



“Aleppo Province then Der Ezzor Recorded the Highest Number of Victims in May 2015”

More than Half of the Victims were Killed by Indiscriminate Shelling

Casualties Report for May 2015

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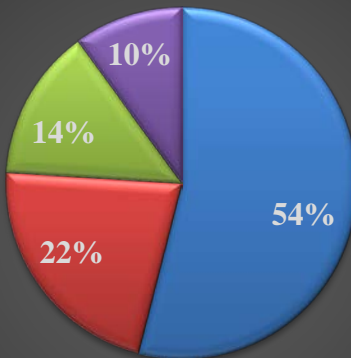
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Executive Summary: In May 2015 DCHRS documented 1,644 casualties, including 235 children and 169 women. 78% of those killed were civilians. The remaining 22% belonged to one of the fighting factions. Women and children respectively made up 9% and 14% of the total number of war casualties.

Out of the male casualties, 70% were unarmed men civilians and 30% belonged to one of the fighting factions. The highest number of casualties in May, 2015 were recorded in Aleppo province (595 persons in total), Followed by Der Ezzor Province (229 persons in total), most of whom died due to indiscriminate shelling.

Percentage Distrubtion for the Syrian victims in May 2015



- Civilians (Men): 54%
- Non-civilian (Combatants): 22%
- Children: 14%
- Women: 10%



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| <i>Tortured to death</i> | 61 |
| <i>Shellfire</i> | 925 |
| <i>Free Syria Army (FSA) soldiers killed in action (KIA)</i> | 366 |
| <i>Extrajudicial killings</i> | 30 |
| <i>Sniper fire / indiscriminate shooting</i> | 34 |
| <i>Murdered by armed factions</i> | 94 |
| <i>Killed in crossfire</i> | 6 |
| <i>Starvation due to siege</i> | 14 |
| <i>Bombings</i> | 37 |
| <i>U.S.-led coalition airstrikes</i> | 77 |
| Total (May 2015) | 1,644 |

Of the above 1,644, 235 casualties were children and 169 were women.



| Table 2: Regional Distribution of Casualties (Civilians and Combatants) | | | |
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| Province | Civilians | Combatants | Subtotal |
| <i>Aleppo</i> | 499 | 96 | 595 |
| <i>Der Ezzor</i> | 172 | 57 | 229 |
| <i>Damascus and Suburbs</i> | 162 | 58 | 220 |
| <i>Idlib</i> | 160 | 60 | 220 |
| <i>Daraa</i> | 96 | 36 | 132 |
| <i>Homs</i> | 80 | 27 | 107 |
| <i>Hama</i> | 51 | 29 | 80 |
| <i>Al-Hassaka</i> | 47 | 1 | 48 |
| <i>Ar-Raqqqa</i> | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| <i>Qunietra</i> | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| <i>As-Suwayda</i> | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 1,278 | 366 | 1,644 |



Table 3: Breakdown by Region

| Province / Cause of death | <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>Aleppo</i> | 5 | 401 | 96 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 65 |
| <i>Der Ezzor</i> | 10 | 94 | 57 | 0 | 2 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Damascus and Suburbs</i> | 11 | 96 | 58 | 10 | 18 | 8 | 0 | 14 | 5 | 0 |
| <i>Idlib</i> | 3 | 147 | 60 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Daraa</i> | 21 | 63 | 36 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| <i>Homs</i> | 5 | 56 | 27 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| <i>Hama</i> | 1 | 46 | 29 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| <i>Al-Hassaka</i> | 3 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 9 |
| <i>Ar-Raqqa</i> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Qunietra</i> | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>As-Suwayda</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 61 | 925 | 366 | 30 | 34 | 94 | 6 | 14 | 37 | 77 |



Table 4: Regional Distribution, By Sex / Minors

| Province | Men | Women | Children |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Aleppo</i> | 407 | 69 | 119 |
| <i>Der Ezzor</i> | 187 | 17 | 25 |
| <i>Damascus and Suburbs</i> | 175 | 20 | 25 |
| <i>Idlib</i> | 170 | 26 | 24 |
| <i>Daraa</i> | 100 | 11 | 21 |
| <i>Homs</i> | 88 | 10 | 9 |
| <i>Hama</i> | 63 | 10 | 7 |
| <i>Al-Hassaka</i> | 38 | 6 | 4 |
| <i>Ar-Raqqa</i> | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Qunietra</i> | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>As-Suwayda</i> | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 1,240 | 169 | 235 |