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Introduction

Al-Assad family has been, and still controls the reign of power in Syria since 1970 when Hafez al-Assad led a coup against his comrades who had themselves snatched power in a coup of their own on 8 March, 1963. The putschists put Syria in a state of emergency since that time before it was nominally lifted in April 2011, rendering it the longest period ever, in modern times, for imposing it anywhere in the world.

The Assad regime attempted to subdue the popular uprising against it at the onset of its eruption in March, 2011. Regime forces used excessive force and widescale human rights abuses which shifted the course of the uprising to an internal war. The regime utilised its "Shabeeha" forces at the uprising's onset, but when they failed in quelling it, State and sub-State forces were called in. This transformed Syria into an arena for international and regional struggles which led to the death of hundreds of thousands Syrians.

Under the banner of the war on "Terrorism", the USA and 30 other allied countries entered the Syrian warzone and utilised some Kurdish paramilitary groups in Syria's north and north-eastern regions. Turkey considered this a threat to its national security and it also interfered in the region in what has come to be known as the "Euphrates Shield", and then in Afrin through a military operation dubbed "Olive Branch". Turkey also announced its intention to post its forces in other regions.

Over the past eight years, regime and foreign forces supporting it have perpetrated a large number of war crimes and crimes against humanity. Other actors have also participated in these crimes to varying degrees.

According to the Syrian Human Rights Committee (SHRC), the number of people killed during 2018 was (7064), while (270) massacres were committed.

During this year, Syria witnessed a continued policy of blockade, starvation and cutting off food and medical supplies; a policy that was implemented mainly by the regime and its foreign allies, followed by ISIS. These practices drastically receded in the second part of 2018 due to the regime's and its allies' control over all opposition areas in the centre and south, and the waning of ISIS to limited desert areas.

The policy of blockade, in parallel with indiscriminate shelling and targeting of vital and civilian centres within besieged areas, has forced tens of thousands of Syrians to forcibly migrate to areas controlled by the Opposition. According to SHRC's estimates, the number of forcibly displaced people during this year was about 200 thousand, including about 158 thousand people from Rif Dimashq alone.

The areas whose inhabitants were forced to flee have been systematically plundered by regime forces and its allied foreign militias, reviving markets popularly known as "Sunni's Markets", which are informal markets in a number of cities controlled by the regime, where goods stolen from Sunni majority areas once controlled by the Opposition are sold.

In addition to the direct theft of property, the Assad regime issued Law No. 10 on April 2, 2018, which paves the way for the seizure of homes and properties of internally and forcibly displaced persons. The issuance of the law coincided with campaigns by local brokers to buy destroyed properties, either for the benefit of senior figures in Syria like Rami Makhlouf, the president's nephew, or for Iranian and Lebanese merchants seeking land and real estate, particularly in Damascus, Rif Dimashq and Homs.

Various actors, led by the regime and its foreign allies, continued to target vital institutions in Syria. SHRC has documented the targeting of (64) schools and educational institutions during the year. It also documented the targeting of (62) mosques and one church.

Arbitrary and despotic arrests of tens of thousands Syrian citizens have taken place this year. Large numbers of detainees have disappeared in prisons, detention centres, interrogation centres and the regime's intelligence dungeons under the worst conditions imaginable in the world. SHRC has documented (835) deaths under torture this year. Most of these cases date back to previous years but the fate of the victims was revealed this year as part of a campaign launched by the regime mid-year to distribute death documents to hundreds of people who have forcibly disappeared since 2011 and later.

According to testimonies collected by SHRC and other local and international human rights institutions, imprisonment and detention centres continue with the systematic use of brutal and cruel torture, rape of female and male detainees by worst means and methods imaginable, starvation to death, drownings in toilet water and sewage, in addition to the traditional methods of torture followed by the regime such as beatings with sticks, cables, blades, expansion of limbs, suspension, German Chair, Syrian Chair, Roast Chicken, Wheel, the use of electricity and jumping on detainees' chests until they die, among other barbaric methods.

In addition to violations against detainees within holding and detention centres, security services intimidate their relatives, refuse to inform them of the whereabouts of their kin, do not allow them visiting rights or even knowing whether they are still alive.

In recent years, there has been a surge in security members' gangs aimed at blackmailing the families of detainees and absentees. These gangs demand large sums of money in exchange for providing information about the

detainees or in exchange for improving their conditions. Releasing detainees or absentees, on the other hand, requires extremely large sums of money.

Bashar al-Assad's regime has applied the most severe restrictions on the freedom of the press and the media, banned means of social media and imposed restrictions thereon and restricted the freedom of information dissemination. Over the past few years, the regime has imprisoned hundreds of social media users and targeted journalists and media activists. It also established an electronic army to distort news, attack and hack Opposition websites and has prevented audio and visual Opposition media from existing or expressing other views.

SHRC has documented the killing of 16 journalists during 2018. It also documented, in its report, a number of cases of assault, arrest and abduction of journalists by various actors.

Violations and continuous crimes occurring since 2011 have led to the migration and displacement of more than half of the Syrian population from their homes. By the end of 2018, the number of Syrian refugees stood at 5.56 million, while the number of displaced persons was 6.1 million, of whom 1.57 million were displaced in 2018 alone.

Many Syrians displaced in refugee camps suffer from difficult living conditions due to lack of assistance provided to them and poor infrastructure there. Refugees in Lebanon, in particular, face harsh living conditions as a result of the Lebanese government's refusal to regulate the presence of refugees in official camps as per all other countries of asylum. This is in addition to violations perpetrated by the country's army, official security services and Hezbollah militias. Refugees there are tortured, humiliated and subjected to other undignified acts. Racist rhetoric against refugees is abound, including by high-ranking officials, as well as by journalists, media professionals and legislators.

Suffering increased through the blatant violations perpetrated by armed groups, some of which came from outside the country, and contributed to the killings and displacement at a daily rate. Most prominent among these groups include ISIS, Sham Liberation Commission, a.k.a. Tahrir al-Sham - (HTS), (formerly al-Nusra or al-Qa'ida), Kurdish armed militias (Syrian Democratic Forces), and others.

Russian forces and the US-led international coalition against terrorism have committed grave violations under the banner of fighting terrorism. This has led to the death of hundreds and to destroying much of the country's supra and infrastructure due to the massive destructive power of their most modern weaponry being tested on Syrian soil.

For the past eight years, Syria has exhausted both Man and concrete. The regime and the international community have aborted all serious attempts towards ending the violations and have thwarted 12 Security Council resolutions to deal with the situation due to Russian Veto alone.

SHRC, in issuing its 17th annual report on the status quo of human rights in Syria, calls upon all concerned parties to exert all efforts aimed at curbing the ongoing grave violations and to work towards upholding the justice system for victims as an alternative to the safe exit system for perpetrators of violations. It also calls upon these parties to restore confidence in human rights mechanisms as an alternative to those of international political consensus that do not take human beings into account.

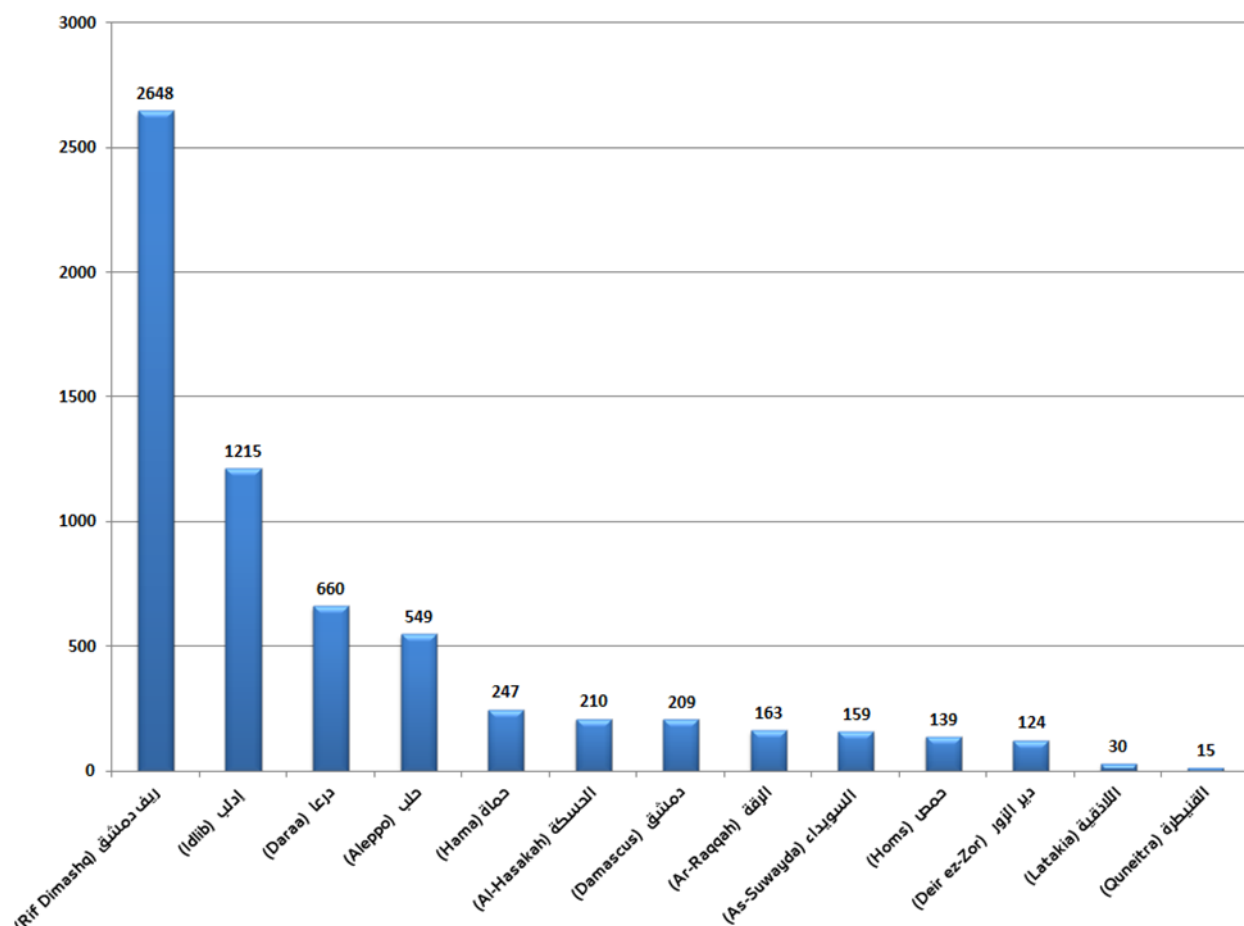
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Genocide

For the eighth consecutive year, crimes of genocide and extrajudicial killings continued to mow down Syrians through using all types of weapons, and with the participation of a large number of local, regional and international actors, both at State and sub-State levels.

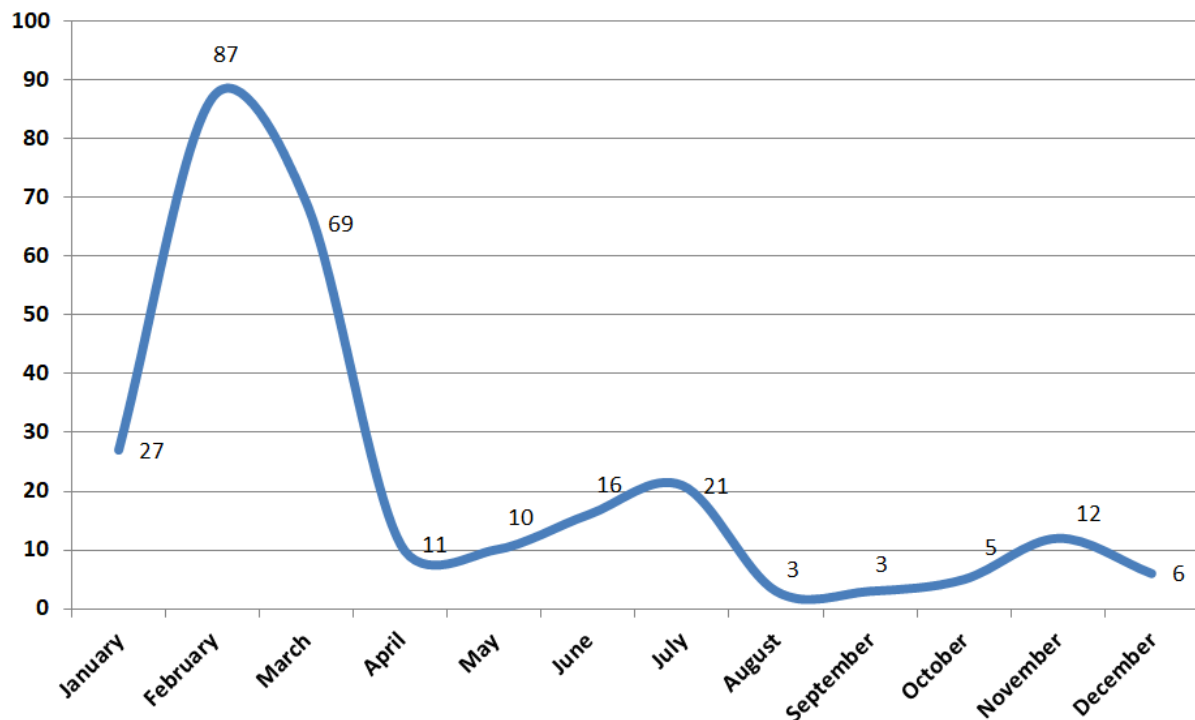
This year, SHRC documented the deaths of 7064 people. Rif Dimashq province was at the forefront in the number of casualties at 2,648 people, followed by Idlib province (1215), Daraa (660) and Aleppo (549). Noticeable here is that the number of victims in 2018 is the lowest since 2011.

The Syrian regime topped the list of murder perpetrators with the number of those it killed estimated at (5121), followed by Russian forces at (701), the international coalition at (452), and ISIS at (424) people.



SHRC also documented (270) massacres in 2018 visa-vie (257) in 2017 and (633) in 2016. Damascus province witnessed around 48% of massacres in 2018, followed by Idlib province by 17.4% and Deir ez-Zor province by 9%.

Russia reigned highest among perpetrators of massacres this year at 46%, followed by the Syrian regime at 29% and the international coalition at 10%.



Noteworthy is that the genocide curve in the second half of this year has dropped dramatically compared to the first half, as well as with all previous years. This decline is due to the regime's, and foreign forces supporting it, control over all areas once beyond its control in Damascus, Rif Dimashq, Daraa and Homs within the first six months of the year. This is in addition to the cessation of hostilities in the northern areas still controlled by the Opposition, either by de facto understandings or through Russian-Turkish agreements.

The year 2018 witnessed a significant increase in the number of explosions that occurred in Syria, especially in areas controlled by the Opposition, followed by areas under the control of the Kurdish self-Administration. These explosions occur via cars or motorcycles, or through explosive devices. No party claims responsibility for the blasts.

SHRC documented (216) explosions in 2018, of which (103) were in Idlib province alone and (90) in Opposition controlled areas of Aleppo.

Mass graves

The year 2018 witnessed the continuation of dramatic shifts in the maps of military control in Syria, which began last year. ISIS was stripped of many areas in the east and south, Afrin was taken from Kurdish militias, the entire Opposition areas in the centre and south came under the regime's control and the map of military control was steady from the end of June till the end of the year.

These changes aided in uncovering a number of mass graves, some of which date back to 2018; whereas most of them date back to previous years. The most prominent discoveries were as follows:

- On 24/3/2018, Aleppo civil defence found a mass grave in the town of Kamrook in Afrin countryside after Armed Forces factions had taken control of the city several days earlier. The grave included about (70) corpses, some of which have been identified. The bodies are believed to be of fighters from the "Al-Sunna Army" faction, an Opposition faction from Homs, which exited it towards northern Syria in 2014. They were killed in Ain Dukna in the battle the Opposition fought with the Syrian Democratic forces in April 2016. At the time, the SDF had placed the bodies in an open truck and paraded them in a festive atmosphere in the centre of Afrin.
- On 16/6/2018, exhumation works of bodies from a mass grave inside ar-Rasheed Stadium in the centre of ar-Raqqa city ended after two months of work. The number of bodies recovered was (553), some of which have been identified.
- On 26/7/2018, the exhumation of bodies from the zoo's mass grave in ar-Raqqa ended after nearly a month and a half of continuous work in the area. Four-hundred bodies were recovered, mostly of civilians believed to have been detained by ISIS, which also included some ISIS members.
- On 28/7/2018, a mass grave containing the bodies of about (20) civilians, along with an unspecified number of soldiers' bodies, was found in the Bedouin district of ar-Raqqa.
- On 1/10/2018, regime forces said they had discovered a mass grave in the town of al-Mesifrah in Daraa's eastern countryside, containing (35) bodies. Among the bodies identified was that of the commander of the military council in Daraa and its countryside, Ahmad Fahad al-Na'ama, who disappeared in 2013 and who is believed to have been kidnapped and killed by an-Nusra Front, in addition to the bodies of several members of the Druze community.
- On 12/12/2018, regime forces found a mass grave in the Green Belt area of al-Bokmal western countryside containing around (100) decomposed corpses. According to signs on the bodies, they were of people executed with gunfire from close range; some bodies also bore marks of torture.

ISIS Executions

This year witnessed an sharp rescinding of ISIS, which had no longer controlled by the end of 2018 more than 1.7% of Syrian territory. This decline led to a reduction in crimes committed by it compared with previous years.

Among the most prominent filmed executions carried out by ISIS this year:

On 12/4/2018, Imad Orabi (a Palestinian from the Yarmouk refugee camp in Damascus) was executed on charges of cursing God. ISIS showed footage of its religious law member "Abu Firas 'Ataba" reading the death sentence to young Orabi as the latter wore the infamous orange suit used by ISIS in executions. The execution occurred about a month before the regime took full control of the camp.

On 10/6/2018, ISIS published pictures of its members slaughtering (3) people in Idlib on charges of belonging to HTS. The victims appeared wearing orange suits.

The bodies of the three were later found, along with the bodies of two others who were not shown in the pictures. The bodies, which were found in different locations in Idlib province, carried ISIS marks on them.

On June 8, 2018, unknown gunmen kidnapped four members of HTS and three members of Idlib's Free Army, including a lieutenant, while they were passing through al-Mastoumah road connecting Idlib and Jabal az-Zawiyah area in Southern Idlib.

On 19/9/2018, the residents of Beit Aarah village, in the Yarmouk basin of Daraa's western countryside, found the bodies of four civilians who had been executed by ISIS prior to its withdrawal from the village.

