

Statement

SNHR Welcome the UNGA Resolutions Noting that the Estimated Number of Arbitrarily Arrested Detainees Has Risen to Approximately 135,000

SNHR Data is a Principal Source for Many
UN Bodies and Statements



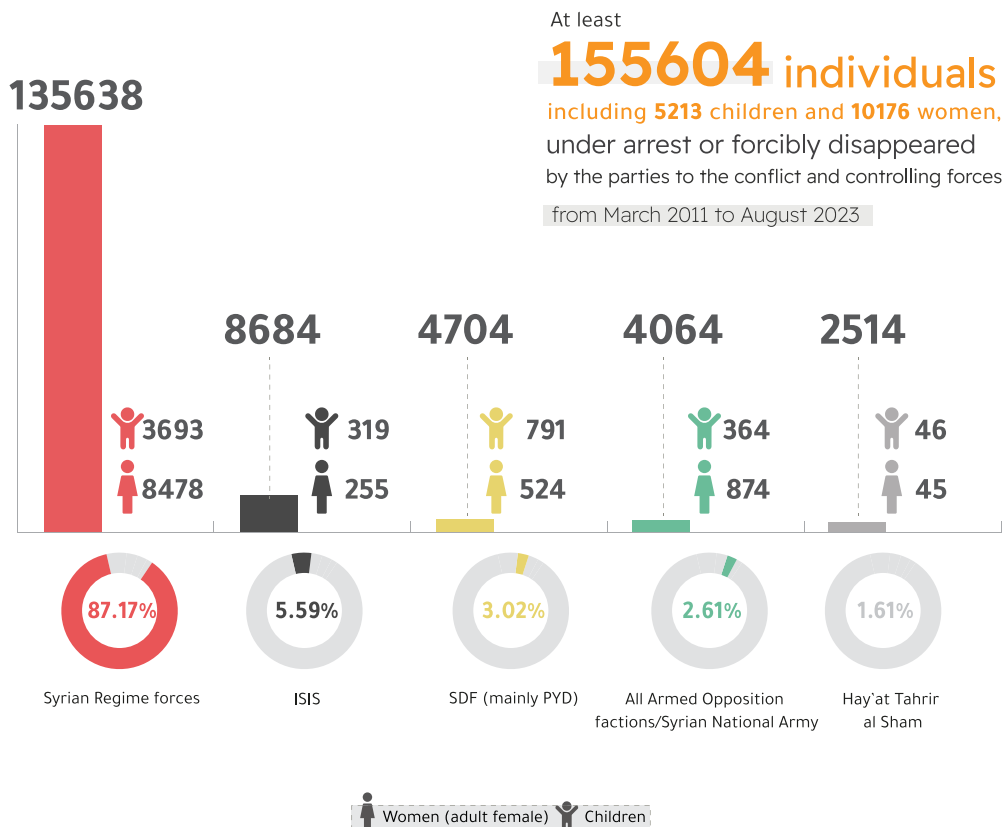
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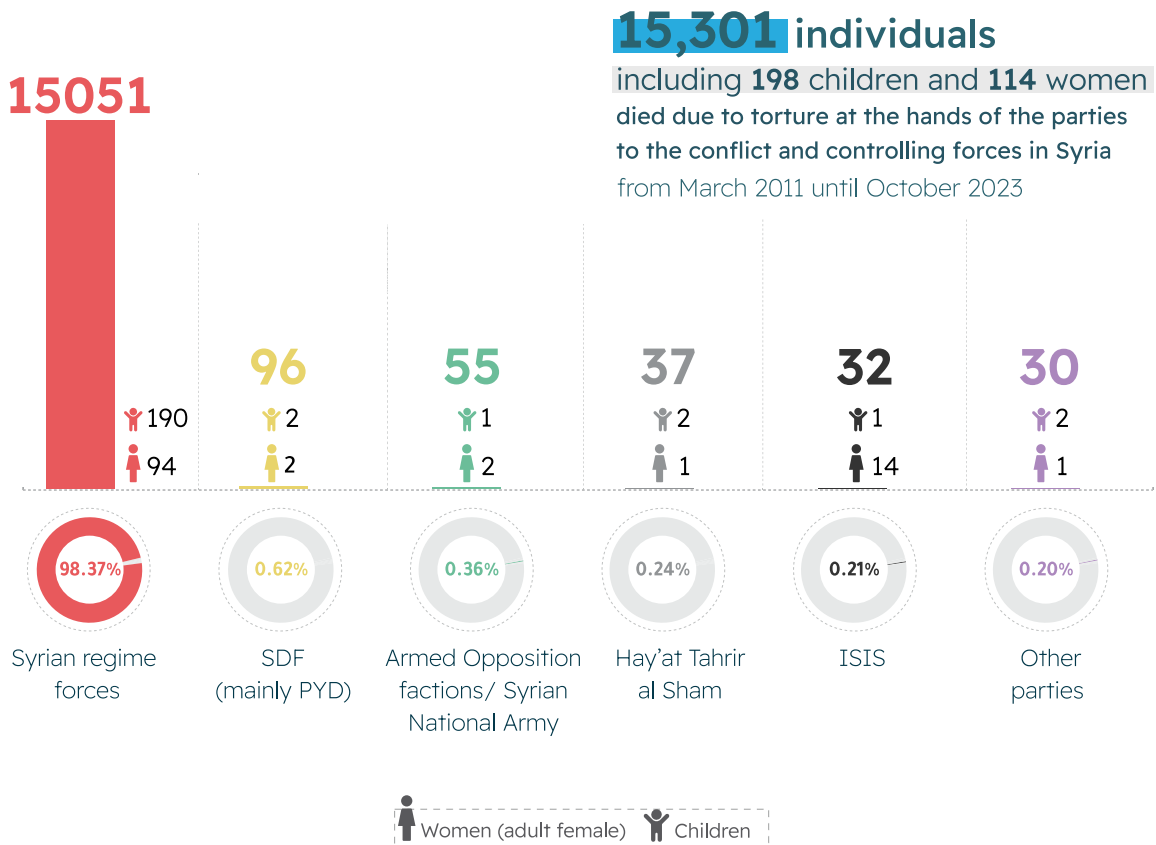
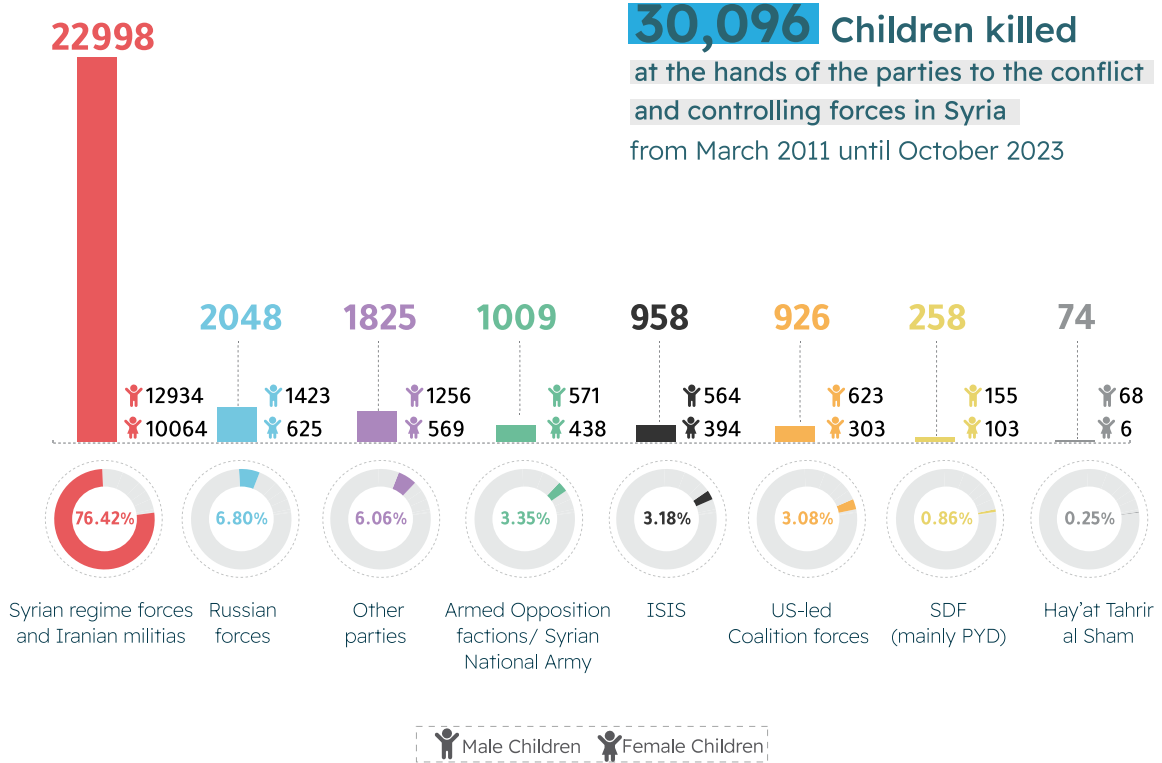
The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR), founded in June 2011, is a non-governmental, independent group that is considered a primary source for the OHCHR on all death toll-related analyzes in Syria.

