



## Damascus Suburbs Recorded the Highest Number of Victims in December 2017

### Casualties Report for December 2017

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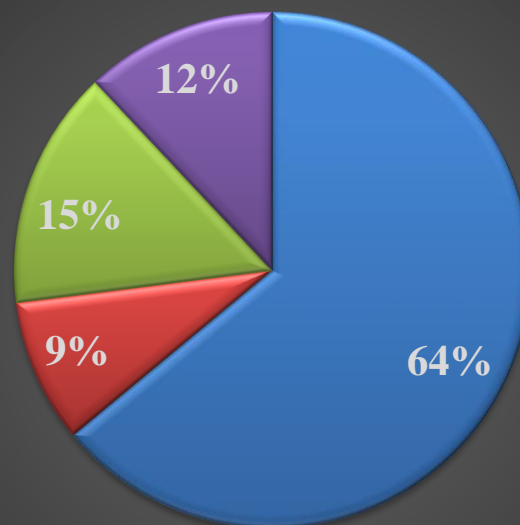
**Executive Summary:** In December 2017, DCHRS documented 404 casualties, including 62 children and 47 women. 91% of those killed were civilians. The remaining 9% were combatants, armed rebels, and soldiers from different fighting factions. Children and women respectively made up 15% and 12% of the total number of war casualties, while the remaining 64% were civilian men.

Out of the male casualties, 88% were unarmed men civilians and 12% were armed from various factions.

The highest number of casualties in December 2017 was recorded in Damascus and its suburbs province (120 persons in total), followed by Der Ezzor province (242 persons in total), most of whom were killed by the indiscriminate shelling of the Syrian regime strikes, Russian forces warplanes, and the U.S led coalition airstrikes.

Additionally, Syrian regime airstrikes killed 176 accumulating to 44% of the entire number of victims, Russian airstrikes resulted in the death of 38 victims accumulating to 9% of the entire casualties, and the US led coalition strikes killed 20 victims with a ratio of 5% of total war victims.

Percentage Distrubtion for the Syrian victims in December 2017



- Civilians (Men): 64%
- Children: 15%
- Non-civilians (Combatants): 9%
- Women: 12%



**Table 1: Distribution of Casualties**

<i>Tortured to death</i>	6
<i>Shellfire</i>	176
<i>Soldiers killed in action (KIA)</i>	35
<i>Extrajudicial killings</i>	1
<i>Sniper fire / indiscriminate shooting</i>	4
<i>Murdered by armed factions</i>	15
<i>Killed in crossfire</i>	7
<i>Starvation due to siege</i>	5
<i>Bombings and Drowning</i>	97
<i>U.S.-led coalition airstrikes</i>	20
<i>Russian airstrikes</i>	38
<i>Turkish airstrikes</i>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>404</b>



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

<b>Province</b>	<b>Civilians</b>	<b>Combatants</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>
<i>Damascus &amp; Suburbs</i>	98	22	<b>120</b>
<i>Der Ezzor</i>	106	0	<b>106</b>
<i>Ar-Raqqa</i>	94	0	<b>94</b>
<i>Idlib</i>	49	0	<b>49</b>
<i>Daraa</i>	16	5	<b>21</b>
<i>Hama</i>	3	4	<b>7</b>
<i>Homs</i>	2	4	<b>6</b>
<i>Aleppo</i>	1	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>404</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>Damascus &amp; Suburbs</i>	0	87	22	0	4	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	<b>120</b>
<i>Der Ezzor</i>	2	55	0	1	0	10	4	1	14	19	0	0	<b>106</b>
<i>Ar-Raqqa</i>	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	1	5	0	<b>94</b>
<i>Idlib</i>	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	31	0	<b>49</b>
<i>Daraa</i>	4	5	5	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	<b>21</b>
<i>Hama</i>	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	<b>7</b>
<i>Homs</i>	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>6</b>
<i>Aleppo</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<i>Total</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>404</b>



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

<b>Province</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Women</b>
<i>Damascus &amp; Suburbs</i>	83	24	13
<i>Der Ezzor</i>	82	16	8
<i>Ar-Raqqa</i>	82	5	7
<i>Idlib</i>	17	16	16
<i>Daraa</i>	19	0	2
<i>Hama</i>	6	0	1
<i>Homs</i>	5	1	0
<i>Aleppo</i>	1	0	0
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>295</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>47</b>