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34 civilians killed in one city in one day

Documenting the Douma massacre on Thursday 21-06-2012

In its constant attempts to crush the revolution and its strongholds, the Syrian regime sent dozens of tanks and an estimated 7,000 troops in military reinforcements to the city of Douma to the east of Damascus. The shelling started around 09:00 am until late at night. The city came under shelling from all directions with the participation of tanks positioned at the Jarra roundabout south eastern the city, near the state security branch at Kattan roundabout south west the city, near an area known as Karm Rasas and near Mesraba Bridge southern the city where no less than 25 tanks were positioned. In addition, heavy artillery positioned at a long distance from the city also participated in the shelling including those positioned inside the vehicles administration department affiliated to the Syrian army and those positioned near Dahiyet al-Assad bridge to the west of Douma. Various types of weaponry and

ammunition were used ranging from mortar shells to 1.5 meter-long rockets which explains the large number of casualties and wounded. Thirty four people were killed in a horrific massacre including 3 bodies that were completely burned due to artillery shelling. Moreover, no less than 135 were wounded including 9 who were in very critical conditions. Further, very large exodus was observed in the area as an estimated 150 thousand people fled the city while the remaining residents sought refuge in basements and shelters.

Shelling was concentrated on the neighbourhoods of al-Masaken and al-Humeira, the surroundings of the Great Mosque and reached al-Hijariya neighbourhood.

A state of panic and terror prevailed particularly among children as helicopters hovered over the city. In the meanwhile, the Syrian government also cut off the water and power supplies as well as communications. Medical services and supplies were extremely scarce as the regime's forces surrounded the city and prevented wounded people from leaving and doctors from entering the city.

We have been able to document 34 victims by collecting their names and filming a video for each victim. The victims include Mohammad al-Nabulsi, the paramedic of Douma, who was killed while trying to rescue some wounded people. Among the casualties as well are a woman and a Palestinian young man:

1- Yasser al-Tabaji

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pG4O\\_\\_4Bxig](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pG4O__4Bxig)

2- Wael Yusuf al-Masri

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pG4O\\_\\_4Bxig](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pG4O__4Bxig)

3- Muhammad Ahmad al-Nabulsi, paramedic volunteer. He was killed by a mortar while treating the wounded.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLU1NyTUHTE...>

4- Yusuf Kareem

5- Ratib Raghfan

6- Muhmoud Barkhash

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zC5uUIOVobQ>

7- Alaa Abdul Aziz al-Khaja

8- Wael al-Hajeh

9- Muhannad Nour Addein

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JL\\_mXhHQpaI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JL_mXhHQpaI)

10- Tayseer al-Wawi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFDcxKnU3Qg>

11- Ibrahim al- Issali

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usLMqx-MpSs>

12- Ibrahim al-Ghazzawi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlxSoQYQsgI>

13- Khalid al-Ghazzawi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6LYsLLaXkg>

14- Yaseen Ahmad al-Dhab

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgCoJD3KOQs&...>

15- Mamoun Hijazi

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZocM2Wer9XM&feature=youtu.be>

16- Imad Khaiti

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8qZpQ5ULk4&...>

17- Khalil al-Turk

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXaO2ieOY7U&...>

18- Basheer Taha

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8qZpQ5ULk4&...>

19- Mahmoud Umar al-Hammuri

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qhIEpjYR9I4&feature=youtu.be>

20- Mahmoud Hadlou

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7AFB9yxCRQ&...>

21- Bilal Khaibeh

22- Bassam al-Bitar

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yaDTKZsMKO&...>

23- Akram al-Bitar

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6P2KKN\\_CsM&...](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6P2KKN_CsM&...)

24- Said al-Smadi

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvI9t8O\\_eK4&...](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvI9t8O_eK4&...)

25- Muhannad Abdoud Nour Addein

26- Zahya Ghazi

27+28-29: three casualties whose names have not been confirmed by residents yet because their bodies were completely burned out.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QclusvUtoe8&...>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veUqt6CZHgk&...>

30- Abdul Kareem Bwuaidani

31- Khalid Sami Theebou, of Palestinian nationality

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Bv18nuEofM&...>

32- Said al-Smadi

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvI9t8O\\_eK4&...](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvI9t8O_eK4&...)

33- Muhammad al-Ish

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QclusvUtoe8&...>

Videos documenting the fierce shelling, damages inflicted on the houses and the aftermath of the shelling:  
Rural Damascus, Douma, 21-06-2012, aftermath of destruction on the city:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZS7eptZop8>

Rural Damascus, Douma, 21-06-2012, aftermath of destruction and casualties

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNsJniip-1Y>

Rural Damascus, Douma, 21-06-2012, this video show the damage of a house due to a mortar shell that hit it

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7fyYtMwF5k...>

Rural Damascus, Douma, 21-06-2012: A security forces personnel opens gunfire

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcGDilo\\_4zg...](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcGDilo_4zg...)

Rural Damascus, Douma, 21-06-2012: the city came under gunfire and shelling

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8jrHmYUUYM...>

The city of Douma came under fierce shelling

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bN8nhlpz8kg...>

The minute a tank shells city

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19MkolpM8OY...>

Mortars that fell on the city of Douma 21-06-2012

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDgSrL5UIOc...>

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The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) & Damascus Centre for Human Rights Studies (DCHRS) strongly condemn this scarcely-matched massacre which amounts to a crime against humanity as well as all the massacres perpetrated by the Syrian regime against the Syrian people round the clock. SNHR & DCHRS hold the Syrian regime and Bashar al-Assad, head of state and Commander-in-Chief of the Syrian regime army, completely and directly responsible for all of those massacres and their implications and consequences. SNHR & DCHRS call on the United Nations and the UN Security Council to take all necessary measures to protect civilians in Syria and to fulfil their legal and moral responsibilities by accelerating the referral of all the individuals who committed these crimes to the International Criminal Court (ICC).