On 2/10/2018, ISIS published a video recording showing the execution of one hostage from among (21) women and girls it had kidnapped on 25/7/2018 from al-Shabki village in as-Suwayda eastern province.

Landmines

Landmines continued to claim the lives of Syrians, especially in areas ISIS exited, as it plants them prior to withdrawal. Only a limited number of mine explosions were recorded in areas ISIS had not entered.

SHRC documented the death of (483) people in 2018 as a result of landmines. More than half of the victims were children. Mines were planted on farmlands or vacant areas and in abandoned homes, and would explode when children played there.

Documented Massacres in 2018

Date	Incident	Victims	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
02/01/2018	Air Strike of agricultural project	7	Khan al-Subol	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
03/01/2018	Air Strike of residential home	5	Tal al-Toqan	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
03/01/2018	Air Strike	6	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
03/01/2018	Air Strike	21	Misraba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
06/01/2018	Air Strike	6	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
06/01/2018	Air Strike	17	Hamouriyah	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
07/01/2018	Explosion south west Idlib- Thalathin St.	32	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
08/01/2018	Air Strike on Fa'loul farm, east Jarjanaz	12	Fa'loul	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
09/01/2018	Air Strike	25	Hamoriyah	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
09/01/2018	Air Strike	8	Abul-Dhuhoor	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
10/01/2018	Car bomb explosion	5	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Car Bomb
12/01/2018	Artillery shelling of farms in Hamouriyah	5	Hamouriyah	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
12/01/2018	Air Strike of Khan al-Subul	9	Khan al-Subul	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
13/01/2018	Air Strike	5	Hajin	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
16/01/2018	Air Strike	7	Tabish	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
21/01/2018	Air Strike	6	Dhamar	Aleppo	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
21/01/2018	Air Strike	7	Afrin	Aleppo	Turkish Air Force	Air missiles
22/01/2018	Air Strike	10	Anakibah	Aleppo	Turkish Air Force	Air missiles
24/01/2018	Air Strike on al-Rouge plain, Sangarah	8	Sangarah	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
28/01/2018	Air Strike	5	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
28/01/2018	Air Strike on Saraqib	9	Saraqib	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiles

Date	Incident	Victims	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
28/01/2018	Air Strike on the western neighbourhood	6	Ma'arat al-Nu'man	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiles
28/01/2018	Air Strike on Komalah, Afrin	9	Komalah	Aleppo	Turkish Air Force	Air missiles
29/01/2018	Air Strike on the northern neighbourhood	5	Ma'saran	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
29/01/2018	Explosion of car bomb, crossroad of Al Musayfrah	8	Al Musayfrah	Daraa	Unknown	Car Bomb
30/01/2018	Air Strike	6	Al Bawabiya	Aleppo	Regime Forces	Air missiles
31/01/2018	Helicopter Strike	6	Talafeh	Aleppo	Regime Forces	Explosive Barrels
01/02/2018	Helicopter Strike	7	Jdaria	Aleppo	Regime Forces	Explosive Barrels
01/02/2018	Mortar Strike	9	Ush Al Warwar	Damascus	Unknown	Mortar Shells
01/02/2018	Air Strike on the northern neighbourhood	10	Kafr Nabudah	Hama	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
01/02/2018	Air Strike	15	Abad	Aleppo	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
01/02/2018	Air Strike	6	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
02/02/2018	Air Strike on displaced vehicle on int. highway	7	Tal Hadya	Aleppo	Regime Forces	Air missiles
02/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
03/02/2018	Air Strike	42	Al Bahra	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
03/02/2018	Air Strike	7	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
03/02/2018	Air Strike	7	Ma'saran	Idlib	Regime Forces	Explosive Barrels
03/02/2018	Long range missile on the eastern neighbourhood	7	Khan Assubul	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Long Range Rocket
04/02/2018	Air Strike	8	Kafr Nabl	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
04/02/2018	Air Strike	6	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
04/02/2018	Air Strike on Wadi Anaseem, southern Idlib	12	Idlib	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
04/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Kafr Nabl	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles

Date	Incident	Victims	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
05/02/2018	Air Strike	10	Beit Sawa	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
05/02/2018	Air Strike	6	Hazeh	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
05/02/2018	Air Strike	6	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
05/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Al Bukmal	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
06/02/2018	Air Strike	13	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
06/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
06/02/2018	Unknown Explosion	5	Babis	Aleppo	Regime Forces	Air missiles
06/02/2018	Air Strike	31	Misraba	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
06/02/2018	Air Strike	7	Kafr Batna	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
06/02/2018	Air Strike	9	Zamalka	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
06/02/2018	Air Strike	10	Beit Sawa	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
07/02/2018	Air Strike	11	Hamoriyah	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
07/02/2018	Air Strike on different parts of Duma	16	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
07/02/2018	Air Strike on the eastern neighbourhood	10	Ma'arat al-Nu'man	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
08/02/2018	Air Strike	29	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
08/02/2018	Air Strike	8	Mishmishan	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
08/02/2018	Air Strike	7	Hamoriyah	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
08/02/2018	Air Strike	10	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
08/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Hazeh	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
08/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Misraba	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
09/02/2018	Air Strike on different parts of Hass	14	Hass	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiles
09/02/2018	Air Strike	6	Harasta	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
09/02/2018	Air Strike	8	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
09/02/2018	Air Strike	6	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
10/02/2018	Artillery bombardment	5	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells

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12/02/2018	Air Strike	16	Ash Sha'fah	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
12/02/2018	Rocket launchers shelling	5	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Rockets Launcher
12/02/2018	Explosive device went off in residential area	8	Ma'arrat Misrin	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
15/02/2018	Air Strike	8	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
15/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Tramla	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
18/02/2018	Rocket launchers shelling	7	Misraba	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Rockets Launcher
19/02/2018	Air Strike	20	Hamoriyah	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
19/02/2018	Air Strike	10	Misraba	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
19/02/2018	Air Strike	6	Otaya	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
19/02/2018	Air Strike	14	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
19/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
19/02/2018	Air Strike	14	Hajin	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
19/02/2018	Air Strike	11	Hazeh	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
19/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Al Nashabiyah	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
19/02/2018	Air Strike	18	Beit Sawa	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
20/02/2018	Air Strike	33	Otaya	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
20/02/2018	Air Strike	7	Misraba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
20/02/2018	Air Strike	28	Beit Sawa	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
20/02/2018	Air Strike	12	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
20/02/2018	Air Strike	11	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
20/02/2018	Air Strike	15	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
20/02/2018	Air Strike	8	Zamalka	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
20/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Hamoriyah	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
21/02/2018	Air Strike	10	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
21/02/2018	Helicopter Strike	22	Kafr Batna	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Explosive Barrels
21/02/2018	Air Strike	6	Hamoriyah	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles

Date	Incident	Victims	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
21/02/2018	Helicopter Strike	8	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Explosive Barrels
21/02/2018	Air Strike	9	Hazeh	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
21/02/2018	Air Strike	8	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
22/02/2018	Air Strike	11	Hazeh	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
22/02/2018	Rocket launchers shelling	43	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Rockets Launcher
22/02/2018	Air Strike	10	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
22/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Kafr Batna	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
22/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Hamoriyah	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
23/02/2018	Rocket launchers shelling	18	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Rockets Launcher
23/02/2018	Air Strike	6	Ein Tarma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
23/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Al Shayfoniah	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
23/02/2018	Air Strike	6	Kafr Batna	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
23/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
24/02/2018	Air Strike	18	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
25/02/2018	Air Strike	5	Al Rayhan	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
25/02/2018	Air Strike on vehicles carry displace to camp	16	Al Sousah	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
26/02/2018	Air Strike	19	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
27/02/2018	Air Strike	6	Al Shayfoniah	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
27/02/2018	Air Strike	7	Misraba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
27/02/2018	Air Strike	17	Ash Sha'fah	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
01/03/2018	Air Strike	5	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
01/03/2018	Shelling on a vehicle carrying civilians in Safawi village	6	Ash Shaddadi	Al Hasakah	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
02/03/2018	Air Strike	13	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
02/03/2018	Air Strike	8	Beit Sawa	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiles
03/03/2018	Air Strike	8	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles

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04/03/2018	Air Strike	27	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
04/03/2018	Air Strike	8	Hamoriyah	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
05/03/2018	Air Strike	13	Jisreen	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
05/03/2018	Air Strike	24	Kafr Batna	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
05/03/2018	Air Strike	25	Hamoriyah	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
05/03/2018	Air Strike	9	Harasta	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
05/03/2018	Air Strike	6	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
05/03/2018	Air Strike	5	Hazeh	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
07/03/2018	Air Strike	27	Hamoriyah	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
07/03/2018	Air Strike	19	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
07/03/2018	Air Strike	11	Hazeh	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
07/03/2018	Air Strike	6	Misraba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
07/03/2018	Air Strike	9	Jisreen	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
07/03/2018	Explosive device went off in an opposition free police car	8	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Unknown	Car Bomb
08/03/2018	Air Strike	27	Zamalka	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
08/03/2018	Air Strike	12	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
08/03/2018	Air Strike	11	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
09/03/2018	Helicopter Strike	9	Misraba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Explosive Barrels
09/03/2018	Air Strike	7	Jisreen	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
09/03/2018	Air Strike	15	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
10/03/2018	Air Strike	21	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
10/03/2018	Air Strike	11	Harasta	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
10/03/2018	Air Strike	8	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
10/03/2018	Air Strike	8	Kafar Sijnah	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
10/03/2018	Air Strike	29	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
11/03/2018	Air Strike	17	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
11/03/2018	Air Strike	8	Harasta	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles

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11/03/2018	Air Strike	8	Zamalka	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
12/03/2018	Air Strike	5	Harasta	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
12/03/2018	Air Strike	8	Zamalka	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
12/03/2018	Air Strike	9	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
12/03/2018	Air Strike	9	Taftanaz	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
13/03/2018	Air Strike on Al Qusoor neighbourhood	9	Idlib	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
13/03/2018	Air Strike	15	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
13/03/2018	Air Strike	5	Harasta	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
13/03/2018	Air Strike	27	Ein Tarma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
14/03/2018	Air Strike	15	Hamoriyah	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
14/03/2018	Air Strike	5	Hazeh	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
14/03/2018	Air Strike	6	Kafr Batna	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
15/03/2018	Air Strike	20	Zamalka	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
15/03/2018	Air Strike	6	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
16/03/2018	Air Strike	61	Kafr Batna	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
16/03/2018	Air Strike	6	Harasta	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
16/03/2018	Air Strike	11	Zamalka	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
16/03/2018	Unknown bombardment in Afrin countryside	5	Al Mahmodiyah	Aleppo	Unknown	Air missiles
17/03/2018	Air Strike	24	Zamalka	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
17/03/2018	Helicopter Strike	14	Ein Tarma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Explosive Barrels
17/03/2018	Strike on the road between Zamalka and Hazeh	5		Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
18/03/2018	Air Strike	13	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
18/03/2018	Bombing a shelter housing civilians	28	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
19/03/2018	Air Strike	7	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
19/03/2018	Explosion of	11	Afrin	Aleppo	Unknown	Landmines

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	landmine					
20/03/2018	Air Strike	59	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
20/03/2018	Air Strike	9	Harasta	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
20/03/2018	Air Strike	17	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
20/03/2018	Air Strike	10	Hass	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
21/03/2018	Bombing tents of displaced people	20	Hass	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
21/03/2018	Air Strike	8	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
21/03/2018	Air Strike	8	Ein Tarma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
22/03/2018	Air Strike	25	Zamalka	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
22/03/2018	Bombing a popular market (Green Market)	31	Harem	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
23/03/2018	Air bombing with Napalm on a shelter	46	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
24/03/2018	Car bomb went off near specialised clinics of central Hospital	9	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Car Bomb
26/03/2018	Landmine went off at Ashrafiyah neighbourhood	7	Afrin	Aleppo	SDF	Landmines
29/03/2018	Landmine explosion	7	Fafrin	Aleppo	Unknown	Landmines
31/03/2018	Air Strike	8	B-Sanqool	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
06/04/2018	Air Strike	40	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
07/04/2018	Air Strike	40	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
07/04/2018	Bombing with poisonous gases	43	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Explosive Barrels
07/04/2018	Portable missile	5	Al Qarasi	Aleppo	Regime Forces	Portable missile
07/04/2018	Explosion in the surroundings of Big Mosque	7	Al Bab	Aleppo	Unknown	Car Bomb
09/04/2018	Rockets shelling on Wadi An Naseem	30	Idlib	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Long Range Rocket
11/04/2018	Air Strike	5	Qastoun	Hama	Regime	Air missiles

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					Forces	
11/04/2018	landline explosion	11	Afrin	Aleppo	SDF	Landmines
16/04/2018	Rocket launchers shelling	6	Alzaafaranah	Homs	Regime Forces	Rocket Launchers
24/04/2018	Air Strike on Atta Al Zeer St.	6	Yarmouk Camp	Damascus	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
30/04/2018	Helicopter Strike	6	Ar Rastan	Homs	Regime Forces	Air missiles
01/05/2018	Air Strike	23	Al Qasr	Al Hasakah	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
02/05/2018	Air Strike	5	Mishmishan	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
04/05/2018	Explosion between Termanin and Daret Azzah	7	Termanin	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
06/05/2018	Fight between Ahrar Al Sharqiah faction and Waki family	7	Al Bab	Aleppo		weapons
09/05/2018	Air Strike	10	Ma'ar Zita	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
12/05/2018	Air Strike	8	Al Hamadi	Al Hasakah	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
12/05/2018	Car bomb went off opposite Justice palace	9	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Car Bomb
16/05/2018	Landmine exploded near 2 vans carrying civilians	7	Al Mansourah	Hama	Unknown	Landmines
19/05/2018	Air Strike	7	Yarmouk Camp	Damascus	Regime Forces	Air missiles
26/05/2018	Explosion in Thalathin St.	5	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Car Bomb
31/05/2018	Air Strike	8	Al Hamadi	Al Hasakah	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
04/06/2018	Air Strike	13	Al Jazza'	Al Hasakah	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
07/06/2018	Air Strike	52	Zardana	Idlib	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
10/06/2018	Air Strike	12	Taftanaz	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiles
10/06/2018	Air Strike	12	Hama	Hama	Regime Forces	Air missiles
12/06/2018	Air Strike	10	Tal Al Jayer	Al Hasakah	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
21/06/2018	Air Strike	8	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Air missiles
21/06/2018	Air Strike	8	Ash Sha'Fah	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles

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26/06/2018	Air Strike	8	Nawa	Daraa	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
27/06/2018	Air Strike	5	Dael	Daraa	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
27/06/2018	Air Strike	14	El Taebah	Daraa	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
28/06/2018	Explosion in a popular market at Al Mazra'ah roundabout	11	Afrin	Aleppo	Unknown	Car Bomb
28/06/2018	Air Strike	25	Al Musayfrah	Daraa	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
28/06/2018	Air Strike	9	Nawa	Daraa	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
30/06/2018	Air Strike	6	Ghasam	Daraa	Regime Forces	Explosive Barrels
30/06/2018	Air Strike	15	Mia'rbah	Daraa	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
30/06/2018	Air Strike	17	El Sahoah	Daraa	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
03/07/2018	Landmine went off between Ghasam and El Sahoah	5	Al Mastomah	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
05/07/2018	Air Strike	6	Saida	Daraa	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
05/07/2018	Air Strike	7	Daraa Albalad	Daraa	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
06/07/2018	Air Strike	9	Om elmiathin	Daraa	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
06/07/2018	Car bomb went off in main street , town entrance	11	Al Busayrah	Deir ez-Zor	ISIS	Car Bomb
17/07/2018	Bombing a school housing displaced civilians	8	Ayn At Tina	Al Qunaitra	Regime Forces	Explosive Barrels
17/07/2018	Air Strike	6	Jasem Al Alia	Daraa	Regime Forces	Air missiles
17/07/2018	Air Strike	16	Nawa	Daraa	Regime Forces	Air missiles
20/07/2018	Air Strike	6	Tsil	Daraa	Regime Forces	Air missiles
23/07/2018	Explosive device went off inside a car	6	Bab Limon	Aleppo	Unknown	Explosive Device
25/07/2018	Multi Suicide bombings	26	As Suwayda	As Suwayda	ISIS	Suicide Explosion
25/07/2018	Attack by an armed group	47	Ash Shabki	As Suwayda	ISIS	Small weapons
25/07/2018	Attack by an armed group	22	Arrami	As Suwayda	ISIS	Small weapons

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25/07/2018	Attack by an armed group	19	Ash Shurbaji	As Suwayda	ISIS	Small weapons
25/07/2018	Attack by an armed group	15	Duma	As Suwayda	ISIS	Small weapons
25/07/2018	Attack by an armed group	6	Arraha	As Suwayda	ISIS	Small weapons
25/07/2018	Attack by an armed group	6	Al Mtoneh	As Suwayda	ISIS	Small weapons
26/07/2018	Explosive device went off inside a van on Idlib-Sarmin Road	5	Sarmin	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
29/07/2018	Air Strike	6	Koayiah	Daraa	Regime Forces	Air missiles
31/07/2018	Air Strike	13	Yarmouk Basin	Daraa	Regime Forces	Air missiles
02/08/2018	Landmine went off in arable land believed to planted by SDF	11	M'abatly	Aleppo	SDF	Landmines
10/08/2018	Air Strike	9	Khan Shaykun	Idlib	Regime Forces	Explosive Barrels
10/08/2018	Air Strike	41	Urem Al-Kubra	Aleppo	Russian Air Force	Air missiles
02/09/2018	Air Strike	6	Salamiyah	Hama	Unknown	Landmines
04/09/2018	Air Strike	5	Jisr al-Shughur	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiles
08/09/2018	Artillery shelling	10	Muhradah	Hama	Regime Forces	Rocket Shells
18/10/2018	Air Strike	9	Souseh	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
19/10/2018	Air Strike on Othman Ibn Afan Mosque in Al-Bobadran n'hood	23	Souseh	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
19/10/2018	Air Strike	6	Hajin	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
26/10/2018	Air Strike	7	Al-Raqqa	Idlib	Regime Forces	Shells
27/10/2018	Air Strike	5	Souseh	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
02/11/2018	Artillery shelling	10	Jarjanaz	Idlib	Regime Forces	Shells
10/11/2018	mine exploded in a car between the villages of zoghbah & Zafiriah	6	Zoghbah	Hama	Unknown	Mine
11/11/2018	Air Strike	12	Hajin	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles

