



Report: Martyrs of Dignity in Khan Shiekhon/Idleb

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Khan Sheikhon

Khan Sheikhon City is located 30 Km north of Hama on the International road between Aleppo and Damascus, and it is 70 Km away from Idlib which it follows administratively.

In ancient times the city was called Kfar Taba which means “the Good Land”, and then it took its name of “Khan Sheikhon” from an old Khan at the time of the Ottoman Caliphate which was owned by a person named Sheikhon. With time, the Khan turned into an ancient mosque; Al Takeya mosque, noting that the city is inhabited since the Byzantine era until now.

The approximate area of the city is about 16000 Km², and a population of more than 70 thousand people. People depend mainly on agriculture, especially grain, and olives, etc., and in second place on trade.

The ratio of people who are enrolled in primary education exceeds 90%, and secondary education exceeds 79% and university 42%.

The absolute majority of the population is Sunni Islam.





Khan Sheikhon in the Revolution:

The first demonstration after the revolution took place on the third of April, 2011.

The first military action of the Free Syrian Army in the city was on the 6th of May, 2011 in targeting a military convoy that was heading towards Jisr al-Shughur. The operation was executed with simple individual weapons. There are currently 16 battalions of the Free Syrian Army.

The total number of the city Martyrs until the 25th of November 2012 is 241 Martyrs.

The city suffered four major security and military campaigns; the first was on 12/8/2011, the second on 22/9/2011, and both campaigns took place in order to launch a major arrest campaign amongst residents. On 18/11/2011, the city suffered a large military campaign which ended in the outspreading of military checkpoints inside the city, and on 4/7/2012 suffered a massive military invasion with warplanes bombing.

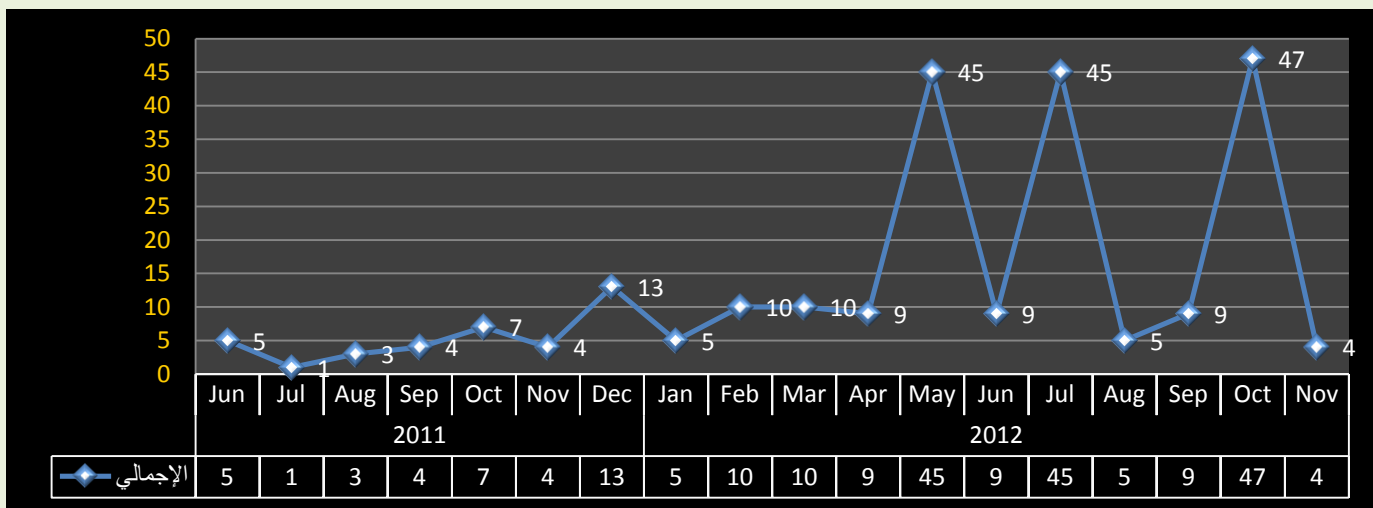
The city is currently under siege by sixteen military checkpoints distributed in the vicinity of the city.

The estimated number of displaced residents is about 12,000 people.

