

Statement

SNHR Shares Data on Thousands of Forcibly Disappeared Persons With the OHCHR

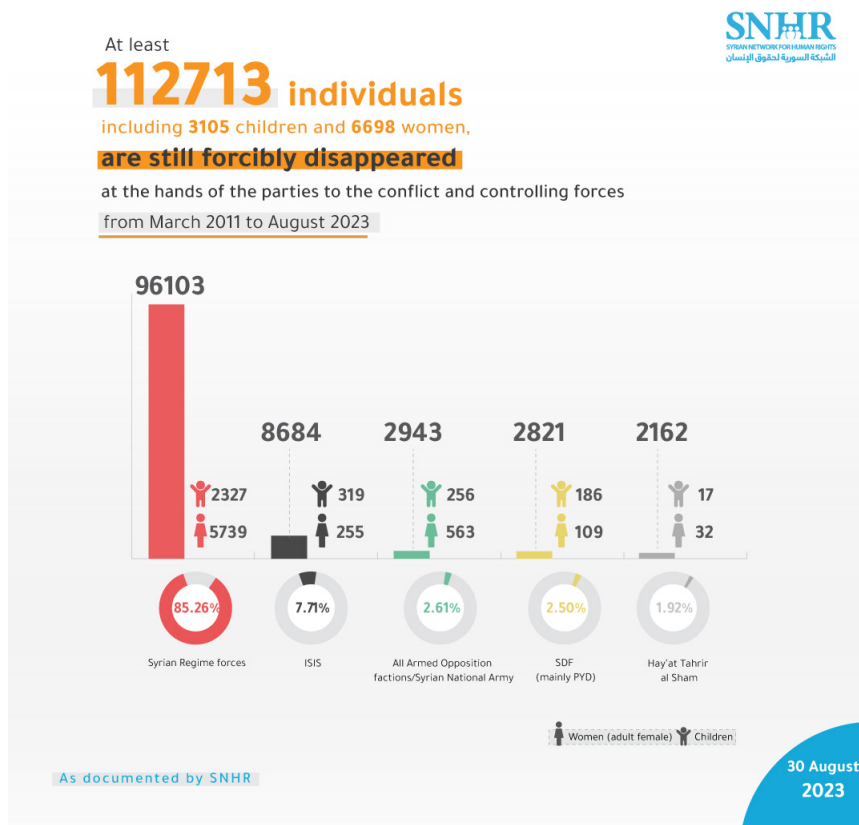


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The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR), founded in June 2011, is a non-governmental, independent group that is considered a primary source for the OHCHR on all death toll-related analyzes in Syria.

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As part of an ongoing partnership dating back to 2011, the Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) has shared data on thousands of missing and forcibly disappeared persons with the UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR), which has drawn upon this data in releasing numerous items of statistically accurate information on the victims of the armed conflict in Syria. As SNHR’s data-base attests, at least 112,000 Syrians are currently forcibly disappeared in Syria, with 96,000 or 85 percent of this total having been forcibly disappeared at the hands of Syrian regime forces and pro-regime Iranian militias.



SNHR will continue to share the data we document with the OHCHR, as an expression of our confidence in the integral role played by this UN agency in shedding light on the massive volume of human loss in Syria, including both deaths and enforced disappearances. SNHR hopes that this harrowing reality will push decision-makers worldwide to take action, as they are made more aware of the extreme severity of and lethal threat posed by the innumerable unresolved violations resulting from the seemingly endless Syrian conflict that has continued for 13 years, to date as well as the imperative need to find a just political resolution that will put an end to the killing and enforced disappearances, with these being the two most heinous violations plaguing the people of Syria.

The process for submitting data on missing persons in Syria, including those individuals forcibly disappeared by the parties to the conflict, entails a multi-stage mechanism guided by shared protocols agreed upon during bilateral meetings between SNHR and the OHCHR. This process aims to enable analysis of the data recorded according to the year, area, and party to the conflict, facilitating study of the contexts within which this data has been recorded in an accurate manner and since the start of the popular uprising for democracy in Syria in March 2011.

In addition to working closely with the OCHR on the missing persons issue, SNHR also collaborates with the UN body in several other areas, including contributing to numerous OHCHR reports and news items. SNHR strongly supports the OHCHR's integral mandate and its work in Syria.





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