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11/11/2018	Air Strike	32	Al-Shoufa	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
12/11/2018	Car bomb explosion	7	Al-Mo'ayzaliah	Deir ez-Zor	Unknown	Explosive Device
15/11/2018	Air Strike	18	Souseh	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
17/11/2018	Air Strike	15	Al-Baq'an Jazirah	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
22/11/2018	Air Strike	6	Al-Shoufa	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
24/11/2018	shelling near Al-Khansa school with Rocket launchers	8	Jarjanaz	Idlib	Regime Forces	Rocket Launchers
24/11/2018	Landmine explosion	5	Tal Al-Hawa	Aleppo	ISIS	Landmines
24/11/2018	Air Strike	14	Al-Shoufa	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
29/11/2018	Air Strike on Yarmouk Hospital	10	Al-Shoufa	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
05/12/2018	Air Strike	18	Hajin	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
05/12/2018	Air Strike	6	Al-Sousah	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
07/12/2018	Air Strike	6	Hajin	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiles
08/12/2018	Landmine explosion in the village	5	Aljarba	Rif Dimashq	Unknown	Landmines
13/12/2018	Car bomb explosion in wholesale green market	11	Afrin	Aleppo	Unknown	Car Bomb
20/12/2018	Artillery shelling on residential area	6	Hajin	Deir ez-Zor	SDF	Shells

Documented Explosions in 2018

Date	Explosion	Damage	Area	Province	Weapon
07/01/2018	Explosion in residential area	Substantial Damages	Thalathin St.	Idlib	Car Bomb
07/01/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Al Bab	Aleppo	Explosive Device
08/01/2018	Explosion in Al-Miri store	Substantial Damages	Thalathin St.	Idlib	Car Bomb
08/01/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Al Bab	Aleppo	Explosive Device
10/01/2018	Explosion near 7 Bahrat	Slight Damages	Manbij	Aleppo	Car Bomb
10/01/2018	Explosion in residential area	Substantial Damages	Toqad	Aleppo	Explosive Device
17/01/2018	Explosion near Al-Mohsly Check point	Slight Damages	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb
18/01/2018	Explosion in Hujailah village	Slight Damages	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Explosive Device
20/01/2018	Explosion in residential area, west	2 persons wounded	Saraqib	Idlib	Explosive Device
10/02/2018	Explosion in a car	2 armed elements wounded	Ma'arat Misrin	Idlib	Explosive Device
10/02/2018	Explosion in the Clock square	10 persons killed	Idlib	Idlib	Explosive Device
10/02/2018	Collision between motorbike and a car	3 persons killed	Khan Shaykun	Idlib	Motor Bike Bomb
10/02/2018	Explosion on Almastumah-Ariha Rd	Tahrir Sham element killed	Almastumah	Idlib	Explosive Device
12/02/2018	Explosion opposite police office	8 persons killed	Ma'arat Misrin	Idlib	Car Bomb
06/03/2018	Explosion near police office	4 persons inc. child wounded	Al Bab	Aleppo	Car Bomb
17/03/2018	Explosion in Al-Hikmah St	Slight Damages	Manbij	Aleppo	Explosive Device
25/03/2018	Explosion near Ash-Shuhada circle	Several persons wounded	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Car Bomb
26/03/2018	Explosion in a farm	Several sheep killed	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Unknown
07/04/2018	Explosion in Popular Market	6 persons killed	Al Bab	Aleppo	Car Bomb
09/04/2018	Explosion in Marto Square	2 persons wounded	Al Bab	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb
12/04/2018	Explosion near Orphanage Mosque	Several persons wounded	Azaz	Aleppo	Car Bomb
14/04/2018	Explosion in a displaced camp	Several displaced wounded	Yazibagh	Aleppo	Explosive Device
16/04/2018	Explosion in residential area	Child wounded	ar-Raqqa	ar-Raqqa	Explosive Device
26/04/2018	Explosion in a popular market	Several persons	Al-Ghandurah	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb

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		wounded			
27/04/2018	Explosion in Al-Fioul market	Several persons wounded	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Car Bomb
28/04/2018	Explosion targeted Commander Ahmad Al-Jaro	Ad-Dana free police commander killed	Ad Dana	Idlib	Explosive Device
12/05/2018	Explosion in front of Justice palace	9 persons killed, 25 wounded	Al-Kaseeh	Idlib	Car Bomb
12/05/2018	Explosion of Car Bomb left by ISIS, Clock Square	2 persons killed, 3 wounded	ar-Raqqa	ar-Raqqa	Car Bomb
12/05/2018	Explosion in residential area	3 persons killed, others injured	Ma'adi/Aleppo	Aleppo	Explosive Device
16/05/2018	Explosion at border crossing, Qamishli north	2 persons killed	Qamishli	Al Hasakah	Car Bomb
21/05/2018	Explosion in military car near Religious school	None	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Explosive Device
22/05/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Manbij	Aleppo	Explosive Device
24/05/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Al Bab	Aleppo	Car Bomb
26/05/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb
27/05/2018	Explosion at SDF military council	Partial Damages, Victims not declared	Manbij	Aleppo	Unknown
29/05/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Qabasin	Aleppo	Explosive Device
31/05/2018	Explosion in residential area	4 persons killed	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb
05/06/2018	Suicide attack by Motorbike at Panorama circle	Elements of SDF injured	ar-Raqqa	ar-Raqqa	Suicide Explosion
10/06/2018	Explosion in front of Al-Furat hospital	Several persons wounded	Manbij	Aleppo	Explosive Device
10/06/2018	Explosion at 7 Bahrat Square	Several persons wounded	Manbij	Aleppo	Explosive Device
10/06/2018	Explosion in residential area	One person Killed	Al-Sahharah	Aleppo	Explosive Device
13/06/2018	Explosion at 7 Bahrat Square	2 persons injured	Manbij	Aleppo	Explosive Device
13/06/2018	Thursday Market	11 persons wounded	Al Bab	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb
15/06/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Car Bomb
20/06/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Ad Dana	Idlib	Car Bomb

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21/06/2018	2 Explosions near Carlton hotel, southern Idlib	Substantial Damages	Idlib	Idlib	Car Bomb
27/06/2018	2 Explosions: popular market near Zira'at cirle & Villas area	Substantial Damages	Afrin	Aleppo	Car Bomb
30/06/2018	Motorbike suicide attacker at Al-Ghassaniah School	4 Sotor elements of SDF wounded	Qamishli	Al Hasakah	Suicide Explosion
01/07/2018	Explosion on Salqin - Idlib Road	One person wounded	Salqin	Idlib	Explosive Device
05/07/2018	2 Explosions in a popular market	Slight Damages	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Car Bomb
06/07/2018	Explosion in a clinic	4 persons wounded	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Explosive Device
06/07/2018	Explosion on the edge way leading to Hizree	5 persons wounded	Hizree	Idlib	Explosive Device
06/07/2018	Explosion in residential area	10 persons killed	Al Busayrah	Deir ez-Zor	Car Bomb
06/07/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Idlib	Idlib	Explosive Device
07/07/2018	Explosion on Zaybaqiah-Hammam Torkman Road	2 YPG members killed	Tell Abiad	ar-Raqqqa	Explosive Device
07/07/2018	Explosion at al-Qaws checkpoint of HTS	Slight Damages	Kfrcharim	Idlib	Explosive Device
08/07/2018	Explosion in the town's square	3 inc. child killed & 3 wounded	Qabasin	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb
08/07/2018	2 Explosions on one of the roads	4 persons wounded	jisir al-Shughur	Idlib	Explosive Device
09/07/2018	Explosion on the main Street	Slight Damages	Salqin	Idlib	Explosive Device
10/07/2018	Explosion near the National Hospital	One person Killed	Idlib	Idlib	Explosive Device
12/07/2018	Explosion targeted a vehicle of HTS at Sarmin outskirts	Car damaged & 2 passengers wounded	Sarmin	Idlib	Explosive Device
12/07/2018	Explosion targeted a vehicle between Ariha & Mastoma	One person wounded	Al Mastoma	Idlib	Explosive Device
12/07/2018	Explosion near (Revolution Mail)	Slight Damages	Idlib	Idlib	Explosive Device
12/07/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	S. Neighborhd	Idlib	Explosive Device
13/07/2018	Explosion on Bab al-Hawa - Idlib Motorway near Killi	two casualties, one of them critical	Killi	Idlib	Explosive Device
13/07/2018	Explosion near Shaboor Cross	Slight Damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Explosive Device
14/07/2018	Explosion near Ma'arat Misrin roundabout	Slight Damages	Ma'arat Misrin	Idlib	Explosive Device

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14/07/2018	Explosion behind Eastern Cemetery	2 persons wounded	Ad Dana	Idlib	Explosive Device
15/07/2018	Explosion opposite Law Faculty in Idlib city	Partial Damages	Idlib	Idlib	Car Bomb
17/07/2018	Explosion in a vehicle carry HTS members-North entrance	3 passengers wounded	Deir Hassan	Idlib	Explosive Device
18/07/2018	Explosion in residential area	One person Killed	Ad Dana	Idlib	Explosive Device
19/07/2018	Explosion in Church yard in Dummar project in Rif Dimashq	2 persons wounded	Damascus	Damascus	Explosive Device
19/07/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Ad Dana	Idlib	Car Bomb
20/07/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Aziziyah N'hd	Al Hasakah	Unknown
21/07/2018	Explosion near the Municipality	Partial damages	Termanin	Idlib	Explosive Device
21/07/2018	Explosion on Ariha - Almastoma Road	Slight Damages	Ariha	Idlib	Explosive Device
21/07/2018	Explosion at the city outskirts	One person seriously injured	Al Atareb	Aleppo	Explosive Device
23/07/2018	Explosion near Sinjar city	Slight Damages	Ma'arat Al-nu'man	Idlib	Explosive Device
23/07/2018	Explosion near Akhtarina Bakery	One person killed & 20 injured	Akhtarina	Aleppo	Car Bomb
23/07/2018	Explosion on Ariha - Almastoma Road	2 persons killed	Al Mastoma	Idlib	Explosive Device
23/07/2018	Explosion in a car between Qurqania & Kafr Arrouq	Slight Damages	Kafr Arrouq	Idlib	Explosive Device
24/07/2018	Explosion in a residential area	Slight Damages	Al Atareb	Aleppo	Explosive Device
24/07/2018	Explosion at Teladeh checkpoint	Slight Damages	Teladeh	Aleppo	Explosive Device
24/07/2018	Explosion on the road between Idlib - Ma'arat Misrin	2 persons killed	Ma'arat Misrin	Idlib	Car Bomb
25/07/2018	Explosion before The Local Council & Idlib Free Army	5 persons wounded	Al-Tamanah	Idlib	Car Bomb
25/07/2018	Explosion in residential area	One person killed	Ash Shaddadi	Al Hasakah	Explosive Device
27/07/2018	Explosion on the road between Al Qatorah & Deir saman	One person killed	Deir Saman	Aleppo	Explosive Device
27/07/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Dar Ta Izzah	Aleppo	Explosive Device
27/07/2018	Explosion near Factions' security	One person wounded	Bab Al Hawa	Idlib	Explosive Device

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	checkpoint				
30/07/2018	Explosion near a restaurant in Bassouta town	3 persons wounded	Afrin	Aleppo	Explosive Device
31/07/2018	Explosion on thr road Hattan-Haram	3 persons wounded	Haram	Idlib	Explosive Device
01/08/2018	Explosion in residential area, north	Slight Damages	Idlib	Idlib	Explosive Device
01/08/2018	Explosion on the road between Kafr-Halab & sheikh Ali	5 persons wounded	Sheikh Ali	Aleppo	Explosive Device
01/08/2018	Explosion in residential area	4 persons wounded	Sarmin	Idlib	Explosive Device
02/08/2018	Explosion in city centre	Lady killed and 27 persons wounded	Idlib	Idlib	Car Bomb
02/08/2018	Explosion in residential area	One person killed	Dar Ta Izzah	Aleppo	Explosive Device
04/08/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Idlib	Idlib	Explosive Device
04/08/2018	Explosion in residential area	3 persons wounded	Al Bab	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb
04/08/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Explosive Device
04/08/2018	Explosion in residential area	One person wounded	Sarmin	Idlib	Explosive Device
05/08/2018	Explosion in residential area	3 persons wounded	Jisr al-Shughur	Idlib	Explosive Device
08/08/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Dar Ta Izzah	Aleppo	Explosive Device
08/08/2018	Explosion of explosive device believed to be left by ISIS	4 persons wounded	Ash Shajarah	Daraa	Explosive Device
10/08/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Explosive Device
10/08/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Sarmin	Idlib	Explosive Device
11/08/2018	Explosion targeted a car on the Motorway	Slight Damages	Sarmin	Idlib	Explosive Device
11/08/2018	YPD car exploded on Al-Jazeera Road	3 persons wounded	Manbij	Aleppo	Explosive Device
12/08/2018	Weapon store exploded in a cellar of a residential area	67 persons killed	Sarmada	Idlib	Explosives
13/08/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Al Atareb	Aleppo	Explosive Device
13/08/2018	Explosion in Thalatheen St.	Slight Damages	Idlib	Idlib	Explosive Device
13/08/2018	Explosion in residential area	Lady killed and 3 persons wounded	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Car Bomb

Date	Explosion	Damage	Area	Province	Weapon
14/08/2018	Explosion on the road between Al-Abzimo & Toqad	Slight Damages	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Car Bomb
15/08/2018	Explosion on Nasih Road	Commander of free police + element wounded	Al Atareb	Aleppo	Explosive Device
15/08/2018	Explosion near Ad Dalou roundabout	3 persons wounded	Manbij	Aleppo	Explosive Device
16/08/2018	Explosion next to Afes checkpoint	4 persons wounded	Afes	Idlib	Explosive Device
16/08/2018	Explosion next to Salah-uddin roundabout (Kawa Al haddad)	Slight Damages	Afrin	Aleppo	Explosive Device
16/08/2018	Explosion on the edge of main street	Slight Damages	Dar Ta Izzah	Aleppo	Explosive Device
16/08/2018	Explosion on the road between Ariha - Uram Al Jawz	Slight Damages	Ariha	Idlib	Explosive Device
16/08/2018	Explosion on the road between Hazano - Sarmada	Slight Damages	Sarmada	Idlib	Car Bomb
17/08/2018	Explosion inside a car	2 persons wounded	Al Qusoor N'hood	Idlib	Explosive Device
18/08/2018	Explosion while US delegation passed Annour Mosque	Slight Damages	ar-Raqqa	ar-Raqqa	Explosive Device
19/08/2018	Explosion in a civil car near Al-Abiadh Bridge	2 persons wounded	Al Hasakah	Al Hasakah	Explosive Device
20/08/2018	Explosion near Ash-Shariyah roudabout	One person wounded	Manbij	Aleppo	Explosive Device
21/08/2018	Explosion in residential area	3 persons wounded	At Tawso'ia N'hood	ar-Raqqa	Explosive Device
21/08/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Kafr Nasih	Aleppo	Explosive Device
22/08/2018	Explosion on the agricultural road between Ad-Dana & Sarmada	Slight Damages	Ad Dana	Idlib	Explosive Device
22/08/2018	Explosion on the agricultural road between Jobas-At Tranbah	Slight Damages	Jobas	Idlib	Explosive Device
24/08/2018	Explosion in al-Midan Area	Slight Damages	Ariha	Idlib	Explosive Device
25/08/2018	Explosion on the road between Saraqib and Sarmin	Member of HWT & another element wounded	Sarmin	Idlib	Explosive Device
27/08/2018	Explosion next to Az Zira'a roundabout	Slight Damages	Idlib	Idlib	Explosive Device
27/08/2018	Explosion in a farm at the city outskirts	child killed	Idlib	Idlib	Explosive Device

Date	Explosion	Damage	Area	Province	Weapon
29/08/2018	Explosion on the road between Qurunful-Jarabulus	Slight Damages	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Explosive Device
29/08/2018	Explosion in the city centre	18 persons wounded	Afrin	Aleppo	Explosive Device
30/08/2018	Explosion at the Clock roundabout in the city centre	2 persons wounded	Idlib	Idlib	Explosive Device
01/09/2018	Explosion on the Motorway of Idlib - Sarmin	Lady wounded	Sarmin	Idlib	Explosive Device
01/09/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Idlib	Idlib	Explosive Device
01/09/2018	Explosion on the edge of the international highway south	Slight Damages	Khan Assubul	Idlib	Explosive Device
01/09/2018	Explosion next to Carpet factory	4 persons wounded	Ad Dana	Idlib	Explosive Device
01/09/2018	Two Explosions, one near the court, the other 200 metre away	6 persons wounded	Sarmada	Idlib	Explosive Device
02/09/2018	Explosion in a car at Al-Kastana roundabout	partial Damages	Idlib	Idlib	Explosive Device
03/09/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Batbo	Aleppo	Explosive Device
03/09/2018	Explosion in a car	3 persons wounded	Sarmin	Idlib	Explosive Device
04/09/2018	Explosion in a car	Slight Damages	jisr al-Shughur	Idlib	Explosive Device
05/09/2018	Explosion in a commercial area	One person wounded	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb
06/09/2018	Explosion in residential area	child killed & another wounded	Sarmin	Idlib	Explosive Device
07/09/2018	Explosion on the city highway	Slight Damages	jisr al-Shughur	Idlib	Explosive Device
11/09/2018	Explosion near police station	3 persons killed	Salqin	Idlib	Explosive Device
13/09/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Maarat Dibsah	Idlib	Explosive Device
13/09/2018	Explosion in residential area	One person killed	Afrin	Aleppo	Explosive Device
14/09/2018	Explosion of car in the square of Al Amal Hospital	6 persons wounded	Manbij	Aleppo	Explosive Device
14/09/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Harzeh	Idlib	Explosive Device
15/09/2018	Explosion opposite of Ma'kulat Shamiah Restaurant	Substantial Damages	Sarmin	Idlib	Explosive Device
16/09/2018	Explosion in residential area	7 persons wounded	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Explosive Device
16/09/2018	Explosion inside Yaser pharmacy in Saif ud Dawlah	Owner wounded and substantial	ar-Raqqa	ar-Raqqa	Explosive Device