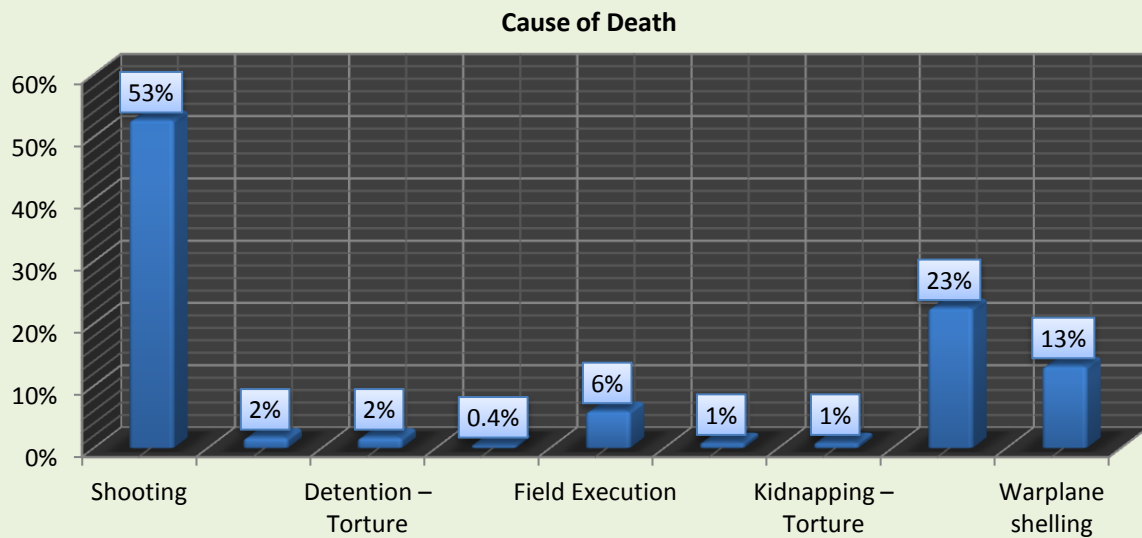
The City came under aerial bombardment for the first time on 27/09/2012.

The Revolution Martyrs:

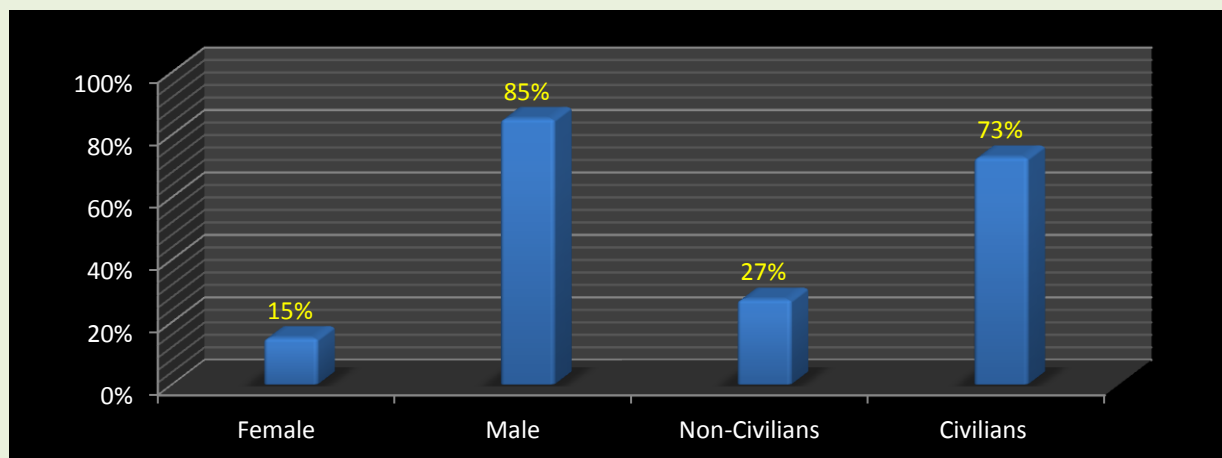
- The fall of Martyrs in the city began since the first months of the revolution in the peaceful demonstrations that were taking place heavily in the city. Starting from the month of May 2012, a rise in the number of martyrs in the city was observed which reached its peak on October 2012.