On Wednesday, November 15, 2023, the Member States of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) voted on draft resolution [A/C.3/78/L.43](#) condemning the Syrian regime’s gross and systematic violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law. The resolution passed with a majority of 86 states voting for, and 15 voting against, while 73 states abstained from voting.

The resolution stresses that the toll of arbitrarily arrested detainees in Syria continues to rise steadily, with over **135,000** people now detained or forcibly disappeared. The resolution also notes that the number of child deaths documented in Syria has risen to **30,034, 198** of whom died due to torture. The resolution further stresses that the Syrian regime is responsible for the systematic use of enforced disappearance, which constitutes a crime against humanity, while also condemning the extrajudicial killings perpetrated by the regime.

The resolution draws upon the data provided by the Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) for many of its figures and much of the information provided. In this context, it should be noted that SNHR has been working closely with many UN bodies for nearly 13 years, including the UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR), the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic (COI), the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism (IIIM), the UNICEF, and numerous special rapporteurs.





Moreover, the resolution cites OHCHR statistics which state that the confirmed documented number of civilian deaths in Syria has reached **306,887**, [SNHR is a principal source for the OHCHR](#) and a partner in all the reports released by the UN body on civilian deaths in Syria.

Elsewhere, the resolution condemns the Syrian regime's use of chemical weapons and its continuing practices of enforced disappearance, arbitrary arrest, and death under torture, as well as its use of armed violence. The report calls on the Syrian regime and other parties to the conflict to immediately and safely facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance, including cross-border humanitarian aid, without imposing any obstacles.



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