



“Almost Half of the Victims were Killed by Indiscriminate Shelling in February”

Damascus, its Suburbs, and Aleppo Recorded Two Thirds of the Victims

Casualties Report for February 2015

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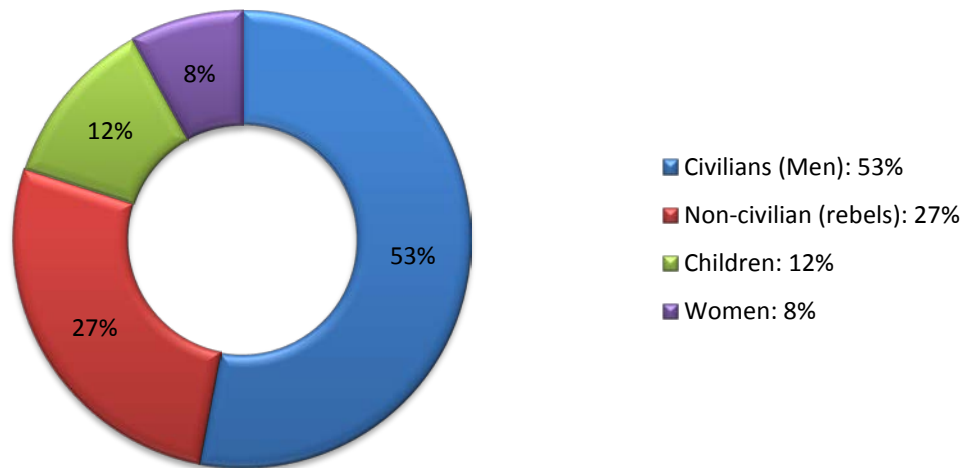
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Executive Summary: In February 2015 DCHRS documented 1,388 casualties, including 166 children and 103 women. 73% of those killed were civilians. The remaining 27% belonged to one of the fighting factions. Women and children respectively made up 7% and 12% of the total number of war casualties

Out of the male casualties, 66% were unarmed men civilians and 34% belonged to one of the fighting factions. The highest number of casualties in February, 2015 were recorded in Damascus and its suburbs province (463 persons in total), most of whom died due to indiscriminate shelling.

Distribution of Casualties - February 2015





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| <i>Tortured to death</i> | 87 |
| <i>Shellfire</i> | 656 |
| <i>Free Syria Army (FSA) soldiers killed in action (KIA)</i> | 378 |
| <i>Extrajudicial killings</i> | 80 |
| <i>Sniper fire / indiscriminate shooting</i> | 40 |
| <i>Murdered by armed factions</i> | 46 |
| <i>Killed in crossfire</i> | 32 |
| <i>Extreme Cold</i> | 1 |
| <i>Starvation due to siege</i> | 25 |
| <i>Bombings</i> | 36 |
| <i>U.S.-led coalition airstrikes</i> | 7 |
| Total (February 2015) | 1,388 |

Of the above 1,388, 166 casualties were children and 103 were women.



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

| Province | Civilians | Combatants | Subtotal |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Damascus and Suburbs</i> | 372 | 91 | 463 |
| <i>Aleppo</i> | 329 | 130 | 459 |
| <i>Daraa</i> | 97 | 88 | 185 |
| <i>Idlib</i> | 58 | 27 | 85 |
| <i>Der Ezzor</i> | 35 | 26 | 61 |
| <i>Homs</i> | 35 | 9 | 44 |
| <i>Hama</i> | 36 | 4 | 40 |
| <i>Al-Hassaka</i> | 28 | 0 | 28 |
| <i>Lattakia</i> | 11 | 1 | 12 |
| <i>Qunietra</i> | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| <i>Ar-Raqqa</i> | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Total | 1,010 | 378 | 1,388 |



Table 3: Breakdown by Region

| Province / Cause of death | <i>Shellfire</i> | <i>FSA soldiers KIA</i> | <i>Sniper fire / indiscriminate shooting</i> | <i>Killed by Torture</i> | <i>U.S.-led coalition airstrikes</i> | <i>Extrajudicial Killings</i> | <i>Victims Killed by Armed Groups</i> | <i>Killed in crossfire</i> | <i>Extreme Cold</i> | <i>Starvation due to siege</i> | <i>Bombings</i> |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Damascus and Suburbs</i> | 277 | 91 | 19 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 22 | 24 |
| <i>Aleppo</i> | 196 | 130 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 75 | 19 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| <i>Daraa</i> | 65 | 88 | 7 | 17 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| <i>Idlib</i> | 52 | 27 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| <i>Der Ezzor</i> | 18 | 26 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| <i>Homs</i> | 14 | 9 | 4 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Hama</i> | 17 | 4 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| <i>Al-Hassaka</i> | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Lattakia</i> | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Qunietra</i> | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| <i>Ar-Raqqa</i> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 656 | 378 | 40 | 87 | 7 | 80 | 46 | 32 | 1 | 25 | 36 |



Table 4: Regional Distribution, By Sex / Minors

| Province | Men | Women | Children |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Damascus and Suburbs</i> | 357 | 40 | 66 |
| <i>Aleppo</i> | 361 | 32 | 66 |
| <i>Daraa</i> | 163 | 8 | 14 |
| <i>Idlib</i> | 65 | 14 | 6 |
| <i>Der Ezzor</i> | 54 | 4 | 3 |
| <i>Homs</i> | 38 | 2 | 4 |
| <i>Hama</i> | 36 | 1 | 3 |
| <i>Al-Hassaka</i> | 23 | 1 | 4 |
| <i>Lattakia</i> | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Qunietra</i> | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| <i>Ar-Raqqa</i> | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 1,119 | 103 | 166 |