Date	Explosion	Damage	Area	Province	Weapon
		damages			
16/09/2018	Explosion in residential area	Child killed	Al Tabqah	ar-Raqqa	Explosive Device
19/09/2018	Explosion in the city outskirts	One person killed	jisir al-Shughur	Idlib	Explosive Device
19/09/2018	YPG car exploded near Recreation Garden	3 persons in car killed	ar-Raqqa	ar-Raqqa	Explosive Device
20/09/2018	Explosion in residential area	Slight Damages	Dar Ta Izzah	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb
20/09/2018	Explosion in agricultural area in the city outskirts	Slight Damages	Ma'arat Al-nu'man	Idlib	Explosive Device
25/09/2018	Explosion in agricultural area in the city outskirts	One person killed	Saraqib	Idlib	Explosive Device
26/09/2018	Explosion of Pick-up car near Post Office	Slight Damages	Salqin	Idlib	Explosive Device
26/09/2018	Explosion in residential area	One person wounded	Al Bab	Aleppo	Explosive Device
27/09/2018	Explosion near Al-Husaiwah junction	One person killed, 3 wounded	Al-Dourea	ar-Raqqa	Explosive Device
28/09/2018	Explosion in residential street	One person killed, 3 wounded	Thalathin St.	Idlib	Explosive Device
28/09/2018	Explosion believed to be left by ISIS	One person killed	Al-Husaiwa Junction	ar-Raqqa	Explosive Device
02/10/2018	Explosive device went off near the mill	Slight Damages	Idlib	Idlib	Explosive Device
03/10/2018	Car exploded in area under SDF control	Partial Damages	Graniy	Deir ez-Zor	Car Bomb
03/10/2018	Explosive device went off in Isqat village	Man Killed & daughter injured	Salqin	Idlib	Explosive Device
04/10/2018	Explosive device went off near Sadiq Hindawi school	Partial Damages	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Explosive Device
06/10/2018	Car exploded in commercial area	4 persons killed & 15 injured	Azaz	Aleppo	Car Bomb
07/10/2018	Explosive device went off inside a car in the western n'hood	1 person killed	Saraqib	Idlib	Explosive Device
07/10/2018	Explosive device went off inside a car	Damaged car	Zarzor	Idlib	Explosive Device
11/10/2018	Explosive device went off on Sarmin - Idlib highway	A person wounded	Sarmin	Idlib	Explosive Device
11/10/2018	Explosion in a residential area	Slight Damages	Marat al-Nu'man	Idlib	Explosive Device
11/10/2012	Explosion in a soil	Child killed	Al-Atarib	Idlib	Explosive

Date	Explosion	Damage	Area	Province	Weapon
	yard				Device
16/10/2018	Explosion in carpet factory surroundings	Slight Damages	Jesr al-Shughur	Idlib	Explosive Device
17/10/2018	Explosion in a car	person killed, another injured	Ma'saran	Idlib	Explosive Device
17/10/2018	Explosion in a delivery van in Burj-Haider	3 persons wounded	Jandarisi	Aleppo	Explosive Device
21/10/2018	Explosion near al-Rawdah Mosque in al-Qusor n'hood	3 persons killed & 10 wounded	Idlib	Idlib	Explosive Device
26/10/2018	Explosion in residential area	3 persons wounded	al-Dana	Idlib	Explosive Device
29/10/2018	Explosion on al-Azraq way	2 persons killed	Al-Bab	Aleppo	Explosive Device
02/11/2018	Explosion in the commercial area	2 persons wounded	Ma'arat Misrin	Idlib	Explosive Device
04/11/2018	Explosion in a car on Mari'-Kiljibrin way	2 persons wounded	Mari'	Aleppo	Explosive Device
04/11/2018	Explosion in a motorcycle	person killed	Talmis	Idlib	Explosive Device
05/11/2018	Explosion in al-Noor street , city west	person killed	ar-Raqqa	ar-Raqqa	Car Bomb
05/11/2018	Explosion inside a car	person wounded	Haj Kusa	Aleppo	Explosive Device
08/11/2018	Explosion in the booking office	4 persons wounded	Azaz	Aleppo	Car Bomb
08/11/2018	Explosion in Public transport bus at Sejo roundabout	2 persons wounded	Azaz	Aleppo	Explosive Device
08/11/2018	Explosion at the headquarters of Sultan Murad division	Slight Damages	Afrin	Aleppo	Explosive Device
08/11/2018	Explosion in city centre	person wounded	ar-Raqqa	ar-Raqqa	Explosive Device
10/11/2018	Explosion in residential area	3 persons wounded	Al-Bab	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb
10/11/2018	Explosion in residential area	3 persons wounded	Qabasin	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb
11/11/2018	Explosion in a car in town	person killed	Sarmin	Idlib	Explosive Device
12/11/2018	Explosion in residential area	person killed & others wounded	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Car Bomb
12/11/2018	Explosion in al-Arba'in St.	2 persons wounded	al-Dana	Idlib	Car Bomb
18/11/2018	Explosion in residential area	woman killed	Ma'arat Al-nu'man	Idlib	Unknown
19/11/2018	Explosion in residential area	person wounded	Afrin	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb
02/12/2018	Explosion near Al-Madina hospital (Al-Farabi centre)	Partial damages	Al-Bab	Aleppo	Explosive Device

Date	Explosion	Damage	Area	Province	Weapon
04/12/2018	Explosion in city centre	Slight Damages	Al-Atarib	Aleppo	Explosive Device
05/12/2018	Explosion in an outer road	Two persons killed, and two wounded	Jandaris	Aleppo	Explosive Device
06/12/2018	Explosion behind Al-Quds hospital, near civilian houses	One person wounded	al-Dana	Idlib	Explosive Device
06/12/2018	Explosion near the Vocational school	One person wounded	Al-Atarib	Aleppo	Explosive Device
07/12/2018	Explosion in Kornish Street	Two persons wounded	Ma'arat Al-nu'man	Idlib	Explosive Device
12/12/2018	Explosion on the village's main street	One person wounded	Kafr Halab	Aleppo	Explosive Device
12/12/2018	Explosion opposite to a commercial shop	Two persons killed, and 20 wounded	Azaz	Aleppo	Car Bomb
12/12/2018	Explosion in city centre	Two persons killed and 10 wounded	Al-Bab	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb
12/12/2018	Explosion in city centre	Five persons wounded	Alraei	Aleppo	Motor Bike Bomb
13/12/2018	Explosion in wholesale Green market	Eleven persons killed	Afrin	Aleppo	Car Bomb
18/12/2018	Explosion on Shamarin Road	Lady wounded	Shamarin	Aleppo	Explosive Device
23/12/2018	Explosion in a car	Two persons wounded and damages	Al-Sahharah	Aleppo	Explosive Device
23/12/2018	Explosion on the road	One person wounded	Kafr Sajna	Idlib	Explosive Device
23/12/2018	Explosion in the town.	Slight Damages	Kafraya	Idlib	Explosive Device
24/12/2018	Explosion in a main road	Slight Damages	Afrin	Aleppo	Explosive Device
27/12/2018	Explosion in residential area	One man wounded	Ma'arat Al-nu'man	Idlib	Explosive Device
29/12/2018	Explosion in residential area	Three persons wounded	Al-Atarib	Aleppo	Explosive Device

Targeting the Services Sector

1. Markets and Commercial & Industrial Centres

Date	Incident location	Damage	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
02/01/2018	Popular Market	Partial Damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Arillery Shells
02/01/2018	Main Green Market	Partial Damages	Jisr Al-Shughur	Idlib	Regime forces	Launchers Rockets
03/01/2018	Local council bakery, N. N'hood	Partial Damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Air Forces	Air missiess
07/01/2018	Main Market, city centre	Partial Damages	Abu Adh Dhuhur	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiess
08/01/2018	Popular Market	Partial Damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Arillery Shells
08/01/2018	Main Market	Substantial Damages	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Arillery Shells
09/01/2018	Popular Market	Partial Damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Arillery Shells
10/01/2018	Popular Market	Substantial Damages	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Arillery Shells
16/01/2018	Popular Market	Substantial Damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Arillery Shells
18/01/2018	Poultry Farm, East of village	Partial Damages	Maarat Dibsah	Idlib	Russian Air Forces	Air missiess
20/01/2018	Popular Market	Partial Damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Arillery Shells
29/01/2018	New Potato Market, East	Partial Damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Air Forces	Air missiess
30/01/2018	Wholesale Market	Substantial Damages	Ariha	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiess
01/02/2018	Popular Market	Substantial Damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Arillery Shells
08/02/2018	Popular Market	Partial Damages	Jisrin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Air Forces	Air missiess
09/02/2018	Al-Kamal Bakery, S. N'hood	Substantial Damages	Jisr Al-Shughur	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiess
10/02/2018	Popular Market	Partial Damages	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
19/02/2018	Al-Khudhirin Bakery	Substantial Damages	Hajin	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiess
22/03/2018	Popular Market	Substantial Damages	Harem	Idlib	Russian Air Forces	Air missiess
12/03/2018	Bakery , only one in city	Substantial Damages	Al Hrak	Daraa	Russian Air Forces	Air missiess
16/03/2018	Popular Market	Substantial Damages	Kafr Batna	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiess
20/03/2018	Popular Market	Partial Damages	Jaramana	Rif Dimashq	Unknown	Rocket
22/03/2018	Popular Market	Substantial Damages	Harem	Idlib	Russian Air Forces	Air missiess
26/03/2018	Poultry and livestock	Sheep & poultry	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Unknown	Explosive Device

Date	Incident location	Damage	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
	Farm	killed				
03/04/2018	Main Market, city centre	Substantial Damages	Ariha	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiless
07/04/2018	Popular Market	Substantial Damages	Al Bab	Aleppo	Unknown	Explosive Device
26/04/2018	Popular Market	Partial Damages	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Unknown	Explosive Device
27/04/2018	Al-Fuol Market	Substantial Damages	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Unknown	Explosive Device
05/07/2018	Popular Market	Slight Damages	Jarabulus	Aleppo	Unknown	Explosive Device
27/07/2018	Popular Market	Substantial Damages	Afrin	Aleppo	Unknown	Explosive Device
23/07/2018	Explosion in Bakery surrounding s	Partial Damages	Akhtarin	Aleppo	Unknown	Car Bomb
04/09/2018	Popular Market	Partial Damages	Muhambil	Idlib	Russian Air Forces	Air missiless
15/09/2018	Shami Ma'koulat Restaurant	Substantial Damages	Sarmin	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
06/10/2018	Commercial street	Substantial Damages	Azaz	Aleppo	Unknown	Car Bomb
26/10/2018	Middle East Bakery & Fuel shop	Substantial Damages	Al-Dana	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
12/12/2018	Commercial shops near Al-Ahli Hospital	Partial Damages	Azaz	Aleppo	Unknown	Car Bomb
13/12/2018	Wholesale Green Market	Substantial Damages	Afrin	Aleppo	Unknown	Explosive Device

2. Local Community Institutions

Date	Incident	Damage	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
03/01/2018	Local council, Eastern N'hood	Partial Damages	Ma'arat al-Nu'man	Idlib	Russian Air Forces	Air missiless
07/01/2018	Municipality building	Partial Damages	Abu Adh Dhuhur	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiless
30/01/2018	Ariha Communication centre	Partial Damages	Ariha	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiless
01/02/2018	Local Council Building	Substantial Damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Air Forces	Air missiless
06/02/2018	"Women Now" Centre	Substantial Damages	Kafr Batna	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiless
07/02/2018	Local Council Building	Partial Damages	Kafr Nabl	Idlib	Russian Air Forces	Air missiless
08/02/2018	Local Council Building	Substantial Damages	Jisrin	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiless

09/02/2018	Local Council Building	Partial Damages	Hass	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiless
12/02/2018	Police Station	Partial Damages	Ma'arat Misrin	Idlib	Unknown	Moto Bike Bomb
26/05/2018	Local Council Building	Partial Damages	Qabasin	Aleppo	Unknown	Car Bomb
21/07/2018	Municipality building	Partial Damages	Termanin	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
23/07/2018	Local Council Building	Substantial Damages	Akhtarin	Aleppo	Unknown	Explosive Device
25/07/2018	Local Council Building	Substantial Damages	Al-Tamanah	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
11/09/2018	Police Station Building	Partial Damages	Salqin	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device



Damage caused by shelling on Zaradna in Idlib (7/6/2018)

Medical and Emergency Aid Sectors

Fighters in Syria, particularly the regime and its foreign proxies, showed no respect of the symbolism of the medical and emergency aid sectors; on the contrary, they targeted them both intentionally and systematically. The targeting of hospitals was an easily identifiable pattern occurring at the onset of any broadscale attack on any city that fell under Opposition control.

In 2018, SHRC documented the targeting of (57) hospitals and health centres during that year.

In addition to systematically targeting civil defence cadres, headquarters and vehicles in previous years, the civil defence was the target of political defamation and incitement campaigns by the regime and Russia.

On 27/7/2018, Bashar al-Assad described the "Civil Defence" as "a cover for terrorists from an-Nusra" and described members of the apparatus who were forced out of Daraa to Jordan as most probably being "leaders in the Front." Al-Assad claimed that "the fate of the White Helmets is the same awaiting every terrorist" and that many of the civil defence members are armed! Then on 30/8/2018, regime Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said that the civil defence kidnapped (44) children from Idlib province so that they would act out a fake "play of a chemical attack."

It is noted that the regime had stipulated, in its agreements with Opposition factions in Daraa in June, to exclude civil defence members from any of the agreement's provisions, including allowing them to migrate to Idlib, a privilege given to all combatants. This rendered those members under threat of being targeted as they were not subject to any protection. Their status continued as such until they were allowed entry to Jordan after Germany, Canada and Britain pledged to shelter them.

SHRC documented the targeting of (18) civil defence centres, the killing of (41) of its members and wounding about (45) others. It also documented the targeting of (33) ambulances and rescue vehicles.

This year witnessed a rise in the number of assaults on hospitals and their workers in Opposition controlled areas. This led to the suspension of some hospitals' services either temporarily or permanently, in protest against the failure of the Armed factions in stopping the aggressors, and so as to protect the lives of their workers.

The reasons for such attacks are mostly either to force health institutions or workers to pay money in exchange for halting them, for the release of abducted workers or to force health institutions to provide, or not provide, treatment services to specific individuals.

The following were among the most prominent aggressions on the medical and emergency aid sectors documented this year:

- On 19/06/2018, al-Hikma Hospital in al-Bab - Aleppo, announced it will no longer admit patients due to repeated attacks by gunmen against the hospital and its staff. On 04/05/2018, the hospital was attacked by members of al-Hamzah group, an Armed Forces faction in the city. The group, led by Hakid al-Bolad, a.k.a. al-Yaba, charged into the hospital and verbally and physically assaulted its medical team, including nurses and receptionists. The group surrounded the hospital and opened fire in its vicinity before moving to al-Salam private hospital where they fired in the vicinity and attacked its employees. The attack recurred on 16/06/2018.
- On 18/08/2018, Médecins Sans Frontières withdrew its medical staff from the National Hospital in al-Aziziya district, east of al-Hasakah, to their residence in the town of "Tel Tamar" after threats by unknown persons.
- On 16/09/2018, pharmacist Yasser Ali Mohammed was injured after an unidentified person threw a bomb at his pharmacy located on Saif ad-Dawla Street, causing him moderate injuries.

The most prominent **kidnappings and arrests** of medical and emergency aid workers during the year were:

- On 01/07/2018, the regime arrested four foreign doctors working with Médecins Sans Frontières in the city of Qamishli – al-Hasakah, after they got lost and entered its areas of control.
- On 06/08/2018, Dr Khalil Agha – a specialist in facial and maxillofacial surgery, director of the al-Sahil health directorate, from Wadi al-Sheikhan village in Latakia countryside – was kidnapped by unknown armed men from his workplace in al-Sahil Specialist Hospital near the village of Ain al-Bayda in Latakia's northern countryside and taken to an unknown location. He was released on 12/08/2018 for a ransom.
- On 13/8/2018, members of HTS arrested Dr Emad Qattini – a general practitioner and resident of Khan Shaykhun city in Idlib's southern countryside – from Khan Shaykhun and took him to an unknown destination. He was released the following day.
- On 30/08/2018, Dr "Hossam ed-Din Debeis" was found with severe bruises on the head and eyes hours after he was kidnapped by unknown persons. Dr Debeis is a lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Idlib and director of the "Surgical Specialist Hospital" in the city of Idlib.
- On 18/9/2018, unknown armed members kidnapped Aleppo local Alaa al-Olaywi, a medic with "Syria Charity", while in Sahyan village in Idlib's southern countryside and took him to an unknown location. Al-Olaywi

managed to escape on 21/10/2018 during a raid by a security force belonging to HTS on headquarters said to be of ISIS in rural Saraqib.

- On 12/10/2018 HTS members arrested director of Ataa' Association for Relief and Development, Saddam Mohammed, while in Atma village in Idlib's northern countryside. He was released on 26/10/2018.
- On 19/11/2018, HTS arrested director of relief programme in "Banafsaj Organisation" Abdul Razzaq Awad while in Idlib. Awad had gone to HTS's HQ after they requested his presence there. He was released on 1/12/2018.
- On 10/12/2018, HTS arrested Murhaf Ra'adun, the administrative director of hospital no. 111 located in Qal'at al-Madeeq township in Hama's north-western countryside, during a raid on Free Hama health directorate in the city of Kafranbil in Idlib's southern countryside and took him to an undisclosed location.
- On 10/12/2018, HTS arrested Mustafa al-Masri, the administrative director of Sham 4 Hospital, during a raid on Free Hama health directorate in the city of Kfranbil in Idlib's southern countryside and took him to an undisclosed location.
- On 29/12/2018, members of the Democratic Unionist Party arrested nurse Hussein az-Zulfi upon raiding his house in ar-Rumaylah district east of ar-Raqqa, and took him to an unknown location.

Health Situation in Syria

The year 2018 witnessed notable improvement in the overall health situation, especially in the second half of the year, compared to that of past years, as a result of ending the blockade imposed on a number of areas in Syria.

This year, however, a number of diseases and epidemics emerged. The most important cases recorded this year were:

- In February, about 70 people, most of them schoolchildren, were found to have hepatitis C in Dimas township, Rif Dimashq. The reason for the disease's spread is mostly due to drinking sewage contaminated water.
- In April, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported more than 58,000 cases of cutaneous leishmaniasis throughout the country in the first quarter of this year, about one-third of which occurred in northern areas (under Opposition control), i.e. an increase of 30-40% than the previous year's figures during the same period.
- In July, medical teams operating in the ar-Rukban camp for displaced persons on the Jordanian-Syrian border recorded about (900) cases of Hepatitis A as well as around 3,000 cases of severe diarrhoea among children.

