



## “Identifying Bodies Rises the Victims who were Tortured to Death to 601 Killed in Prisons”

**Indiscriminate Shelling and Torture to Death are the Main Cause of Death in Damascus, its Suburbs, and Daraa**

### **Casualties Report for March 2015**

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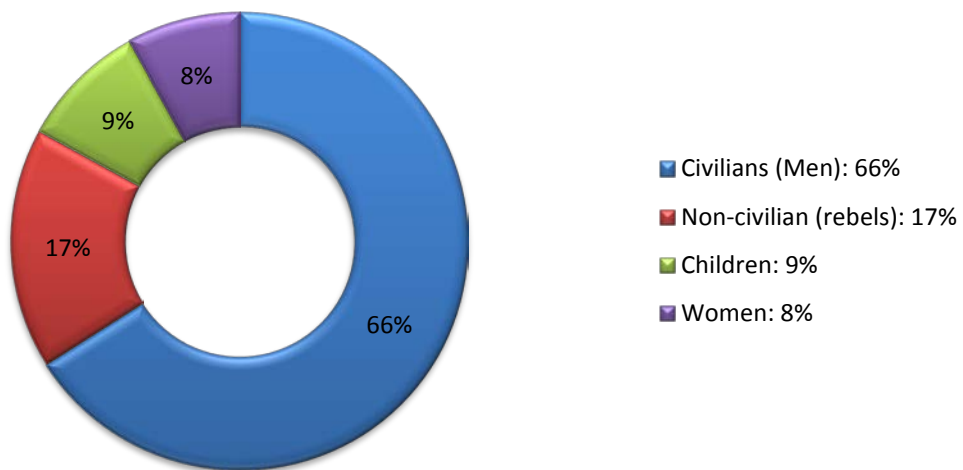


**Executive Summary:** In March 2015 DCHRS documented 1,811 casualties, including 155 children and 136 women. 83% of those killed were civilians. The remaining 17% belonged to one of the fighting factions. Women and children respectively made up 8% and 9% of the total number of war casualties

Out of the male casualties, 79% were unarmed men civilians and 21% belonged to one of the fighting factions. The highest number of casualties in March, 2015 were recorded in Damascus and its suburbs province (636 persons in total), most of whom died due to indiscriminate shelling. In addition to that, out of the indiscriminate shelling victims; DCHRS documented 7 victims, who suffocated to death by poisonous gas attack in the province of Idlib during the month of March, 2015.

Moreover, there was a significant rise in the number of casualties who were tortured to death in regime's prison. Leaked photos from "[Ceaser's Case](#)" revealed 55,000 photos of victims who were torture to death. Those victims were either detained or classified under enforced disappearance in the period between 2011 and 2013. Families of the victims, who identified the bodies, reported to DCHRS the victims' information. As a result, DCHRS documented a total of 601 victims who were identified from the leaked photos in addition to the victims, who were tortured to death in March, 2015.

### Distribution of Casualties - March 2015





<b>Table 1: Distribution of Casualties</b>	
<i>Tortured to death</i>	601
<i>Shellfire</i>	632
<i>Free Syria Army (FSA) soldiers killed in action (KIA)</i>	316
<i>Extrajudicial killings</i>	35
<i>Sniper fire / indiscriminate shooting</i>	38
<i>Murdered by armed factions</i>	43
<i>Killed in crossfire</i>	32
<i>Starvation due to siege</i>	17
<i>Bombings</i>	92
<i>U.S.-led coalition airstrikes</i>	5
<b>Total (March 2015)</b>	<b>1,811</b>

*Of the above 1,811, 155 casualties were children and 136 were women.*



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

<b>Province</b>	<b>Civilians</b>	<b>Combatants</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>
<i>Damascus and Suburbs</i>	590	46	636
<i>Daraa</i>	305	58	363
<i>Aleppo</i>	190	62	252
<i>Idlib</i>	150	67	217
<i>Der Ezzor</i>	86	16	102
<i>Homs</i>	52	26	78
<i>Hama</i>	53	24	77
<i>Al-Hassaka</i>	59	10	69
<i>Qunietra</i>	7	7	14
<i>Ar-Raqqa</i>	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>1,811</b>



**Table 3: Breakdown by Region**

<b>Province / Cause of death</b>	<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>Damascus and Suburbs</i>	368	164	46	1	19	3	17	15	3	0
<i>Daraa</i>	155	127	58	2	2	0	0	0	19	0
<i>Aleppo</i>	13	114	62	19	9	16	14	0	5	0
<i>Idlib</i>	2	130	67	11	1	0	1	0	5	0
<i>Der Ezzor</i>	22	50	16	0	1	6	0	1	2	4
<i>Homs</i>	15	29	26	0	6	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Hama</i>	19	18	24	2	0	14	0	0	0	0
<i>Al-Hassaka</i>	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	58	0
<i>Qunietra</i>	6	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Ar-Raqqa</i>	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>5</b>



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

<b>Province</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Children</b>
<i>Damascus and Suburbs</i>	572	24	40
<i>Daraa</i>	320	16	27
<i>Aleppo</i>	197	20	35
<i>Idlib</i>	170	21	26
<i>Der Ezzor</i>	79	10	13
<i>Homs</i>	68	3	7
<i>Hama</i>	60	14	3
<i>Al-Hassaka</i>	37	28	4
<i>Qunietra</i>	14	0	0
<i>Ar-Raqqa</i>	3	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>155</b>