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Mazen al-Hamada

Several sources confirmed that the former detainee Mazen al-Hamada, who has got the right to asylum in the Netherlands and is residing there, was arrested upon his arrival at Damascus Airport in extremely mysterious circumstances and taken to an unknown destination despite conducting a security settlement in the regime embassy in Berlin.

The sources said that Hamada suffered of bad psychological conditions and that members of the security of the Syrian regime's embassy in the German capital Berlin contacted him and were able to persuade him to make a settlement and promise him upon his return to release some of his detained relatives in the regime's prisons, but he was arrested upon his arrival in Damascus.

During the periods of Mazen al-Hamada's detention in the regime's prisons between 2011 and 2014, he was a victim of torture in the prisons of the Assad regime, and he presented several testimonies about the horrific conditions of torture he suffered during 3 occasions in which he was arrested, between 2011 and 2014, before he was able to leave Syria, obtained asylum in the Netherlands, and testified against the Assad regime at the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

Al-Hamada said in previous testimonies that the investigators broke his ribs, suspended him from his wrists, and sexually assaulted him.

The Syrian Human Rights Committee expresses its strong condemnation of the arrest of Mazen al-Hamada and fears that he will be liquidated inside the Syrian regime cells, or that he will be forced to deny the testimonies he made, and calls on human rights organisations and the international community to expedite his rescue before it is too late.

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