Documenting violations against the medical and emergency aid sector during 2018

1. Targeting members of the emergency aid sector

Deaths

Date	Victims	Incident	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
03/01/2018	Basem Al-Fadhly, Civil Defence, centre 270	killed due to aerial bombing	Misraba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
11/01/2018	Husam Al-Mandil, Ambulance driver	killed due to aerial bombing	Ma'arat al-Nu'man	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missilesss
20/01/2018	Mohamad Bwidani, Civil Defence , centre 200	killed due to aerial bombing	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
25/01/2018	Mahmud Hamouriyah, commander CD 101	killed due to aerial bombing	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missilesss
06/02/2018	Shaker Sarhan, Ambulance driver	killed due to aerial bombing	Hazeh	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missilesss
06/02/2018	Ahmad Ali Mustafa, Civil Defence member CD	killed due to aerial bombing	Al Ghadfah	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
08/02/2018	Dhirar Bsirini, Civil Defence member	killed due to aerial bombing	Khan Shykhun	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
08/02/2018	Ahmad Abdul Hamid Khattab, civil defence	killed due to aerial bombing	Khan Shykhun	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
08/02/2018	Mustafa Bakkour, civil defence member	killed due to aerial bombing	Khan Shykhun	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
12/02/2018	Mohamad Mahmud Al-Dairi , civil defence	died affected by his wounds	Ma'ar Shoreen	Idlib	Unknown	Bullets
15/02/2018	Ahmad Haytham Al-Taha, civil defence	killed while rescuing the wounded	Tarmala	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
20/02/2018	Firas Jum'ah, civil defence member CD 90	killed while rescuing the wounded	Bait Sawa	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
28/02/2018	Mahmud al-Kilani, CD	killed while rescuing the	Otaya	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss

Date	Victims	Incident	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
	manager, CD114	wounded				
06/03/2018	Jamal al-Hafez, CD manager in Mari'	Killed by mine planted by SDF	Deir Sawwan	Aleppo	SDF	Landmines
08/03/2018	Yaser Sobhiyeh, CD member 114	Killed while shelling near his ambulance	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
08/03/2018	Ismael Hashish, CD member 114	Killed while shelling near his ambulance	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
08/03/2018	Mohamad Hashish, CD member 114	Killed while shelling near his ambulance	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
08/03/2018	Mohamad al_Asas, CD 215	killed due to aerial bombing	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
08/03/2018	Juma'a Alyousef, CD member at Shah-shabo	kileed while rescuing the wounded	Sharanar	Hama	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
10/03/2018	Mohamad Qasim Masarwah, CD Ex-manger, R.D.	killed while rescuing the wounded	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
13/03/2018	Rif'at Idris, CD member 103	killed due to aerial bombing	Zamalka	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
15/03/2018	Ayman Jamal-uddin, CD member	killed while rescuing the wounded	Hazeh	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
16/03/2018	Hassan al-Husaini, CD member	Killed by Syrian regime sniper	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Sniper bullets
21/03/2018	Yusuf al-Hamouri, CD member 300	killed while rescuing the wounded	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
21/03/2018	Mohamad al-Awwa, CD member 300	killed while rescuing the wounded	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
21/03/2018	Wasim al-Najjar, CD member 300	killed while rescuing the wounded	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
19/05/2018	Ahmad Mohamad Mahmud, CD member 1406	killed while rescuing the wounded	Jabata-Alkhashab	Qunaitra	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells

Date	Victims	Incident	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
26/05/2018	Zakariya Sha'ban, CD member at Hadher centre	killed by unknown attackers of centre	Tal Hadiah	Aleppo	Unknown	Bullets
26/05/2018	Mohamad Mahmud Al-Mustafa, CD member	killed by unknown attackers of centre	Tal Hadiah	Aleppo	Unknown	Bullets
26/05/2018	Ali Hussein Al-Ahmad, CD member at Hadher centre	killed by unknown attackers of centre	Tal Hadiah	Aleppo	Unknown	Bullets
26/05/2018	Ragheb Mohamad Kheir Bakr, CD member at Hadher	killed by unknown attackers of centre	Tal Hadiah	Aleppo	Unknown	Bullets
26/05/2018	Ahmad Abdul-Jawad Al-Isa, CD member at Hadher	killed by unknown attackers of centre	Tal Hadiah	Aleppo	Unknown	Bullets
03/06/2018	Ibrahim Mohamad Ahmadiyah, CD member	died affected by his wounds	Tal Hadiah	Aleppo	Unknown	Bullets
07/06/2018	Ali Hasan Barad'I, CD member in Killi centre	killed while rescuing the wounded	Zaradna	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
19/06/2018	Saif Sami Al-Qadri, CD member	killed while rescuing the wounded	Nahitah	Daraa	Regime Forces	Rocket launcher
21/06/2018	Mostafa Nabil Qassab, CD member	Killed by Car bomb, southern of Idlib	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Car bomb
25/06/2018	Ibrahim Mohamad Trad Abu-Salem, CD member	killed while rescuing the wounded	Al-Hirak	Daraa	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
25/06/2018	Abul-Hadi Al-Hariri, CD member	killed while rescuing the wounded	Busr Al-Harir	Daraa	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss
30/06/2018	Adnan Mohamad Al-Khalaf Al-Obaid, CD member	killed while rescuing the wounded	Ghusm	Daraa	Regime Forces	Explosive barrels
06/07/2018	Sulaiman Mohamad Al-Maf'alani, CD member	killed while rescuing the wounded	Um Al-Maythin	Daraa	Russian Airforces	Air missilesss

Injuries

Date	Victim	Incident	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
20/01/2018	Ahmad Abu Obaida, CD member 200	injured while rescuing the wounded	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Artillery Shells
02/02/2018	A civil defence member at centre 270	injured while rescuing the wounded	Misraba	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missilesss
06/02/2018	Two civil defence volunteers at centre 101	injured while rescuing the wounded	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missilesss
08/02/2018	Four civil defence members	injured while rescuing the wounded	Mishmish an	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missilesss
09/02/2018	A civil defence member at centre 400	injured while rescuing the wounded	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missilesss
15/02/2018	Two civil defence volunteers at centre 300	injured while rescuing the wounded	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missilesss
15/02/2018	Three civil defence members	injured while rescuing the wounded	Tarmala	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missilesss
19/02/2018	A civil defence member	injured while rescuing the wounded	Misraba	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missilesss
23/02/2018	A civil defence member at centre 250	injured while rescuing the wounded	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Rocket Launchers
02/03/2018	Two civil defence members at centres 200 & 250	injured while rescuing the wounded	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missilesss
06/03/2018	Abdul-Karim Bilow, CD commander, Izaz sector	wounded by mine planted by PYD	Deir Sawwan	Aleppo	PYD	Landmines
08/03/2018	Four civil defence members at centre 114	wounded while their ambulance was targetted	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missilesss
13/03/2018	Three civil defence members at centre 103	wounded when the CD centre was targetted	Zamalka	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missilesss
20/03/2018	A civil defence member at centre 101	injured while rescuing the wounded	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missilesss
23/03/2018	A civil defence member at centre 101	injured while rescuing the wounded	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missilesss
26/03/2018	A civil defence member	injured while rescuing the wounded	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missilesss

Date	Victim	Incident	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
06/05/2018	Seven civil defence members	injured while rescuing the wounded	Daraa al-Balad	Daraa	Regime forces	Artillery Shells
26/05/2018	Three civil defence members of al-Hader centr	wounded by unknown attackers of centre	Tal Hadiya	Aleppo	Unkown	Bullets
30/05/2018	Four civil defence members	wounded by explosive device planted in a car	Al-Dana	Idlib	Unkown	Explosive Device
07/06/2018	Abdul-Khaliq Talib, Samer Ghonimah, Homam	injured while rescuing the wounded	Al-Dana	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missilesss

2- Targeting human elements in the medical sector

Date	Victim	Incident	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
02/01/2018	Nurse/ Usama Al-Hamouriyah	died affected by previous bombing when he was at work	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiles
02/01/2018	Paramedic/ Said eddin Sleek	died while rescuing the wounded from previous bombing	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Artillery Shells
05/01/2018	Nurse/ Ammar al-Qalish	died while rescuing the wounded from previous bombing	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiles
08/01/2018	Dr/ Ahmad Abdelkareem Shahadah	died due to bombing of Al-Fa'loul farm to the east	Jarjanaz	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiles
20/01/2018	Paramedic/ Ahmad Taysir Allam	died due to bombing of Hamoryah city	Hamoryah	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiles
06/02/2018	Nurse/ Muhannad Hulais	Works at Arbin hospital & died while rescuing the wounded	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiles
07/02/2018	Paramedic/ Zakariya Khaled Nozom Al-Kharabih	Killed while passing the road between Deir ez-Zor & al-Hasakah	al-Hasakah	al-Hasakah	Unkown	Bullets
15/02/2018	Paramedic/ Riyadh Al-Olaywi	died while rescuing the wounded from previous bombing	Tarmala	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiles
20/02/2018	Nurse/ Hisham Eid	died while rescuing the wounded from previous bombing	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missiles

Date	Victim	Incident	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
07/03/2018	Nurse/ Fahd Harah	died while rescuing the wounded from previous bombing	Jisrin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missiles
23/03/2018	Paramedic/ Mahmud Al-Khateeb	Shot by a sniper stationed in the vicinity of the town	Ain Terma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Bullets
07/06/2018	Chemist/ Saleh Ahmad Al-Yasin	Arrest by SDF, died due to negligence of healthcare, his body was handed to his family, from Mo-Hasan, works at Jazrah	Jazrah village	Deir ez-Zor	SDF	Health care negligence

3. Targeting emergency aid sector's offices and centres

Date	Targeted building	Damage	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
08/01/2018	Civil Defence centre, south of city	Partial Damages	Al-Dana	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive device
11/01/2018	Civil Defence centre, city centre	Slight Damages	Saraqeb	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiles
13/01/2018	civil Defence centre, Al-Saleeb area, town west	Substantial Damages	Sarjah	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiles
08/02/2018	Civil Defence centre, east of city	Substantial Damages	Khan Shykhun	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiles
21/02/2018	Syrian Red Crescent Branch	Substantial Damages	Harasta	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Rocket launcher
10/03/2018	Women civil Defence centre	Slight Damages	Jesr al-Shughur	Idlib	Regime forces	Explosive Barrels
13/03/2018	Civil Defence centre	Substantial Damages	Zamalka	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missiles
31/03/2018	Civil Defence centre	Substantial Damages	Al-Dana	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiles
07/04/2018	Syrian Red Crescent Branch	Substantial Damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiles
07/04/2018	Civil Defence northern command centre	Partial Damages	Kafr Zita	Hama	Russian Airforce	Air missiles

Date	Targeted building	Damage	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
18/04/2018	Red Crescent Branch	Slight Damages	Rastan	Homs	Regime forces	Air missiless
25/06/2018	Civil Defence Centre	Substantial Damages	al-Lajat	Daraa	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
26/06/2018	Civil Defence Centre	Substantial Damages	al-Musaifra	Daraa	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
26/06/2018	Civil Defence Centre	Substantial Damages	Saida	Daraa	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
06/09/2018	Civil Defence Centre	Substantial Damages	al-Taman'a	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiless
08/09/2018	Civil Defence Centre, town east	Partial Damages	Khan Shykhun	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
24/12/2018	Civil Defence Centre	Partial Damages	Morek	Hama	Regime forces	Artillery Shellings

4. Targeting hospitals and medical centres

Date	Building	Damage	Place	Province	Actor	Weapon
03/01/2018	Salam Hospital, Eastern Neighbourhood	Substantial damages	Ma'arat al-Noman	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
07/01/2018	Health Centre	Substantial damages	Abu al-Dhoor	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiless
08/01/2018	Al-Zahra' Hospital	Partial damages	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
17/01/2018	Building of Blood bank, Eastern Neighbourhood	Substantial damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
19/01/2018	Hospital of Mental Diseases	Substantial damages	Azaz	Aleppo	SDF	Artillery Shells
19/01/2018	Obstetrics Hospital	Partial damages	Azaz	Aleppo	SDF	Artillery Shells
21/01/2018	Ihsan Hospital (known as Adi Hospital)	Slight Damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
21/01/2018	Health Centre	Substantial damages	Jazraya	Aleppo	Regime Forces	Air missiless
21/01/2018	Saraqib Health Centre	Substantial damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
01/02/2018	Hospital of Martyr Hasan al-A'raj (Maghara Hospital)	Substantial damages	Kafr Zita	Hama	Russian Airforce	Air missiless

Date	Building	Damage	Place	Province	Actor	Weapon
02/02/2018	al-Midani Hospital	Substantial damages	al-Bahra	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiess
04/02/2018	National Hospital of Ma'arat al-Noman	Substantial damages	Ma'arat al-Noman	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiess
04/02/2018	Kafranbel Surgical Hospital	Slight Damages	Kafranbel	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiess
05/02/2018	Kafranbel Surgical Hospital	Substantial damages	Kafranbel	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiess
05/02/2018	Mardich Health Centre, Eastern Neighbourhood	Substantial damages	Mardich	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiess
05/02/2018	Blood Bank	Substantial damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiess
06/02/2018	Children Hospital, Northern Neighbourhood	Substantial damages	Tarmala	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiess
06/02/2018	Health Clinic	Substantial damages	Bait Sowa	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiess
06/02/2018	Centre of saving souls for pschatric diseases	Substantial damages	Kafr Batna	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiess
08/02/2018	Primary Health Care Centre	Substantial damages	Mishmis han	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiess
08/02/2018	al-Rahma Hospital , town east	Partial damages	Khan Shykhun	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiess
14/02/2018	Sham Surgical Hospital, town north	Substantial damages	Hass	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiess
21/02/2018	Health Centre	Partial damages	Bait Sowa	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missiess
21/02/2018	al-Midani Hospital	Substantial damages	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missiess
21/02/2018	al-Kahf Hospital	Substantial damages	Kafr Batna	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Explosve Barrels
21/02/2018	al-Yaman Surgical Hospital	Substantial damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Explosve Barrels
21/02/2018	Arbin Hospital	Substantial damages	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missiess

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Date	Building	Damage	Place	Province	Actor	Weapon
21/02/2018	Zamalka city Hospital	Substantial damages	Zamalka	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
25/02/2018	Al-Zahra' Hospital	Substantial damages	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
02/03/2018	Field Hospital (knows as : Life Pulse)	Substantial damages	al-Shufa	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiless
12/03/2018	Kafr Zita Specialist Hospital, western neighbourhood	Substantial damages	Kafr Zita	Hama	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
12/03/2018	al-Noor Hospital	Slight Damages	Kafr Zita	Hama	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
14/03/2018	Kafr Zita Specialist Hospital	Substantial damages	Kafr Zita	Hama	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
24/03/2018	Internal Specialist Clinics & children Dept / Idlib Central Hospital	Substantial damages	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Car Bomb
01/04/2018	Oram al-Joz Medical Centre	Partial damages	Oram al-Joz	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiless
01/04/2018	Al-Amin Medical Campus	Substantial damages	Ariha	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiless
20/04/2018	Filistin Hospital	Substantial damages	Yarmouk Camp	Damascus	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
25/04/2018	Medical Centre	Substantial damages	Kafr Sajna	Idlib	Regime Forces	Explosve Barrels
29/04/2018	Al-Za'faraneh Field Hospital	Substantial damages	al-Za'faran eh	Homs	Regime Forces	Air missiless
30/04/2018	Al-Rastan Hospital	Substantial damages	Al-Rastan	Homs	Regime Forces	Air missiless
12/05/2018	al-Mohafazah Hospital, city centre	Substantial damages	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Car Bomb

Date	Building	Damage	Place	Province	Actor	Weapon
10/06/2018	Al-Noor Children Hospital	Substantial damages	Taftanaz	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiless
10/06/2018	Surroundings of al-Fural Hospital	several persons wounded	Manbej	Aleppo	Unknown	Car Bomb
10/06/2018	Surroundings of Islamic Medical Campus, known as Bennish Hospital	Partial damages	Bennish	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiless
24/06/2018	Al-Hiral Field Hospital	Substantial damages	Al-Hirak	Daraa	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
24/06/2018	The Field Hospital	Substantial damages	Bosr al-Harir	Daraa	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
26/06/2018	The Field Hospital	Substantial damages	Sayda	Daraa	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
26/06/2018	The Central Hospital	Substantial damages	Al-Musaifra	Daraa	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
06/07/2018	Jarablus Clinic	Substantial damages	Jarablus	Aleppo	Unknown	Car Bomb
10/07/2018	The National Hospital	Slight Damages	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
08/08/2018	Al-Bobadran Medical Clinic	Slight Damages	Al-Sousa	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiless
08/09/2018	Nabdh al-Hayat Hospital (Hass Hospital)	Substantial damages	Hass	Idlib	Regime Forces	Explosive Barells
13/09/2018	The Field Hospital	Substantial damages	Al-Baghoz	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiless
14/09/2018	Al-Amal Hospital	Partial damages	Manbej	Aleppo	Unknown	Explosive Device
02/12/2018	Al-Madina hospital (Al-Farabi Centre)	Partial damages	Al-Bab	Aleppo	Unknown	Explosive Device
06/12/2018	Al-Quds hospital	Partial damages to an ambulance	Al-Dana	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device

5. Targeting vehicles

Date	Targeted Vehicle	Damage	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
02/01/2018	CD ambulance	Partial Damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
11/01/2018	al-Salam Hospital Ambulance	Partial Damages	Ma'arat al-Noman	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiless
20/01/2018	CD ambulance	Partial Damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
20/01/2018	CD ambulance	Substantial Damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
26/01/2018	Al-Shafaq Obstetrics Hospital Ambulance	Partial Damages	Ma'arat Misrin	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
27/01/2018	CD ambulance	Partial Damages	al-Ghanto	Homs	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
28/01/2018	CD ambulance	Partial Damages	Harasta	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Rocket Launchers
04/02/2018	Two CD ambulances of Syria Relief & Investment org.	Partial Damages	Ma'arat al-Noman	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
05/02/2018	Kafranbel Surgical Hospital Ambulance	Slight Damages	Kafranbel	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
06/02/2018	CD ambulance	Substantial Damages	al-Nashabiah	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
07/02/2018	CD Fire engine	Substantial Damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiless
08/02/2018	CD ambulance	Substantial Damages	Khan Shykun	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
15/02/2018	Two CD ambulances	Substantial Damages	Tarmala	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
19/02/2018	CD ambulance	Substantial Damages	Zamalka	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Rocket Launchers
21/02/2018	CD ambulance	Substantial Damages	Kafr Batna	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Explosive Barells

Date	Targeted Vehicle	Damage	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
28/02/2018	CD ambulance of centre 114	Substantial Damages	Otaya	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missiles
08/03/2018	CD ambulance of centre 114	Substantial Damages	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missiles
09/03/2018	CD ambulance of centre 270	Substantial Damages	Misraba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missiles
31/03/2018	CD ambulance in the village	Partial Damages	al-Dana	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiles
01/04/2018	Five ambulances of Al-Amin Medical Campus	Slight Damages	Ariha	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiles
08/09/2018	CD Fire engine in Khan Shykhun	Substantial Damages	Khan Shykhun	Idlib	Regime Forces	Air missiles
08/09/2018	Al-Latamneh Hospital	Partial Damages	Al-Latamneh	Hama	Russian Airforce	Air missiles
06/12/2018	An ambulance of Sham emergency group	Slight Damages	al-Dana	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
19/12/2018	Three CD ambulances	Partial Damages	Al-Latamneh	Hama	Regime Forces	Shells
24/12/2018	CD ambulance and rescue vehicle	Substantial Damages	Morek	Hama	Regime Forces	Shells

Media & Journalism

This year witnessed a notable decrease in the number of violations against journalists compared to previous years. In 2018, Syria ranked third on the list of countries most dangerous to journalists globally, after Afghanistan and Mexico.

