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Major violation of media freedom in Syria in September 2013

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Subject: documenting major violations against Media Activists in Syria.

Period covered: from 1/9/2013 to 30/9/2013

First: Introduction:

Violations against media activists continued since the beginning of the Syrian Revolution in 2011 and up to the present day, specially by government forces who committed continuously and systematically : direct killing, arbitrary detention, and even torturing to death, compared to violations committed by armed opposition which showed up dramatically in the last two months. this is clearly reflected on Syrian Network for Human Rights' statistics and monitoring violations committed by the two parties.

23 victims including one child of media activists were killed by government forces in September, which is a new proof and evidence can be added to file full of violations, at the time that armed opposition killed 1 media activist and arrested 6.

SNHR reaffirmed its condemnation of the continuous violations against media freedom and convey the truth of any party and whatever type or size disparity.

As the network seeks actively from all parties, to respect media freedom and to ensure the safety of media activists, with accounting involved in violations against journalists and media activists.

SNHR also underlines the need to hard and fast move for civil society organizations and bodies to press on the Syrian Government and armed opposition, and deter them by appropriate means.

Second: Major violation of media freedom committed by government forces in Syria during September 2013:

SNHR monitored during September 2013, unprecedented raise of media activists' victims in Syria, where 23 media activists including 1 child were killed, and at least 5 were injured.

Killing children is not president in Syrian Government's violation file in this field.

The bloody start of this month was with the murder of media activist Kinan Hasan Albalkhi, were he killed in an ambushed in Aldmair town of Damascus countryside, in 2/9/2013, and then:

Engineer and media activist Mohammad Khair Dahir Darwish during covering clashes in Damascus countryside in 3/9/2013



Media activist Mahmod Hasoon known as Kusai Alshami, correspondent at Press agency and member at Hamoria coordinating during covering events in Jobar neighborhood of Damascus.

Media activist Abdulkarim Albikr during covering clashes in Zamalka town of Eastern Ghouta in 5/9/2013.

Media activist Yousef Mohamad Alzoaabi, responsible of direct broadcast satellite, during covering events in the abandoned battalion in east of Daraa countryside, in 8/9/2013.

Palestinian media activist Fadi Abo Ajaj, killed by shell's shrapnel in Yarmouk refugee camp of Damascus in 8/9/2013.

Media activist Mohammad Albitar during covering clashes in west of Idlib , in 8/9/ 2013

Media activist Ahmad Majed Albitar, while filming raid of Khan Alasaal of Aleppo countryside, in 8/9/2013.

Media activist Mohammad Hamid Almansour ,killed by a sniper bullet during covering clashes on Political front in Qusayer of Homs , in 9/9/2013.

Media activist Mohammad Alkhatib, killed during covering events in Qunaitra south countryside, in 12/9/2013.

Media activist Yamman Mokbil Alkhatib, killed during covering battles in Shikh Saad of Daraa, in 12/9/2013.

Media activist Mohammad Ahmad Alholo Khasarfa, member of Nawa local council, killed during covering events in Shikh Saad of Daraa, in 13/9/2013.

Media activist Mohammad Abdulrahman Alnashif, known as Mohamad Alhoms, killed cause of shelling in Raqqa in 15/9/2013.

Media activist Mosa Bakri Hamodi, killed in Idlib, in 17/9/2013.

Media activist Khaled Ibrahim Kandah in southern Hama countryside, in 19/9/2013.

Media activist Nasr Mohamad Abo Aloion , killed in Kirnaze of Hama countryside, in 19/9/2013.

Media activist Rafat Othman Alhoms, killed in Shaaba of Damascus countryside, in 19/9/2013.

Media activist Tarek Mohamad Alali, killed cause of sniper bullet in Tal Asan of Aleppo countryside , in 22/9/2013.

Media activist Mohamad Albalosh on the sides of Jaabadin town of Damascus countryside, killed in Idlib, in 24/9/2013.

Not for the first time child media activist was killed: Abdulhadi Alfoal 16 years old, in Doma of East Ghouta, in 26/9/2013.

Media activist Morhaf Shojaa Almodahi, correspondent at Dier ez-Zoor channel and photographer, killed cause of shelling on Khasarat neighborhood in Dier ez-Zoor , in 29/9/2013.

Media activist Noor Aldin Alhafiri in East Ghouta , in 29/9/2013.

Finally: Media activist Moomen Basel, participant in laugh in sorrow series, , killed cause of shell in Zabadani of Damascus countryside, in 30/9/2013.



SNHR also documented many injuries, most prominent was , injury of Abo Alkhair and Abo Altam, correspondents in Aleppo news by explosive shrapnel bullet in their foot while covering shelling in Salah Eldin area in 2/9/2013, Al Jazerra channel photographer Abu Bakr Alhaj shot by government force's bullets in Darra Albalad, in 3/9/2013, media activist Mohamad Amin Alhalak known as Hikor injured in Saphira of Aleppo countryside in 17/9/2013, in addition to injured media activist Omar Albalkhi, office manager of Marba media office, where his feet amputated during covering battles in Daraa, in 19/9/2013.

Third: Major violation of media freedom committed by armed opposition in Syria during September 2013:

It looks that the incidents during this month is the least bloody and violence when compared with the last few months, although dramatically violations committed by armed opposition and Islamic group as Nusra front and Islamic state of Iraq and Levant showed up against free practice of media work in Syria.

