

## Statement

### Condemning the Israeli Occupation Forces' Demolition of No less than 15 Civilian Homes Following Ground Incursion into Al-Hamidiyah, Quneitra Countryside

The Occupation Forces Continue to Violate International Law through Military Incursions and Demolitions Targeting Civilian Property in the Quneitra Countryside

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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 the evening of Monday, June 16, 2025, Israeli occupation forces carried out a military incursion into the village of Al-Hamidiyah in the Quneitra Governorate countryside, accompanied by the demolition of civilian homes. The forces, backed by heavy machinery, entered without prior announcement, sparking tension and anxiety among the local population.

## MILITARY INCURSION AND DEMOLITION OF HOMES

According to what the Syrian Network for Human Rights documented through reliable field sources, the incursion began late in the evening of June 16 and continued until the early hours of June 17. During the [incursion](#), Israeli forces [demolished](#) at least 15 [civilian homes](#), claiming that these buildings were close to a newly established Israeli military base within the demilitarized zone. According to available information, a number of the demolished homes were inhabited by residents who were forcibly displaced following the establishment of an Israeli military post near the area.



The aftermath of the demolition of a number of homes in the village of Al-Hamidiyah in the Quneitra countryside by the Israeli occupation forces. Photos taken on June 17, 2025 - Open Sources

## GENERAL CONTEXT AND CONSEQUENCES

This incident comes in the context of repeated Israeli incursions into southern Syria, which have recently been accompanied by practices that constitute gross human rights violations. This appears to be an attempt to impose a new security reality through ground operations that threaten the local population and lead to further tensions in the region. Furthermore, the targeted area falls within the control of the transitional government in Syria, which assumed administration of the region after the fall of the Assad regime on December 8, 2024. It is feared that such operations will hinder the ability of local authorities to restore security and provide basic services to the population.

## CONDEMNATION OF THE DEMOLITION AND INCURSION

The Syrian Network for Human Rights condemns the illegal incursion and the accompanying deliberate demolition of approximately 15 civilian homes. These actions are part of a recurring pattern of violations committed by the Israeli occupation authorities in southern Syria, threatening security and undermining any efforts to establish stability in the region.

## LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

- These operations constitute a clear violation of the sovereignty of the Syrian Arab Republic and a breach of international law, including Article 2(4) of the United Nations Charter, which prohibits the use of force against the territorial integrity of any Member State, in addition to the Disengagement Agreement signed between Syria and Israel in 1974. The continued Israeli incursions into the border areas constitute a direct threat to the security of the civilian population and raise the possibility of forced displacement or the imposition of illegal military arrangements in the area.
- Under the disengagement agreement signed between Syria and Israel, Israeli forces are prohibited from entering specific areas near the contact lines in the Golan Heights. These incursions constitute a direct violation of the terms of the agreement, undermining any existing framework for preventing escalation.
- The entry of military forces into territory controlled by another state without a declaration of war or the presence of an active conflict, while carrying out practices such as the demolition of civilian homes, constitutes a violation of Articles 49 and 147 of the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War.

- The implementation of the incursions, coupled with the heavy military presence, the imposition of temporary territorial control, and the demolition of homes in the area, threatens to impose a new demographic and security reality by force, which may amount to forced displacement practices prohibited under international humanitarian law and the Rome Statute (Article 7).
- The absence of any direct confrontation or immediate threat undermines any possible justification for the Israeli operations under the right of self-defense enshrined in Article 51 of the UN Charter, and demonstrates that the incursions were provocative and violate the principles of proportionality and necessity.
- The sudden military deployment and entry into residential areas directly violated the rights to personal security, movement, and freedom from intimidation, rights guaranteed under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Articles 9 and 12).

## RECOMMENDATIONS BY SNHR:

- Clear condemnation from the UN Security Council and General Assembly, **considering** the Israeli incursions as aggressive acts that violate the sovereignty of a member state, and an immediate call to halt these violations.
- Calling on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) to open an urgent field investigation into all incursion sites and submit an official report to the Security Council on Israeli violations.
- International pressure on Israel to respect its obligations under international humanitarian law, especially the Geneva Conventions, and to ensure that these incursions, which threaten the security of the local population, are not repeated.
- Providing legal, humanitarian, and material support to affected civilians, particularly those whose homes were demolished, with full documentation of the incident within the framework of international accountability mechanisms such as the International, Impartial, and Independent Mechanism (IIIM).
- Demanding that the International Criminal Court open an investigation into serious Israeli violations, particularly those that may be classified as crimes against humanity or war crimes, such as potential displacement.
- Strengthening the humanitarian and human rights presence in Quneitra Governorate by deploying non-governmental human rights monitoring teams and providing psychological support and legal services to those affected by these operations.



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