The decline in targeting journalists in Syria is due to several reasons; the most important of which are:

- **Stability of security conditions** within each of the three areas of influence in Syria, which greatly prevented authorities in these areas from targeting the media.
- **Considerable receding of fighting**, especially in the second half of 2018. Combat actions used to lead to most killings and injuries suffered by media workers while covering clashes.

SHRC adopts the definition of "media worker" for all who work in a registered media organisation. Journalism is considered their main source of income, whether that person's work is pure journalism or works in support journalism, like a cameraman. SHRC adopts the term "media activist" to mean individuals who work with unregistered media organisations, like Facebook pages, or whose livelihood does not depend on media work as a basic source of income.

This definition is applied by the SHRC – and by almost most institutions working in the field of documentation. In the Syrian case, it is not possible to ascertain whether media work carried out by an activist is the source of his/her basic livelihood or if the media outlets within Syria are officially registered outside it.

SHRC classifies journalism workers with any armed faction as Media Activists unless evidence shows they have participated in armed actions.

SHRC has documented the killing of (16) journalists and media activists during 2018 and the injury of (13) journalists and media activists, mostly by indiscriminate shelling or as a result of being hit by shelling or bullets while covering the clashes.

As in previous years, media activists accounted for the largest proportion of victims in the media sector in 2018 as they are on the frontlines of armed confrontations. This is also because they lack safety equipment used by professional journalists such as bulletproof jackets, and their lack of safety and protection training.

This year saw the release of Japanese journalist Jumby Yasuda, who arrived in Syria in 2015 to follow up on the fate of his colleague Kenji Goto, who was then kidnapped, before ISIS broadcast a video of slaughtering the latter on

31/1/2018. Yasuda disappeared on June 23 of the same year, then arrived in Turkey on 24/10/2018. The entity which had kidnapped him remains unknown.

Documenting violations against journalists during 2018

1. Killing of Media Workers

Date	Victims	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
09/01/2018	Media Activist Hazem Abdel Aziz Abdel Wahid was killed, from Harran al-Awamid, Eastern Ghouta, due to shelling on town	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Air missiless
06/02/2018	Media Worker Fuad Mohamad al-Husein, from Tarmala, Idlib, Killed due to shelling on village	Tarmala	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
20/02/2018	Media Worker Abdel-Rahman al-Yasin was killed due to shelling on town	Hamoriya h	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
14/03/2018	Media Activist Ahmadan Hamdan, from Hamoriyah, due to shelling on town	Hamoriya h	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
19/03/2018	Media Activist Kamel Abul Walid, known as (Al-Obbo), from Jarablus, Aleppo province, killed by landmine planted by SDF	Afrin	Aleppo	SDF	Lad mines
21/03/2018	Media Activist Obaida Abu Omar was killed during documenting bombing on Ain Terma	Ain Terma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
22/03/2018	Media Activist Suhaib Oyoon who worked with Shamm emergency org. due to shelling on town	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Artillery Shells
03/05/2018	Media Worker at Free Police Abdel-Monim Awad Zakariya from Sarqib, Idlib was killed by motorcycle bomb	Saraqib	Idlib	Unknown	Motorcylcle Bomb
17/05/2018	Media Worker of Smart News Agency Ibrahim al-Manger was killed by unknown armed men in front of his house	Sayda	Daraa	Unknown	Bullets
30/05/2018	Media Activist Mo'amar Bakkour, from Batbo, Aleppo province was killed by shelling on his car between al-Ziyarah and al-Ankawin in western Hama province	al-Ziyarah	Hama	Regime Forces	Portable Missile

Date	Victims	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
03/06/2018	Family of Media Activist Sa'ad Mahmud Balwat learnt that he died under torture in Seidnaya Prison. He is from Hama and was arrested from his work on 2013	Seidnaya	Rif Dimashq	Regime Forces	Torture
29/06/2018	Media Activist Ali Al-Rifai, from Tal Shihab, Daraa province was killed while covering the fighting between Armed opposition factions and regime forces.	Air base/ Daraa al-Balad	Daraa	Unknown	Shells
16/07/2018	Family of Palestinian Media Activist Niraz Sa'eed, from Yarmouk Camp, learnt of his death under torture. He was arrested in Damascus on 2/10/2015	Yarmouk Camp	Damascus	Regime Forces	Torture
10/08/2018	Media Activist Ahmad Mahmud Azizah was killed by bombing the town when he was covering previous shelling. He is from Aleppo, 1998	Oram al-Kubra	Aleppo	Russian Airforces	Air missilless
23/11/2018	Fresh Radio manager Ra'ed al-Fares was killed in Idlib when armed men shot him in the eastern n'hood.	Kafranbel	Idlib	Unknown	Bullets
23/11/2018	Media worker, works at Fresh Radio was killed in Idlib when armed men shot him in the eastern n'hood.	Kafranbel	Idlib	Unknown	Bullets

2. Injured Media Workers

Date	Victims	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
02/01/2018	Orient News Correspondent Yaman Al-Sayed was injured due to shelling on town.	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missilless
29/01/2018	Smart Agency correspondent Radwan Mohayer was injured due to shelling on town	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missilless
29/01/2018	Smart Agency correspondent Basel Hawwa was injured due to shelling on town	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missilless
29/01/2018	Orient News Correspondent Shaher Sammaq was injured due to shelling on town.	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missilless

07/02/2018	Orient Channel correspondent Mohamad Abdel-Rahman due to shelling on town	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiless
07/02/2018	Member of Ma'arat Media Walid al-Rashed was injured due to shelling on western neighbourhood	Ma'arat al-Noman	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
31/03/2018	Asi Agency correspondent and member of Hama Media centre Mohamad Obaido was attacked by elements of Ahrar Al-Sahm whilst covering the arrival of deportees from Ghouta. He had bruises and his equipments were broken	al-Ghab Plain	Hama	Ahrar Al-Sham	White weapons
24/04/2018	Media worker Mostafa Al-Haj Ali received medium injuries due to fire opened on him	al-Nayzab	Idlib	Unknown	Bullets
30/10/2018	Media activist 'Abul Karam Al-Halabi was wounded whilst covering the clashes between HTS and National Front for Liberation (NFT)	Kafr Hamrah	Aleppo	Armed Factions	Bullets
02/11/2018	the two media men Listan Mohamad and Ibrahim Ahmad, correspondents of Hawar News agency, were wounded whilst covering the Turkish army shelling on the town	Tal Abyadh	al-Hasakah	Turkish Airforce	Air missiless

3. Arrest & Abduction

Date	Incident	Area	Province	Actor
23/06/2018	The Northern Brigade, an armed opposition group, arrested a press team working with Al Hurra TV near the village of Hoshriya Oshmal, east of Manbaj. The detained team consists of: Media Radwan Al-Khalil, a member of the Information Office of the Syrian Democratic Forces in Ain al-Issa. photographer Issam Al Abbas, Photographer Kaniwar Khalif . In addition to the child Hassan Khalif, who was accompanied by his uncle Kaniwar Khalif	Manbej	Aleppo	Armed opposition

22/10/2018	Asayesh forces arrested media activist and correspondent of Arak News agency Ahmad Sofi at a checkpoint between Al-Qasr village & Al-Malikiyah city	Al-Qasr	al-Hasakah	Asayesh
29/10/2018	HTS elements arrested media activist Jum'a al-Umari, member of media office at Kafr Hamra, Aleppo countryside from his home	Termanin	Idlib	HTS
08/11/2012	Elements from Sultan Murad division arrested media activist Bilal Sarbul from his residence at Fillat St. He was released 3 days later. Marks of severe torture were shown on his body	Afrin	Aleppo	Sultan Murad armed faction
26/11/2018	HTS arrested media activist Dirgham Hamadi upon requesting a permission from 'Deportees Department' of HTS to make a media programme in one of the camps.	Bab al-Hawa	Idlib	HTS



The two media activists: Ra'ed al-Fares (left) and Hammoud Juneid were killed when unknown assailants opened fire on their car in Kafranbel- Idlib countryside (23/11/2018)

Education and Educational Institutions

Successive violations and crimes in Syria from 2011 till the end of 2018 have led to a sharp deterioration in the education sector in general, which has severely impacted school-age children, and which is believed to cause profounder impact in the future.

Despite the large drop this year in targeting school buildings compared to previous years, the improvement in the educational sector's performance is still limited. Approximately 46% of school buildings are either fully or partially unfit to conduct their work and need large budgets for rebuilding. Reconstruction or restoration will require a number of years, which means that the capacity of schools will be less than the number of school-age students.

According to United Nations estimates, 27% of primary school students dropped out of the educational process due to the poor quality of teaching and crowded classrooms.

The human resources sector in the educational process is facing a severe crisis. The sector has witnessed the loss of a large number of teachers due to becoming displaced or seeking refuge. As a result of the security targeting of large numbers of teachers, a significant shortage in Education staff at Ministry schools in the regime's government has occurred, as well as in that of the Opposition's.

The Ministry of Education has resorted to increasing the number of classes per teacher and not requiring specialisation in primary and preparatory education; a matter which negatively affected the quality of the educational process.

As for schools in Opposition areas, most employ only a limited number of actual teachers. The rest are non-specialists, and some are university students who have not completed their education as a result of the crisis, or who had worked in other sectors prior to 2011.

The poor financial reward received by teachers in areas run by the Opposition, which is sometimes limited to providing some food baskets, has attracted those who have not found any other job opportunities. This negatively impacts the quality of the service they provide, much less their lack of competence to begin with.

Students in areas that returned under regime control this year faced a major crisis due to losing years of education while the Opposition controlled their areas. Students in Rif Dimashq, Daraa and Homs have been told that the certificates they obtained from the interim government cannot be equated, and that students must repeat all school years, which are up to five years in some areas.

The Ministry of Education allowed basic education students with no school documents, wishing to apply for basic education certification, the opportunity to be evaluated by committees so as to receive grade 6 certification and, accordingly, the possibility of applying for basic education examinations as being Home-schooled.

Refugee children drop out of school education in large numbers, with school attendance reaching about 40%; meaning that the majority of these children are outside the school system. Children constitute about 45% of the total number of Syrian refugees.

According to estimates by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), some 2.8 million Syrian children inside and outside Syria are not in the educational process, and some have never entered it; meaning that they are still illiterate, while others have received little education. Children between the ages of 15-17 form about 40% of those outside the educational process.

Targeting the Education Sector in 2018

Date	Educational Institution	Damages	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
02/01/2018	Qatra primary school	Partial damages	Qatra	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
05/01/2018	Tal Halawa school	Partial damages	Tal Halawa	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
06/01/2018	Arbin girls secondary school	Partial damages	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
07/01/2018	Teachers Preparatoy Institute	Partial damages	Jarjanaz	Idlib	Regime forces	Explosive Barells
07/01/2018	Al-Khansa' School	Partial damages	Jarjanaz	Idlib	Regime forces	Explosive Barells
12/01/2018	Khaled al-Musa secondary school	Sunstantial damages	Alhabit	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
13/01/2018	Khan Al-Sobol boys school	Slight damages	Khan Al-Sobol	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
14/01/2018	Girl school	Slight damages	Al-dair al-Sharqi	Idlib	Regime forces	Rocket launchers
21/01/2018	Private Ibla University	Partial damages	Damas-Alep Int. Highway	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
22/01/2018	Secondary school in western neighbourhood	Slight damages	al-Ghadaqa	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless

Date	Educational Institution	Damages	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
24/01/2018	Saraqib boys secondary school in western neighbourhood	Partial damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
29/01/2018	Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq school, city centre	Slight damages	Kafranbel	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiless
30/01/2018	Al-Thawra school, city centre	Partial damages	Ariha	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiless
04/02/2018	Al-Sina'a (vocational) school, north	Sunstantial damages	Kafranbel	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
05/02/2018	Husein al-Ali school, south	Partial damages	Haysh	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
05/02/2018	Tariq Bin Ziyad school, south	Sunstantial damages	Haysh	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
06/02/2018	Nursery school	Partial damages	Kafr Batna	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiless
06/02/2018	The preparatory school in the northern n'hood	Sunstantial damages	Tarmala	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
06/02/2018	Abdullah Bin Rawah school for essential education	Slight damages	al-Ghadaqa	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
07/02/2018	A school in the town	Sunstantial damages	Hamoriyah	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiless
08/02/2018	Mishmishan boys secondary school	Sunstantial damages	Mishmishan	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
08/02/2018	Mishmishangir ls secondary school	Partial damages	Mishmishan	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
08/02/2018	Abdulkareem al-Sarjawi school, northern n'hood	Slight damages	Ma'ar Shorin	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
08/02/2018	Jisrin girls secondary school	Partial damages	Jisrin	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiless
09/02/2018	Abdul Monim Riyadh secondary school	Sunstantial damages	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiless

Date	Educational Institution	Damages	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
09/02/2018	Buildings of Economy Faculty & Electron institute of Free aleppo University	Sunstantial damages	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiless
16/02/2018	The secondary school	Slight damages	Tair Ma'lah	Homs	Regime forces	Artillery shells
20/02/2018	Abidin school for essential education	Partial damages	Abidin	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
10/03/2010	Futur generations nursery, east	Sunstantial damages	Kafr Sajna	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
11/03/2018	Exams Dept building, east	Sunstantial damages	Idlib	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
31/03/2018	Marj al-Zuhur for essential education	Partial damages	Marj al-Zuhur	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
01/04/2018	Al-Thawra school	Sunstantial damages	Ariha	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiless
01/04/2018	Kafr Latah for essential education	Sunstantial damages	Kafr Latah	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiless
05/04/2018	Ismael Latah school for essential education, town centre	Sunstantial damages	al-Barrah	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiless
15/04/2018	The secondary school	Partial damages	Izeddin	Homs	Regime forces	Air missiless
25/04/2018	Tishrin primary school	Sunstantial damages	Kafr Sajna	Idlib	Regime forces	Explosive Barells
25/04/2018	Ammar bin Yaser primary school, eastern n'hood	Partial damages	Kafr Sajna	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiless
29/04/2018	Zul-Norain school for essential education, town centre	Sunstantial damages	al-Za'franeh	Homs	Regime forces	Air missiless
04/05/2018	Ja'far bin Abi Taleb school, western n'hood	Partial damages	al-Naqir	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless
06/05/2018	Rabi'a al-Adawiya school	Sunstantial damages	Jesr al-Shughur	Idlib	Russian Airforces	Air missiless

Date	Educational Institution	Damages	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
21/05/2018	The Religious school	Slight damages	Jarablus	Aleppo	Unknown	Explosive Device
06/06/2018	Surroundings of Al-Oroba school, Al-Midan n'hood	Slight damages	Ariha	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missilless
11/06/2018	surroundings Mamdoh Shua'ib school, town centre	Substantial damages	Binnesh	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missilless
11/06/2018	Surroundings of As'ad Anadani school, town centre	Substantial damages	Binnesh	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missilless
11/06/2018	Surroundings of the Girls secondary schoo, town centre	Substantial damages	Binnesh	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missilless
11/06/2018	Surroundings of Mustafa Farhat school (known: Al-Risalah Scholl), town centre	Substantial damages	Binnesh	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missilless
17/06/2018	Ain Al-Tineh school	Substantial damages	Ain Al-Tineh	Qunaitra	Regime forces	Air missilless
28/06/2018	Nursery school	Substantial damages	Nawa	Daraa	Russian Airforces	Air missilless
11/07/2018	Martyr Abdul-Karim Al-Hallaq primary school, town centre	Substantial damages	Al-Mozarah	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missilless
15/07/2018	Faculty of Law	Partial damages	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Car bomb

Date	Educational Institution	Damages	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
07/08/2018	Kurdish autonomy issued order to close the Syriac christian school on pretext of not having license from the education dept. in Al-Jazeera district	school closed	al-Malikiya	Hasaka	Kurdish autonomy	Laws & Instructions
10/09/2018	Surroundings of Al-Nidhal School	Slight damages	Jarjanaz	Idlib	Regime forces	Rocket launchers
10/09/2018	Surroundings of Al-Quds school	Slight damages	Jarjanaz	Idlib	Regime forces	Rocket launchers
14/10/2018	Surroundings of Sadiq Hindawi	Partial damages	Jarablus	Aleppo	Unknown	Explosive Device
24/10/2018	Kafr Hamra primary school	Substantial damages	Kafr Hamra	Aleppo	Regime forces	Shells
08/11/2018	Surroundings of Al-Andalus primary school, city centre	Partial damages	Azaz	Aleppo	Unknown	Explosive Device
12/11/2018	Surroundings of Ahmad Salim Mulla primary school, city centre	Partial damages	Jarablus	Aleppo	Unknown	Car bomb
18/11/2018	Al-Zira'a school for essential learning , Qahawi n'hood	Slight damages	Abu Hamam	Deir ez-Zor	SDF	Bullets

Date	Educational Institution	Damages	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
24/11/2018	Al-Khansa' primary School	Substantial damages	Jarjanaz	Idlib	Regime forces	Rocket launchers
24/11/2018	Teachers Preparatoy Institute	Partial damages	Jarjanaz	Idlib	Regime forces	Rocket launchers



Damage left by shelling on Yarmouk Camp in Damascus (photo: 22/4/2018)

Religious Sites and Archaeology

The year 2018 witnessed a decline in the number of violations against religious sites compared to previous years, as a result of the decline in fighting and Air Strike in most areas, particularly in the second half of the year.

This year, SHRC documented the targeting of (62) mosques and one church, (27) of which were in Idlib province alone. Thirteen mosques were targeted in Rif Dimashq and (10) in Deir ez-Zor. The Syrian regime ranked at the forefront of targeting mosques (26), followed by Russian forces (20).