One media has been killed and six have been arrested

Kill of Media activist Omar Diab Hajolah, known as Hazem Alaazizi, media office manager in North storm brigade, killed by a sniper of Islamic state of Iraq and Levant in Eazaz of Aleppo countryside in Aleppo 18/9/2013.

Spanish media activist Margidnidas , correspondent at El Periodico Spanish newspaper was kidnapped by unidentified Islamic armed group in area near to Hama city in 23/9/2013

Hazem Dkkal, media activist , Media and relief official in the European Committee for Syrian Revolution and correspondent in channel " Alaan " he was kidnapped in Idleb 24/9/2013, by masked gunmen and then released after four days, where he exposure beatings and humiliation.

Many correspondents in Aleppo news have been arrested, including (Abo Okba Alhalbi, Haj Yousif , Ali Abo Jaafar) and some media activists as Abo Ahmad Madlaj: member of Free Rayan coordinating, by a FSA armed battalion in Alhalk neighborhood in Aleppo, in 27/9/2013, then released after few hours, where they exposure to beating and threaten by kill, the same brigade also ordered to arrest all activists and media activists in the same area.

Italian journalist Dominico Koiriko and Belgian Academic and writer Biar Pitshinin were released in 8/9/2013, where they were arrested by a opposition brigade in Qusayer of Homs countryside since 5 months.

Third: Attachments:

Pictures and videos of media activities that are mentioned in the report

Government's violations :

Kinan Hasan Albalkhi:

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBYml2Ml1UGtVTDg/edit?usp=sharing>

Mohammad Khair Daher Darwish



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Abdulaziz Mahmoud Hasson

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<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBbFlCaWoydXZMaE0/edit?usp=sharing>

Yousef Mohammad Alzoaabi

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<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBQUZaLWxfMURPTjQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Mohammad Bitar

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PAFNTIjBPc>

Ahmad Majed Bittar

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBMGw4LXA1cmo5bFU/edit?usp=sharing>

Mohammad Hamed Almansour

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBZzUtd3VaT3hGVzA/edit?usp=sharing>

Yaman Mokbil Khatab

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=724067064286289>

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBQ2JRMW1NSm1WZnc/edit?usp=sharing>

Mohammad Ahmad Alholo Khasarfa

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBVExhTFBIQmFlb0U/edit?usp=sharing>

Mohammad Abdulrahman Alnashif

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBRExMQVhYWU9XcG8/edit?usp=sharing>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caP5j8kES-o>

Mosa Bakri Hamodi

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBTEExGNdM4ejBJanM/edit?usp=sharing>

Khaled Ibrahim Kandah

<http://goo.gl/mJ1jqu>

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBZ19tVHVZTnJERTg/edit?usp=sharing>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTXks2G1hM4&feature=youtu.be>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekwWwy_Ujdk&feature=youtu.be

Nasr Mohammad Abo Alaion

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBYXNkSGdnV2NsYmM/edit?usp=sharing>

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBZ0ctY0kydU94RGM/edit?usp=sharing>

Raafat Othman Alhoms

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBZjNZa2tPOHBIOFk/edit?usp=sharing>

<http://youtu.be/SG9E2Ub2eOc>

Tarek Mohamad Albloshi

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Mohamad Albalosh

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Child Abdulhadi Alfawal



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Morhaf Shojaa Almodahi

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxdeMegpic4>
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<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBaHhZekJJTkZzOU0/edit?usp=sharing>

Noor Aldin Alhfairi

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<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBa3JqUmdnZDM2S2s/edit?usp=sharing>

Mossab Abu Bakr Alhaj

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBNWk3SW1EdjFiYzQ/edit?usp=sharing>
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=417547945024191&set=a.360463630732623.1073741828.360442924068027&type=1&theater>
<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBNWl1WVhyMkVxZVE/edit?usp=sharing>

Momen Basel Aldalati

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBUmh3cHFOUjllUjU/edit?usp=sharing>
<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBLTJGZkxOMnlzLWM/edit?usp=sharing>
<http://youtu.be/qaQ-Pud3z1Y>

Armed opposition's violation:

Omar Diab Hajolah

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBamo1eWFRNkw1b3c/edit?usp=sharing>
<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBejB0cFlyY3BCNzg/edit?usp=sharing>

Mark Margidnidas

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBcERZQkE4aFJvQTA/edit?usp=sharing>

Hazem Dakkal

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9Bj18tIYYKBTFRhYzQ0RUVUSFk/edit?usp=sharing>

Aleppo news correspondents Abo Okba Alhalbi, Haj Yousif , Ali Abo Jaafar

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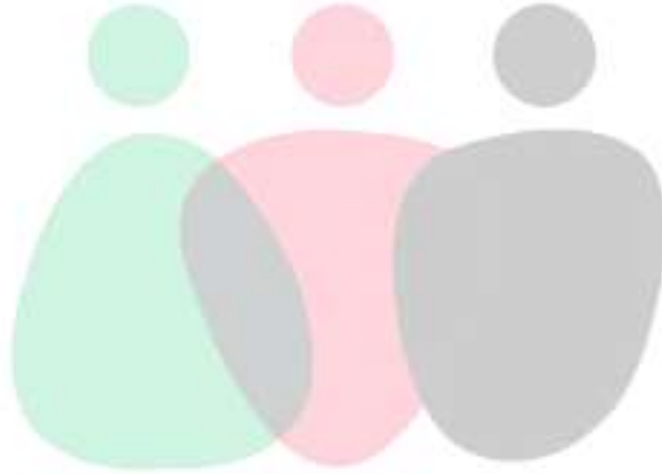


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