

Aleppo Provinces Recorded the Highest Number of Victims in December 2016

Casualties Report for December 2016

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Executive Summary: In December 2016, DCHRS documented 1287 casualties, including 172 children and 106 women. 91% of those killed were civilians. The remaining 9% were combatants, armed rebels, and soldiers from different fighting factions. Children and women respectively made up 13% and 8% of the total number of war casualties, while the remaining 70% were men.

Out of the male casualties, 89% were unarmed men civilians and 11% were armed from various factions.

The highest number of casualties in December, 2016 was recorded in Aleppo province (714 persons in total), followed by Damascus suburbs (137 persons in total), most of whom were killed by the indiscriminate shelling of the Syrian regime and Russian forces warplanes.

Additionally, Russian airstrikes assaults resulted in the death of 496 victims accumulating to 39% of the entire casualties, most of them were killed mainly in Aleppo (297 victims), regardless of the agreed "Ceasefire" that was implemented on Feb 27, 2016, and the related agreement that was signed in last December.

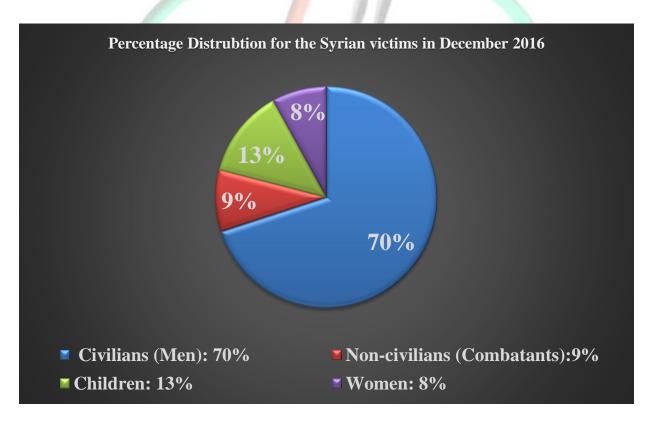




Table 1: Distribution of Casualties						
Tortured to death	7					
Shellfire	283					
Free Syria Army (FSA) soldiers killed in action (KIA)	112					
Extrajudicial killings	69					
Sniper fire / indiscriminate shooting	17					
Murdered by armed factions	68					
Killed in crossfire	10					
Starvation due to siege	2					
Bombings and Drowning	51					
U.Sled coalition airstrikes	88					
Russian airstrikes	496					
Turkish airstrikes	84					
Total	1287					

Of the above 1,287 casualties, 172 were children and 106 were women.



Table 2: Regional Distribution of Casualties (Civilians and Combatants)

Province	Civilians	Combatants	Subtotal		
Aleppo	673	41	714		
Damascus and Suburbs	89	48	137		
Idlib	124	3	127		
Al-Raqqa	109	0	109		
Ната	64	7	71		
Der Ezzor	41	5	46		
Daraa	35	8	43		
Homs	26	0	26		
Al-Hasaka	14	0	14		
Total	1175	112	1287		



Table 3: Breakdown by Region

Province / Cause of death	Killed by Torture	Shellfire	FSA soldiers KIA	Extrajudi cial Killings	Sniper fire / indiscrim inate shooting	Victims Killed by Armed Groups	Killed in crossfire	Starvatio n due to siege	Bombing s	U.Sled coalition airstrikes	Russian airstrikes	Turkish airstrikes
Aleppo	1	138	41	69	2	20	2	2	33	25	297	84
Damasc us and Suburbs	2	71	48	0	6	3	2	0	0	0	5	0
Idlib	0	8	3	0	0	10	4	0	2	0	100	0
Al- Raqqa	0	1	0	0	0	20	0	0	8	60	20	0
Ната	1	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	51	0
Der Ezzor	0	21	5	0	2	6	0	0	3	2	7	0
Daraa	3	24	8	0	35	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homs	0	13	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	1	5	0
Al- Hasaka	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	11	0
Total	7	283	112	69	17	68	10	2	51	88	496	84



Table 4: Regional Distribution, By Sex / Minors

Province	Men	Children	Women
Aleppo	576	89	49
Damascus and Suburbs	103	19	15
Idlib	96	22	9
Al-Raqqa	87	14	8
Ната	57	8	6
Der Ezzor	32	7	7
Daraa	32	4	7
Homs	15	8	3
Al-Hasaka	11	1	2
Total	1009	172	106