Targeting of archaeological areas has greatly rescinded this year. The most prominent of such targeting was when Russian warplanes shelled Ma'arrat an-Nu'man Museum on 4/1/2018. The museum is dubbed "Khan Murad Pasha" and dates back to 1595.

The decline in attacks is due to ISIS's reduced influence, which had been the main actor in this field during the past four years.

The smuggling of Syrian antiquities to neighbouring countries persisted, albeit at a slower pace than in previous years. On June 1, 2018, the Jordanian Antiquities Department stated that the total number of artefacts smuggled from Syria since 2011 to date numbered (213) pieces.

On 4/5/2018, Turkish authorities seized a smuggling ring with two copies of the Torah engraved on deer skin and embroidered with gold. The gang was seeking to sell them after having smuggled them from Syria. Both copies date to pre-Christianity.

On 1/10/2018 Jordanian authorities thwarted an attempt to smuggle 14 artefacts dating back to the Roman era. They were seized at a farm in Tabriyat area in the town of Tal Shihab in Daraa's western countryside.

Targeting places of worship in 2018

Date	Mosque/ Church	Damages	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
02/01/2018	Owais al-Qarni Mosque, town east	Substantial damages	Ma'arat al-No'man	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
03/01/2018	Tal al-Toqan al-Kabeer Mosque	Partial damages	Tal al-Toqan	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
07/01/2018	Omer Ibn Al-Khattab Mosque, town south	Partial damages	al-Ghadaqa	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
08/01/2018	Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq Mosque, town south	Partial damages	Al-Tah	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
10/01/2018	Al-Fatih Mosque	Substantial damages	Manbej	Aleppo	Unknown	Car Bomb
12/01/2018	Aysha Um Al-Mominin	Substantial damages	Al-Habit	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
12/01/2018	Al-Shuhada Mosque, eastern n'hood	Slight damages	Al-Habit	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
12/01/2018	Abu Habbah Mosque	Substantial damages	Abu Habba village	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
15/01/2018	Al-Kabeer Mosque	Partial damages	al-Ghadaqa	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
16/01/2018	Al-Rayes Mosque	Partial damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Artillery Shells
17/01/2018	Al-Iman Mosque, Mal'ab n'hood	Substantial damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Rockets launcher s
21/01/2018	Al-Huda Mosque, western n'hood	Substantial damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
22/01/2018	Al-Kabeer Mosque	Substantial damages	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiless
29/01/2018	al-Odha Mosque	Substantial damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
30/01/2018	Aysha Mosque, southern n'hood	Partial damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiless
01/02/2018	Bilal Mosque, town centre	Substantial damages	Saraqib	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
02/02/2018	Al-Qibli Mosque	Slight damages	al-Ghadaqa	Idlib	Regime forces	Explosive Barells
02/02/2018	Al-Srougi Mosque, western n'hood	Slight damages	Ma'arat al-No'man	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
03/02/2018	Al-Kabeer Mosque	Substantial damages	al-Ghadaqa	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiless
05/02/2018	Al-Kabeer Mosque	Substantial damages	Misraba	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiless
06/02/2018	Usama Ibn Zayd, southern n'hood	Partial damages	al-Ghadaqa	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
07/02/2018	Al-Kabeer	Substantial	Zamalka	Rif	Regime	Air

Date	Mosque/ Church	Damages	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
	Mosque	damages		Dimashq	forces	missiless
08/02/2018	Al-Noor Mosque	Substantial damages	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiless
08/02/2018	St. Georgeous Church for Roman Catholics	Substantial damages	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiless
08/02/2018	Ahmad Ibn Hanbal, town centre	Substantial damages	Jisrin	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiless
09/02/2018	Hawa Mosque, town centre	Substantial damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiless
09/02/2018	Al-Kabeer Mosque	Substantial damages	Kafr Sajna	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiless
09/02/2018	Al-Kabeer Mosque	Partial damages	Hass	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiless
17/02/2018	Al-Kabeer Mosque	Partial damages	Hazano	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
27/02/2018	Um Habibah Mosque	Substantial damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Air missiless
01/03/2018	Al-Slaiq Mosque	Substantial damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
08/03/2018	A Mosque	Substantial damages	Saqba	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
14/03/2018	Al-Omary Mosque	Substantial damages	Subaikhan	Deir ez- Zor	Regime forces	Unknown
19/03/2018	Al-Mahmud Mosque	Substantial damages	Duma	Rif Dimashq	Regime forces	Explosive Barells
23/03/2018	Mokalbis village Mosque	Substantial damages	Mokalbis	Aleppo	HTS	Artillery Shells
05/04/2018	Al-Rahman Mosque	Substantial damages	Al-Barrah	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiless
07/04/2018	Surroundings of Al-Kabeer Mosque	Slight damages	Al-Bab	Aleppo	Unknown	Car Bomb
10/04/2018	Al-Moghraby Mosque, city centre	Slight damages	Jisr Al- Shughur	Idlib	Regime forces	Rockets launcher s
12/04/2018	Al-Maytam Mosque	Partial damages	Azaz	Aleppo	Unknown	Car Bomb
19/04/2018	Suhaib Al-Romi Mosque, Industrial Area	Substantial damages	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device
19/04/2018	Filistin Mosque	Substantial damages	Yarmouk Camp	Damascu s	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
28/04/2018	Al-Haratah Mosque	Partial damages	al-Shufah	Deir ez- Zor	Regime forces	Artillery Shells
29/04/2018	Al-Kabeer Mosque	Substantial damages	Ma'ar Zita	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
30/04/2018	Al-Omary Mosque	Substantial damages	Al-Rastan	Homs	Regime forces	Air missiless
11/05/2018	Al-Kabeer Mosque	Substantial damages	Karf Zita	Hama	Regime forces	Air missiless
26/05/2018	Al-Saraya	Substantial	Jisr Al-	Idlib	Unknown	Car

Date	Mosque/ Church	Damages	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
	Mosque	damages	Shughur			Bomb
07/06/2018	Surroundings of Sa'ad Ibn Moath Mosque, town south	Partial damages	Zaradna	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
15/06/2018	Usama Ibn Zayd Mosque	Partial damages	Kafr Shams	Daraa	Regime forces	Shells
16/06/2018	Surroundings of Al-Rahman Mosque	Substantial damages	Al-Sousa	Deir ez-Zor	Regime forces	Mortar shells
21/06/2018	Surroundings of Al-Tawhid Mosque	Partial damages	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Car Bomb
18/08/2018	Surroundings of Al-Noor Mosque	Slight damages	ar-Raqqa	ar-Raqqa	Unknown	Explosive Device
18/08/2018	Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq Mosque	Substantial damages	Al-Ghariya Al-Sharkiya	Daraa	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
19/08/2018	Khalid Ibn Al-Walid Mosque	Substantial damages	Al-Marashdeh	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiless
10/09/2018	Hasraya village Mosque	Substantial damages	Hasraya	Hama	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
04/10/2018	Khalid Ibn Al-Walid Mosque (known as Sultan Mosque)	Substantial damages	Hajin	Deir ez-Zor	SDF	Mortar shells
19/10/2018	Othman Ibn Affan Mosque (known as Hajji Mohamad Mosque) al-Bobadran	Substantial damages	Al-Sousa	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiless
22/10/2018	Al-Ghannam Mosque	Substantial damages	Al-Sousa	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiless
22/10/2018	Al-Aziz Mosque	Substantial damages	Al-Sousa	Deir ez-Zor	Int. Coalition	Air missiless
20/11/2018	Talafeh Mosque	Substantial damages	Talafeh	Aleppo	Regime forces	Shells
21/11/2018	Surroundings of Al-Rawdah Mosque, Al-Qusur n'hood	3 killed & 10 injured	Idlib	Idlib	Unknown	Explosive Device

Forced Displacement & Demographic Alteration

Demographic change represents one of the most dangerous outcomes of the war in Syria as it is a long-term effect and will leave its mark on the future Syria.

The Syrian regime and its supporting foreign forces carried on with a policy of displacement and demographic alteration. This policy was imposed by means of criminal methods, most important of which was total blockade, indiscriminate shelling via all weapons and the use of soft force. This so-called "soft force" used regime collaborators within blockaded areas for pushing towards what the regime calls "reconciliation agreements," all of which have ended with the removal of those who rejected the agreements towards the north of Syria, and with various compromises for those who decided to stay.

According to United Nations estimates, more than 158,000 people, or about 40% of Eastern al-Ghouta's population, left it between 9 March and 18 April. 92338 of them went to Damascus and its countryside in areas controlled by the regime, while the rest headed for Idlib's countryside and that of Aleppo.

The most prominent displacement agreements this year were as follows:

- On April 16, 2018, Opposition factions in **ad-Domair township** signed a unilateral agreement with the reconciliation centre at Hameimim Airport that stipulated the opening of a safe corridor for those wishing to head towards the north of Syria, as well as settling problems facing those who wished to remain, including for those who did not join compulsory and reserve military service, as well as military dissidents.
- On 20 April 2018, Opposition factions in the towns and cities of Eastern al-Qalamoun signed an agreement, under the supervision of Russian police, granting exit to those unwilling to sign settlements.
- At the end of April 2018, Opposition factions in the **south of the capital** reached a final agreement on the fate of the towns of Yilda, Beibla and Beit Saham. The agreement provided for the exit of fighters and their families, along with their personal firearms, towards north Syria.
- On 13 March 2018, a final agreement was signed in **al-Qadam district of Damascus**, allowing the departure to north Syria of those who did not wish to remain and accept settling their status.
- On March 21, 2018, Ahrar al-Sham faction reached a reconciliation agreement in the **city of Harasta - Rif Dimashq**, which allowed the departure of armed forces and willing civilians towards the north of Syria. The agreement was guaranteed by Russia.

- On March 24, 2018, al-Rahman Corps reached a reconciliation agreement in the cities of **Arbeen, Zamalka, Ein Tirma and Jobar – Rif Dimashq**, allowing the safe exit towards the north of Syria, under supervision and escort of Russian military police, for those willing faction members and their families, with their light weapons, as well as for willing civilians.
- On 1 April 2018, the Army of Islam reached a reconciliation agreement in **Duma – Rif Dimashq**, allowing its fighters departure towards Jarablis city in Aleppo's north-eastern countryside, with their light arms.
- On 1 May 2018, Syrian opposition factions in **Homs's north countryside and Hama's southern countryside** reached an agreement stipulating the removal of all fighters and their families, who rejected the agreement, towards Jarablis in the east of Aleppo and towards Idlib province.
- Between 22 June and 30 July, the towns and cities of **Daraa and al-Quneitra** provinces signed successive agreements through which all came under regime control, in exchange for the transfer of those rejecting these agreements to the north of Syria. These agreements singled out civil defence members.

Looting areas coming under regime control

All cities and towns which regime forces entered during previous years have witnessed organised and systematic looting. Some of al-Sahil and Damascus districts have also witnessed the emergence of semi-permanent markets for stolen goods. These markets are popularly known to sell everything that regime forces have stolen. In al-Sahil region, they are called "Sunnis' Markets", for being stolen from Sunni regions.

The plundering that occurred in Daraa's eastern countryside has led to the creation of markets for stolen goods in neighbouring as-Suwayda's countryside; a matter that prompted the Druze sheikhdom to issue a statement on July 2 forbidding "touching, selling, purchasing or trading these stolen goods as an absolute prohibition."

On 25/5/2018, Russian military police in Beibla and Yelda stopped a truck driven by a group of regime army members loaded with stolen goods from al-Hajar al-Aswad and the Yarmouk camp. Russian police insulted and arrested those members in front of the public who filmed the event.

According to testimonies obtained by SHRC from Eastern Ghouta, Yarmouk camp and Daraa's eastern countryside, the areas were divided between army groups and parallel militias in a systematic manner, where their members would enter empty houses specifically, and steal all electrical and electronic appliances, particularly refrigerators, televisions, ovens and gas cylinders.

Then all stolen goods are placed in the yard of one of the houses, and medium-sized trucks would go back and forth every few hours to load the stolen goods. These trucks, which are driven by military personnel, then head for a market for stolen goods in Damascus.

The city of Afrin also witnessed theft and looting by the Armed Forces in the days following their entry on 18/3/2018. The organised looting stopped several days later after several local and Turkish authorities intervened. Such plundering was documented by the Armed Forces themselves.

However, testimonies obtained by SHRC from inside Afrin showed the persistence of these actions in the following months, especially by "Ahrar Al Sharqiyah" faction, which imposed royalties on the indigenous population, arrested their children without cause and demanded large amounts of olives, olive oil produce or a number of livestock in exchange for freeing detainees.

Testimonies also showed that factions which entered Afrin settled their members in the homes of the city's displaced people and forced some residents to leave houses if they were not the original owners and did not possess attesting official documents.

Blockade

Regime's forces continued to use blockading as a major means of subduing areas beyond their control. But the intensity of this dropped dramatically in the second half of 2018 after regime and foreign forces supporting it controlled most areas that had been beyond their control in the south and centre of the country.

On June 20, the UN commission of inquiry said the five-year siege of Eastern Ghouta was the longest in modern history. The blockade practically ended on 16/4/2018 when the last fighters of Opposition factions left the city of Duma in Eastern Ghouta.

On 21/5/2018, the siege imposed on al-Hajar al-Aswad and the Yarmouk camp – Damascus, which had lasted since 2015, was lifted after regime forces controlled both areas.

In early October 2018, the regime and foreign forces backing it blockaded al-Rukban camp for displaced persons, which includes some 78,000 people. The blockade continues till the issuance of this report.

Arrest & Abduction

Regime forces persisted with their systematic policy of arbitrary detention, usually through security checkpoints and border crossings. However, SHRC noted the decline of arbitrary arrests this year and fewer checkpoints.

Military police also continued to arrest young men wanted for military service in areas under their control. Military police began patrolling these areas after the lifting of most fixed security barriers within the cities. These patrols stop young people in public transportation depots and raid homes of wanted persons.

Torture and death under torture

Since the beginning of July this year, security services in Syria have begun sending name lists of those who have forcibly disappeared and who have been killed under torture to the civil registry in various Syrian regions. Such lists have come from the Ministry of Interior (and sometimes from certain security agencies, such as the Air force Intelligence) to the main civil status departments in the provinces, which are required to send information to the districts' civil status offices of the province.

In some areas, civil status departments have posted the lists they received on a noticeboard within their offices and requested parents to come there in order to finish death certificates for their kin. In other instances, security members would contact parents or neighbourhood leaders directly, in order to inform them of the same.

The causes of death in the lists ranged from health symptoms like "cardiac arrest" or "death due to communicable and infectious diseases", and are accompanied by a death certificate from a military hospital, particularly Tishreen Hospital, Harasta Military Hospital and Military Hospital 601. Some certificates stated cause of death as "based on the decision of the First and Second Field Courts" for individuals who were executed under the terms of field courts.

The total number of people who have died under torture this year reached (835). The death dates of those whose names have been delivered are often between 2012-2015.

Bashar al-Assad's regime's prisons are divided into initial detention and interrogation centres, which are spread throughout every village, town and city and controlled by regime security and intelligence branches and pro-government militias. Detainees' identities are ascertained there and they are subjected to preliminary interrogation. Afterwards, they are either set free – which is rare even if they are innocent – or are transferred to a major investigation centre in their provinces or in Damascus, where they are

interrogated more thoroughly and subjected to varied forms of torture. If they survive this, their crimes are categorised and are either referred to a military prison or a civilian one. Only citizens found absolutely innocent are referred to a civilian prison. These remain incarcerated because their families oppose the regime, because another family member is wanted, to pay a large amount of money for their release or are exchanged under any release agreement.

Physical torture is routinely practiced against detainees accused of opposing the regime. Inhumane treatment of detainees, contempt for prisoners, humiliation and breaking their will is a 24-hour practice perpetrated by trained jailers who hold no value to humane treatment or human dignity. Security authorities deliberately detain people in inappropriate environments and conditions, rife with insects and rodents, and deliberate limited ventilation and cleaning materials that facilitate the spread of diseases among detainees.

SHRC obtained already known and new information on varied forms of torture from interviewing detainees who survived imminent death and were released from al-Assad regime's prisons. All information exposes the regime's barbaric methods of torturing citizens who get arrested and concealed in prisons, and in detention and interrogation facilities.

Varied forms of **severe beatings** accompany detainees from the first moment till either their death or release. Beatings there have different forms and arts: beatings with whips, wooden sticks, iron bars, silicon cables, jagged corded cables or reinforced plastic hoses. Beatings also occur with iron forks that burn the body and are then extinguished with water to form sores and puss, in addition to severe beating and hanging by the hands, which is known as the "Ghost".

A detainee's entire body is fair game for being beaten. It may be in the body and lower extremities and often targets the head with the intention of killing detainees or causing them permanent disability.

Also among beating techniques is forcing detainees to brutally beat each other. Those who refuse or do not do so wholeheartedly are inflicted with severe punishment. Many detainees reported being forced to yell support and adoration of Bashar al-Assad while being beaten, prostrate themselves to his photograph, insult the Opposition, insult their families, disown them and insult the Almighty. Some detainees reported jailers jumping on some detainees' chests until they regurgitated blood and died, or who kicked them with military boots on their heads till death.

Detainees in al-Assad regime's prisons were subjected to electrocution in the fingers and genitals. Some detainees reported how they were forced to stand in water and receive electric shocks. This is in addition to extinguishing cigarettes in sensitive body parts and burning male genitals with lighters.

Survivors from the inferno of detention in al-Assad's prisons have reported torture techniques they were subjected to like the "German chair" and the worst of all, i.e. the "Syrian chair", both cause severe pain and spinal tearing. In addition, detainees are shoved into a car wheel so that all parts of their bodies may be beaten. The "Ghost", "Flying Carpet" and "Roasted Chicken" tie detainees to a rotating bar like when chicken is grilled, and are inflicted with all types of torture like beating, kicking, doused with hot water and cigarettes extinguished in their flesh. There have been cases of torture by candle, which is probably the worst form of torture Man has devised, where detainees are bound to chairs with no seats and a candle burns slowly underneath the genitals and causes severe pain, madness and loss of consciousness.

Not only have insects, worms and mice spread in individual and group cells, but many worse stories have been told to SHRC, including forcing detainees to eat cockroaches, worms and even mice. They were also forced to drink their own urine and several accounts were told of jailers urinating on food before distributing it to the detainees and forcing them to eat it, or throwing food on dirt, blood or stool and forcing detainees to eat it afterwards. The plight of food and drink in Syrian prisons is unimaginable as it is scarce, of bad quality and water is muddied and unpalatable.

