



# Al-Raqqa Province Recorded the Highest Number of Victims in May 2017

## Casualties Report for May 2017

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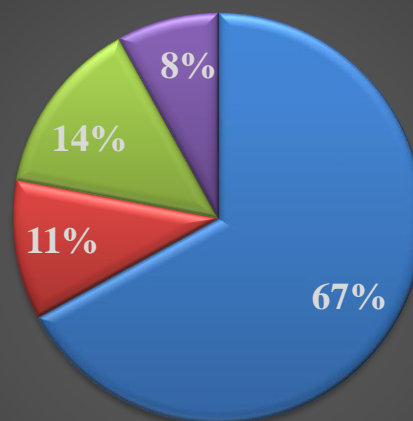
**Executive Summary:** In May 2017, DCHRS documented 728 casualties, including 104 children and 59 women. 89% of those killed were civilians. The remaining 11% were combatants, armed rebels, and soldiers from different fighting factions. Children and women respectively made up 14% and 8% of the total number of war casualties, while the remaining 67% were civilian men.

Out of the male casualties, 86% were unarmed men civilians and 14% were armed from various factions.

The highest number of casualties in May, 2017 was recorded in Al-Raqqa province (245 persons in total), followed by Der Ezzor (190 persons in total), most of whom were killed by the indiscriminate shelling the U.S led coalition airstrikes, the Syrian regime strikes, and Russian forces warplanes.

Additionally, The US led coalition strikes killed 211 victims, most of whom died in AL-Raqqa and Deir Ezzor with ratio of 29% of total war victims. Russian airstrikes resulted in the death of 19 victims accumulating to 3% of the entire casualties, most of them were killed mainly in the provinces of AL-Raqqa, and Homs.

Percentage Distribution for the Syrian victims in May 2017



- Civilians (Men): 67%
- Children: 14%
- Non-civilians (Combatants): 11%
- Women: 8%



<b>Table 1: Distribution of Casualties</b>	
<i>Tortured to death</i>	<b>7</b>
<i>Shellfire</i>	<b>202</b>
<i>Free Syria Army (FSA) soldiers killed in action (KIA)</i>	<b>81</b>
<i>Extrajudicial killings</i>	<b>0</b>
<i>Sniper fire / indiscriminate shooting</i>	<b>8</b>
<i>Murdered by armed factions</i>	<b>37</b>
<i>Killed in crossfire</i>	<b>61</b>
<i>Starvation due to siege</i>	<b>2</b>
<i>Bombings and Drowning</i>	<b>100</b>
<i>U.S.-led coalition airstrikes</i>	<b>211</b>
<i>Russian airstrikes</i>	<b>19</b>
<i>Turkish airstrikes</i>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>728</b>



<b>Table 2: Regional Distribution of Casualties (Civilians and Combatants)</b>			
<b>Province</b>	<b>Civilians</b>	<b>Combatants</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>
<i>Al-Raqqqa</i>	245	0	<b>245</b>
<i>Der Ezzor</i>	125	1	<b>126</b>
<i>Damascus and Suburbs</i>	92	28	<b>120</b>
<i>Daraa</i>	56	20	<b>76</b>
<i>Hama</i>	27	29	<b>56</b>
<i>Aleppo</i>	43	0	<b>43</b>
<i>Homs</i>	35	2	<b>37</b>
<i>Idlib</i>	21	0	<b>21</b>
<i>As-Suwyida</i>	3	0	<b>3</b>
<i>Qunietra</i>	0	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>728</b>



**Table 3: Breakdown by Region**

<i>Province / Cause of death</i>	<i>Killed by Torture</i>	<i>Shellfire</i>	<i>FSA soldiers KIA</i>	<i>Extrajudicial Killings</i>	<i>Sniper fire / indiscriminate shooting</i>	<i>Victims Killed by Armed Groups</i>	<i>Killed in crossfire</i>	<i>Starvation due to siege</i>	<i>Bombings</i>	<i>U.S.-led coalition airstrikes</i>	<i>Russian airstrikes</i>	<i>Turkish airstrikes</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Al-Raqqa</i>	0	26	0	0	0	10	0	0	36	169	4	0	<b>245</b>
<i>Der Ezzor</i>	0	67	1	0	0	19	0	1	8	29	1	0	<b>126</b>
<i>Damascus and Suburbs</i>	4	20	28	0	8	3	53	1	3	0	0	0	<b>120</b>
<i>Daraa</i>	2	27	20	0	0	2	7	0	18	0	0	0	<b>76</b>
<i>Hama</i>	0	16	29	0	0	2	0	0	4	2	3	0	<b>56</b>
<i>Aleppo</i>	1	24	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	<b>37</b>
<i>Homs</i>	0	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	11	0	0	<b>43</b>
<i>Idlib</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	18	0	1	0	<b>21</b>
<i>As-Suwaida</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<i>Qunietra</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>728</b>



**Table 4: Regional Distribution, By Sex / Minors**

<b>Province</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Women</b>
<i>Al-Raqqa</i>	173	36	36
<i>Der Ezzor</i>	93	24	9
<i>Damascus and Suburbs</i>	114	5	1
<i>Daraa</i>	62	13	1
<i>Hama</i>	39	13	4
<i>Aleppo</i>	19	10	8
<i>Homs</i>	43	0	0
<i>Idlib</i>	20	1	0
<i>As-Suwyida</i>	1	2	0
<i>Qunietra</i>	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>59</b>