Awad Al Dib.
- 8- Ahmad Mahmoud Al Dib.
- 9- Ramez Khaled Al Dib.
- 10- Mohsin Zayyoun.







Attachments

Zor Al Hesa, Hama, A video that documents the massacre victims, 5 August 2012

Zor Al Hesa, Hama, the victim Mohammad Khaled Al Jaloud, 5 August 2012

Zor Al Hesa, Hama, the victim Ahmad Dib, 5 August 2012

Zor Al Hesa, Hama, the destruction that resulted from the shelling which resulted in a masacre. Even animals weren't spared in the shelling, 5 August 2012

Zor Al Hesa, Hama, victims' mothers grieving the loss of their sons who died in this horrifying massacre, 5 August 2012

As a human rights organization that is concerned with defending human rights, we, at the Syrian Network for Human Rights, strongly condemn this horrifying massacre that is considered as a crime against humanity as well as all the massacres against the Syrian people. We hold the Syrian regime, in its entirety, and the commander-in-chief of the Syrian Armed Forces Bashar Al Assad directly and fully responsible for this massacre as well as all repercussions and retaliations to this crime. Furthermore, we hold Iran, Russia, and Hezbollah directly responsible for the killings as they continue to provide the Syrian regime with weaponry and finance. We urge the Security Council and the United Nations to take every possible step to protect the civilians in Syria and uphold their moral and legal responsibilities, and to accelerate the steps towards referring all those who were involved to the International Criminal Court.