Holding cells are jammed with detainees exceeding their capacity by many folds to the extent that detainees have to sleep in shifts or on top of each other. Almost all who survived have reported sleeping with corpses of their colleagues, who died due to severe torture or medical negligence, for many days before the bodies were pulled away or burned in designated areas, accompanied by foul odours and worms. Some survivors even told us that their colleagues had suffocated due to the lack of ventilation and the resurgence of unpleasant odours in the cells. Detainees are often forced to walk on each other's bodies and on those of the dead.

Holding cells are not equipped with toilets. Some of them come with holes in the ground, which leads to the release of unpleasant odours and faeces insects; others have buckets that are emptied every day, and this method is no better than the first.

Recurrent reports by some of those released state injecting some male and female detainees with chemicals that lead to muscle spasms, severe pain, altered behaviour and memory impairment, and that drugs were sometimes given to patients to cause complications that increase their suffering and pain. Adding to the above is the indifference towards epidemics that spread in prisons due to filth, germs, blood and dead bodies, which ultimately lead to the death of large numbers of detainees.

There have been several accounts this year of detainees whose finger and toe nails were pulled out or whose limbs were broken under torture to extract

confessions that satisfy interrogators. Others were doused with boiling water that peeled off their skin and who were then doused with cold water.

Sexual Violence

Sexual violence has become a major player in torturing both men and women in prisons and interrogation centres. It is customary to force male and female detainees to take off their clothes for body and cavity searches in prisons. This violates personal privacy and human dignity in the most sensitive and revered places. Some detainees have reported to SHRC about the harassment of some detainees by prison guards, forcing a detainee to rape another in front of the other detainees under pain of death if he did not do so. Some detainees were also impaled by being forced to sit on a wooden shaft, killing some and causing serious health complications for others years after their release.

Sexual violence against women has become a major part of their torture routine, humiliation and contempt. It has spread on a wide scale in detention and interrogation centres, without al-Assad regime's respect for privacy, sanctity or societal norms that denounce this abhorrent act. We have received reports from previous female detainees that prison guards would strip them naked, sexually harass and rape them. Repeated rapes a day inflicted them with many diseases, lacerations and ruptures in their reproductive organs, especially in the absence of any medical care and degrading treatment. SHRC has heard numerous accounts of how torture and beatings were inflicted on female detainees who bore rape children until the child within was aborted or detainees died.

After their release, female detainees suffer from **psychological and societal effects of violence against women** in Syrian society, which increases the pain of torture and detention they have suffered and renders it endless and compounded. Some of those released females have been killed by some males in their families, others were divorced by their husbands, and some had to disappear, leave the country and not contact their families for fear of being subjected to honour killings by their families to "wash away the shame!" SHRC is aware of some cases where women have left Syria after being released from prison and who had spread rumours that they were killed in prison so as to avoid family and community violence.

No entity can give a precise number on detainees and forcibly absent persons who died under torture or due to medical negligence et al. in al-Assad regime's prisons. Only very few stories about those came from some released prisoners or regime dissidents who worked in these facilities, and who are very few.

It is worth noting that these methods were not invented in the past few years; they have been the routine practice of various intelligence and security

apparatuses in Syria since the era of Hafez al-Assad. Survivors have reported spending more than a quarter of a century in the prisons of Palmyra, al-Mezzeh, al-Qala'a, al-Sheikh Hassan, Sidnaya, al-Baloni and branches of various intelligence services. In their memoirs, past detainees have spoken of stories about their experiences and the torture which was inflicted on them around the clock.

It should be noted that the large numbers of prisoners which were killed in al-Assad regime's jails, either by execution or torture, occurred in violation of the Syrian Penal Code of 1979 which stipulates that the death penalty should be commuted to life imprisonment and reduced to a minimum of (12 years) if the person charged with the crime is accused of a political offense (as per their description). But regime courts resort to fabricating charges amounting to the death penalty to evade the law and kill political opponents, rights activists or ordinary citizens held by them for some reason or none at all. Trial are usually brief, abrupt and do not exceed a few minutes, during which the accused are charged without having the right to defend themselves or to appoint a lawyer. They are then unjustly sentenced either to death or to extended imprisonment.

Arrest and abduction in opposition areas

Areas controlled by Opposition factions have witnessed extrajudicial arrests and arbitrary kidnappings, in addition to kidnappings that were criminal in nature.

During the process of deporting Eastern Ghouta factions to northern Syria, the HTS transferred (8) members of the Army of Islam faction to the north with their hands bound, which was a unique precedent. The detainees arrived in Hama countryside on 1/4/2018 and were transferred to Idlib on a bus belonging to HTS. According to sources from the Army of Islam faction, which controlled Duma, the HTS is supposed to have transferred (21) of its detained members to the north of Syria.

On 17/5/2018, Salvation Government security forces in Idlib province arrested director of the Information Institute in the University of Free Idlib, 'Alaa' al-Abdullah, and released him two days later.

On 21/5/2018, Government of Rescue security forces in Idlib province arrested teacher at the Technical Institute of Information in the "University of Free Idlib", Ibrahim Alyasouf, and took him to an unknown destination.

On 21/5/2018, Government of Rescue security forces in Idlib province arrested Information student at the University of Idlib, Fatima Idris, in front of the university's Institute of Information, for writing a report on University corruption she had prepared for a website.

On 22/9/2018 HTS arrested lawyer Yasser al-Saleem from his home in the city of Kfranbil – Idlib countryside. He was the head of the Revolutionary Command Council in Idlib and a member of the National Coalition. HTS also arrested activist Abdul Hameed al-Bayoush.

On 03/06/2018, the Government of Rescue (the executive branch in Idlib and a subordinate of HTS) issued an amnesty on the occasion of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr for all perpetrators of crimes, prisoners and convicts of public interest. The Government of Rescue had issued a similar order on 30/12/2017 which had included amnesty for 1062 prisoners sentenced to criminal and security crimes in Idlib province's prisons.

Arrest and abduction by ISIS

On 25/7/2018, ISIS kidnapped (20) women and (16) children from al-Shabki village in the eastern countryside of as-Suwayda and sent photographs of the women to one of their relative. The kidnapping occurred on the same day ISIS carried out a series of massacres in the province's centre and its countryside which killed about 150 people.



Coach departs Zamalka in Rif Dimashq with forcibly displaced people on it heading to north of Syria (31/3/2018)

Asylum & Displacement

The number of Syrian refugees continued to rise during 2018, with a total of 5.56 million refugees as of 31/12/2018, compared to 5,019,966 refugees on 31/12/2017. However, the number of refugees living in camps continued to decline throughout the year, and the average for each of the year 2018's days was less than any day in 2017.

The months of June and July witnessed negative refugee rates, with fewer new arrivals than those who had left, either due to returning to Syria or for receiving humanitarian asylum in Europe.

Refugees in Lebanon

The number of Syrian refugees registered in Lebanon by the end of 2018, according to statistics by the United Nations refugee agency (UNRWA), was 950,000, with 730,000 living in scattered camps, and distributed among four main areas, i.e. Beirut, Bekaa, and North and South Lebanon.

According to the United Nations, more than 50% of Syrian refugees in Lebanon live in unsafe areas, 70% of whom live below the poverty line, and who are forced to adopt harmful coping strategies such as reducing their number of meals, sending their children to work or moving from safe shelters to live in camps, fragile tents or semi-constructed warehouses and buildings.

On 4/7/2018, Lebanese militia, Hezbollah, announced the launch of a repatriation programme of refugees wishing to return to Syria. The party opened its own centres for receiving refugees' applications in Baalbek, al-Hermel, al-Laboua, Bednayeil, the southern suburb, Nabatiyeh, Sur, Bint Jbeil and al-Adaysa.

The party did not coordinate with the United Nations or with the Lebanese government, nor did it provide any guarantees to the refugees that ensure their safety or even return to their original areas of residence.

The United Nations had stipulated receiving guarantees for the safety of refugees in return for sponsoring any action that encourages them to return to Syria. UNHCR has told refugees in Lebanon, orally and sometimes via text messaging, that the United Nations bears no responsibility for their return to Syria at the time being, without such guarantees being in place. This led the Lebanese Foreign Ministry – headed by Jubran Baseel, head of the Free Patriotic Movement which is one of the most vocal opponents of the refugee situation in Lebanon – to announce on 8/6/2018, the freezing of all residency requests submitted by UNHCR for its employees in Lebanon as punishment for what he called the "United Nations' policies for the resettlement of Syrian refugees in Lebanon."

In a Tweet on 7/6/2018, Baseel said, "It is not our responsibility to secure the interests of an international community working against the return of the displaced. Today we have sent a mission which verified that the UNHCR is intimidating displaced Syrians who wish to return voluntarily. We have documented this information and we have witnesses."

Lebanon witnessed **persisting hate speech and racism** towards Syrian refugees there. Such speech was documented on behalf of journalists, reporters and media outlets, as well as by high ranking politicians in the Lebanese government.

On 25/04/2018, pro-Hezbollah Channel Al-Jadeed, presented a song entitled "We have become the expatriates," as part of its comedy programme "Kadh wa Jam", edited by Charbel Khalil. The song included racist mockery of Syrian refugees.

On 26/04/2018, Lebanese Phalangist Party posted a banner in Beirut carrying a phrase attributed to Basheer Gemayel, saying "A day will come when we tell Syrians: Collect your belongings and all that you have stolen and leave!" The banner was part of the Party's electoral campaign.

On 21/08/2018, singer Yuri Marqadi published an illustrated testimony of an incident he witnessed after being prevented from taking his dog to al-Aqiba beach where staff there told him that their regulations do not allow the entry of dogs, veiled women or Syrians onto the beach.

On 05/09/2018, Lebanese MTV Channel published an article on its website that attributed the presence of Syrian refugees in Lebanon as a reason for the high incidence of cancer there. The report stated that "the increased inflammations caused by the multiplication of Syrian refugees in Lebanon indirectly causes Cancer. Due to the bad conditions they have forcibly suffered, they come with dangerous bacteria that may create diseases in humans."

Refugees in Lebanon continued to **face abuses by the political authorities, in addition to violence by security apparatuses** and other militias.

On 26/4/2018, Syrian refugee in Lebanon, Mohammed Abdel Jawad, was beaten with sticks by a member of the Lebanese army when his bus carrying kindergarten children stopped in front of his house to drop off a child. The beating caused bleeding to the brain and fractures to the skull causing his death.

On 3/7/2018, Lebanese Interior Minister Nihad al-Mashnouq issued an order to remove four Syrian refugee camps in the Lebanese city of Aarsal because the refugees resided in cement houses instead of tents. Gendarmerie in Aarsal summoned the landowners, informed them that the four camps would be

bulldozed, and that the only way to avoid bulldozing was to remove the Syrian refugees from them.

On 30/10/2018, the Lebanese army carried out a raid and arrest campaign in Wadi al-Araanib camp in the town of Aarsal. The campaign led to the arrest of 121 refugees.

On 28/11/2018, the Lebanese army carried out a raid and arrest campaign across 25 Syrian refugee camps in the town of Aarsal. The campaign led to the arrest of about 300 refugees.

The absence of official camps in Lebanon, due to the authorities' decision there since the onset of the crisis, has led to a deterioration in refugees' living conditions, especially during harsh weather conditions. The cold and snow front in early 2018 killed 10 refugees. They were found on January 19, 2018 in the Lebanese town of al-Souaira, and included women and children who had frozen to death.

Illegal immigration

The difficult living and legal conditions of Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries have continued to compel them to attempt migrating to Europe in a manner that endangers their lives. Smugglers attempt to put them in wornout boats, causing many of them to drown in the sea. This is in addition to the risk of being swindled, double-crossed and extorted by smuggling gangs.

On 22/9/2018, a boat carrying Syrian and Palestinian refugees sank off the Lebanese coast, killing one child and injuring several others. The boat sank Saturday morning off the Abdeh-Akkar beach, carrying 50 migrants, mostly Syrians.

Conditions of the displaced

The number of displaced persons increased this year, reaching 6.2 million by the end of 2018. Most of them were from the provinces of Rif Dimashq, Daraa and Afrin.

The United Nations announced on July 31 that more than 1.2 million people had been displaced within Syria in the first six months of this year, i.e. more than 6,500 people a day or nearly 200,000 a month. According to the United Nations, the largest internal displacement was in Idlib and occurred in the first quarter of 2018, where the military operation initiated by the regime and its supporting foreign forces led to the displacement of nearly 400,000 people, while the military operation on Daraa displaced more than 300,00 others.

Displaced people from ar-Raqqa and Deir ez-Zor face difficult humanitarian conditions. They are mainly distributed among five camps: al-Houl, al-Sadd, Mabroukah, Ayn Issa and al-Rukban. Four camps are under the control of the

Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), while the fifth lies in an area under the control of Armed Forces' factions. The number of displaced people from ar-Raqqa is about 125,000, while the number of those from Deir ez-Zor is about 248,000.

Camps under the control of SDF face difficult circumstances as a result of the restrictions imposed by the SDF on their freedom of movement. This is in contravention to international laws that prohibit restricting refugees' movement unless for viable reasons. Displaced people in these camps are forced to pay exorbitant sums to smugglers so as to exit them.

Targeting the displaced

Date	Incident	Area	Province	Actor	Weapon
02/01/2018	Camp of "Umahat-ul-Mominin" for widows and orphans between Tal Mardich & Kafr Umaim was bombed and caused partial damages.	Tal Mardich	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missile
15/01/2018	Camp of "Hafsa Um-ul-Mominin" for the displaced, south west Ma'saran was bombed causing substantial damages	Ma'saran	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missile
15/01/2018	A displaced camp in Dadich north of Khan al-Sobol was bombed causing partial damages to the tents.	Dadich	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missile
30/01/2018	A gathering of displaced tents in Hama eastern countryside was bombed causing partial damages and a woman was injured.	Hama Eastern Country side	Hama	Russian Airforce	Air missile
04/02/2018	Artillery shelling on Al-Rayan Camp East, causing damages to some tents.	Azaz	Aleppo	SDF	Shells
04/02/2018	Artillery shelling on Yazibagh Camp East, causing injuries to 6 displaced persons.	Yazibagh	Aleppo	SDF	Shells
06/02/2018	Artillery Shelling on Atmeh Camp, causing the death of 3 displaced persons and substantial damages to tents.	Atmeh	Idlib	SDF	Shells
19/02/2018	Bombing of Refugees house causing the death of 28 displaced persons.	Arbin	Rif Dimashq	Russian Airforce	Air missile
21/03/2018	Bombing of a displaced camp causing the death of 20 displaced persons.	Hass	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missile

01/04/2018	Bombing the surroundings of a camp to shelter deportees of Eastern Ghuta causing substantial damages to the tents.	Ariha	Idlib	Regime forces	Air missiless
04/05/2018	Bombing a displaced camp, causing substantial damages to numerous tents	Ma'ar Zita	Idlib	Russian Airforce	Air missiless
17/07/2018	Bombing of a school housing displaced people that led to the death of 8 persons.	Ain Al-Tinah	Quneitra	Regime forces	Explosive Barrels
27/11/2018	Bombing of Qatra camp for the displaced in eastern Idlib province that led to partial damage to the tents.	Qatra	Idlib	Regime forces	Rocket Launchers



Two workers standing next to corpses discovered in a mass grave inside Al-Rashid Stadium in ar-Raqqa (18/7/2018)

Laws & Legislation

The Syrian Regime issued a number of legislations in 2018 that violate public freedoms and the rights of citizens, some of which legalise serious past violations, or other serious ones that can be inflicted in a formal manner.

Among the most prominent of these legislations is **Law No. 10 of 2018**, issued on 2/4/2018. The law allows for the creation of one or more regulatory zones within the general organisational chart of administrative units defined by Legislative Decree No. 107 of 2011 based on detailed and certified general and specific studies and plans, and an approved economic feasibility study.

The decree grants owners and holders of in-kind rights 30 days to designate their chosen place of residence within the administrative unit, accompanied by documents and deeds supporting their rights.

The decree legalises the loss of millions of property owners of the opportunity to document their property if they fall within an emerging regulatory area. More than half of Syrians are refugees and displaced persons who may not even be able to know of the creation of this area. Also, many of them have lost their ownership deeds and required certificates, with the process of reissuing those – in light of delays, red tape in State institutions, and the difficult conditions faced by the displaced and refugees – requiring much more time than the 30 days stipulated in the decree.

Many owners will also need security approvals from Damascus. Those not on the security establishment's Wanted list need a period much longer than one month. Those who are on its Wanted list will not be able to obtain this approval altogether. Adding to these complications are cases associated with missing, dead and detained persons with property in the organised area, which will be confiscated for lack in the provision of evidence.

The regime also issued **Law No. (31) of 2018** on 12/10/2018, regulating the work of the Ministry of Awqaf. The law grants the Minister of religious endowments (Awqaf) the right to remove the religious status of "any member of any religion who discusses matters that may lead to destabilising national unity, inciting sectarianism or sectarian division, or disseminating extremist ideologies such as those of the Muslim Brotherhood and Wahhabism." The law also grants the Minister the right of imposing legal penalties established in applicable laws and regulations on those persons, including deprivation of financial rights.

This text enshrines that of Law No. (49) of 1980, which considers Muslim Brotherhood and Salafist ideology as extremist Takfiris in themselves, and that their spread constitutes a crime that qualifies the Minister to remove the religious status of their actors. The law, in Article 16/A of Part Three, allows

the Minister to assess whether a particular idea is one of the Muslim Brotherhood or of Salafism.

On 9/10/2018, the regime also issued **Legislative Decree No. (18) of 2018**, which includes a general amnesty for army defectors and those fleeing compulsory and reserve military service.

The decree attempts to address the problem of those who have failed to undertake or who have deserted compulsory service, or those mandated to do so but have to join military service. The number of these is estimated at 250,000 young men, including at least 50,000 from as-Suwayda province alone.

This decree is similar to other amnesty decrees issued in previous years, which numbered five in the period between 2012-2017, reflecting their failure in winning citizens' confidence in the judicial and legal systems.



Damage left by a car bomb blast in Idlib (26/5/2018)

The Syrian Human Rights Committee (SHRC)

The Syrian Human Rights Committee (SHRC) is an independent human rights organisation concerned with defending general liberties and human rights of the Syrian people through several practices, which include:

Exposing the human rights violations, assaults and aggressions against Syrian citizens and publishing such incidents to the international media, addressing and following-up on such reported incidents with all concerned entities.

Conducting research, studies, and reports on the human rights conditions in Syria, while utilising scientific research methodologies and investigative verification.

Raising awareness and promoting the principles of human rights in the Syrian society and encouraging its members to continuously demand their rights through peaceful means.

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