

## Press Release

# The Syrian Network for Human Rights Has Submitted a Report to the UN Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

## SNHR is the Only Organization to Submit a Report Opposing the Misleading Report Submitted by the Syrian Regime

The Syrian Network for Human Rights submitted a report to the [Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families](#). This committee monitors UN member states' implementation of the [International Convention on Migrant Workers](#) which was created to protect the human rights of millions of migrant workers around the world.

The members of this independent and impartial committee are independent experts who represent all the regions of the world. The committee presents an annual report to the United Nations General Assembly on the implementation of the convention, along with the committee's opinions and recommendations. The report is mainly based on studying the reports and notes submitted by the state-parties to the convention<sup>1</sup>. The committee can request that specialist agencies and other UN bodies, as well as governmental and international organizations, and bodies, provide written submissions to the committee on the issues of the convention and its activities<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, International Convention on Migrant Workers and Their Families, Article 74, para 7, <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Publications/FactSheet24rev.1en.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, International Convention on Migrant Workers and Their Families, Article 76 and Article 77, <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Publications/FactSheet24rev.1en.pdf>

For 12 years, the Syrian Network for Human Rights has worked on documenting many types of violations in Syria and archived these violations in our database. Based on these daily and accumulated documented violations, we can evaluate the Syrian regime's violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

The Syrian regime's government recently submitted a report to the Committee claiming a high level of commitment to and compliance with the convention and the related human rights. SNHR has revised this report, and the previous periodic report<sup>3</sup>, however, and submitted a simultaneous report that refutes many of the claims made in the regime government's reports.

SNHR's report proves beyond doubt that the Syrian regime has violated many of the articles, as well as numerous related human rights. SNHR was the only organization to submit a report disproving the Syrian regime's claims and preventing it from distorting and controlling the narrative in this humanitarian space.

Today, on September 19, 2022, at 10:30 am Geneva time during its thirty-fifth session, the committee reviewed the combined report of the second and third periodic reports submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic<sup>4</sup>. During the session, the SNHR intervened by the Executive Director, Mr. Fadel Abdul Ghani, who stressed that the violations committed by the Syrian regime, during the past years, do not distinguish between a citizen and a migrant worker, as they are large-scale and indiscriminate attacks, such as the complete shelling of residential neighborhoods, and the mostly indiscriminate and arbitrary arrests - without clear charges.

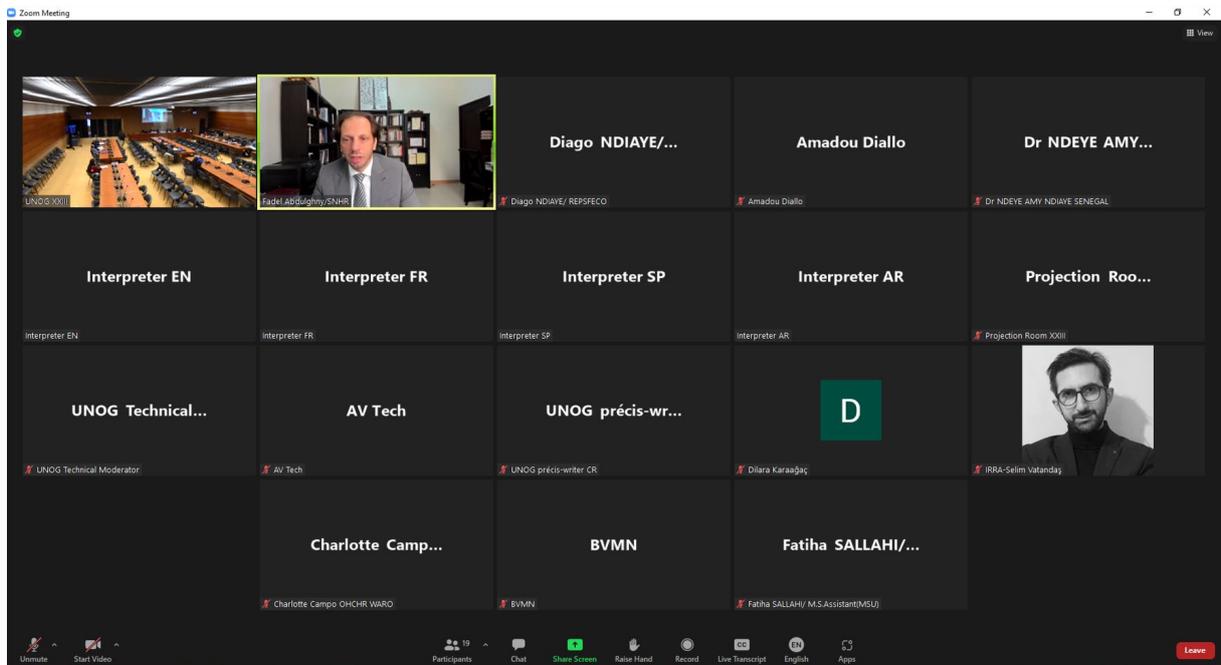
In the second part of his intervention, Mr. Abdul Ghani stressed the Syrian labor law and the lack of an independent judiciary in Syria. He added that migrant workers are subject to the Syrian labor law, which is full of articles that violate international human rights law. Furthermore, many migrant employees are working in companies affiliated with or supported by the security services; therefore, no Syrian worker or migrant can obtain any of his/her rights before the judiciary in the event of a dispute with companies or members of the security services, or within the army, because the judiciary in Syria is controlled by the security services, as the head of the Supreme Judicial Council is the same as the President of the Republic Bashar al-Assad, who is also the head of the security services.

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<sup>3</sup> United Nations, Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, Concluding Observations of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, Report of the Syrian Arab Republic, 2 May 2008, <https://undocs.org/CMW/C/SYR/CO/1>

<sup>4</sup> United Nations, Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, List of issues in relation to the combined second and third periodic reports of the Syrian Arab Republic, (CMW/C/SYR/Q/2-3), 23 February 2021, <https://undocs.org/CMW/C/SYR/Q/2-3>

At the end of his speech, Mr. Abdul Ghani demanded that the committee put pressure on the Syrian regime in order to achieve a real separation of the judiciary in Syria from the dominance of the security services. He stressed that there will be no legal or judicial rights for migrant workers working in Syria as long as the legislative and judicial branches are dominated by the security services of the executive branch.



To view the report submitted by the Syrian regime's government visit [this link](#). Meanwhile, you can view SNHR's report via [this link](#).