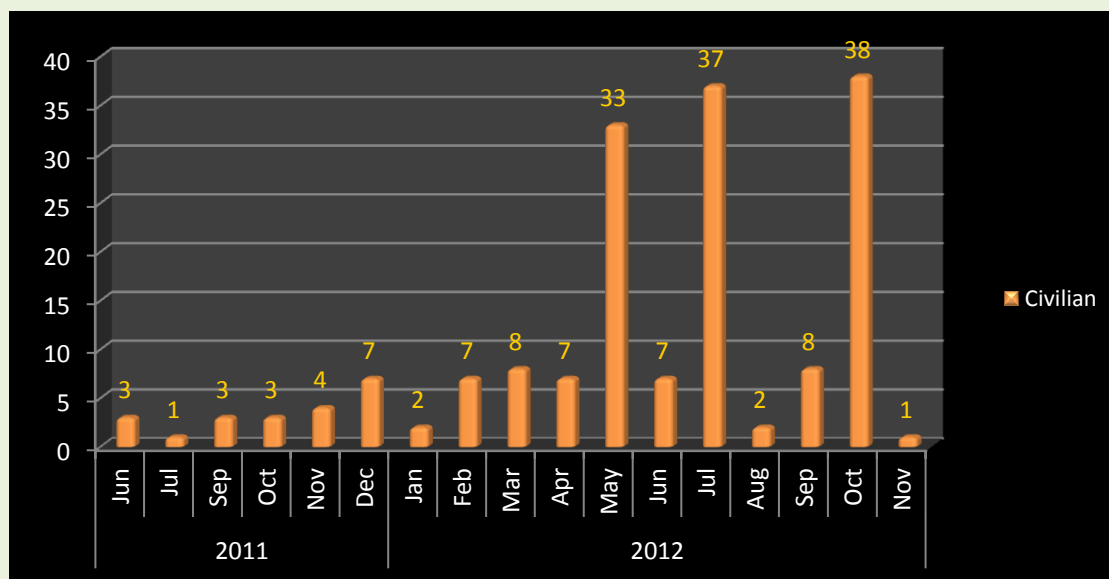
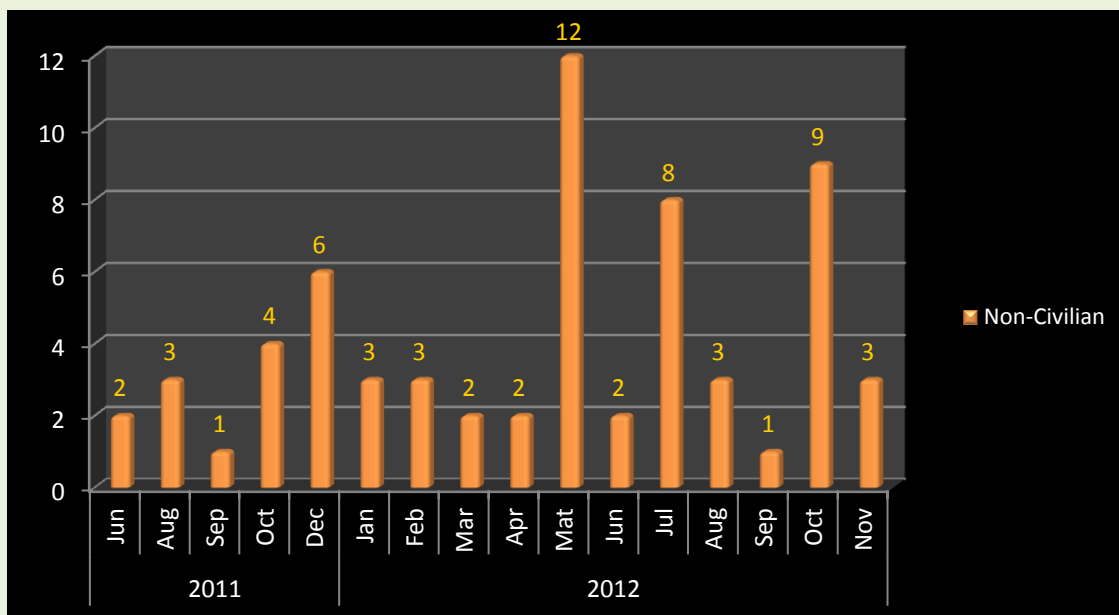


- Most Martyrs between May and October of 2012 died in shelling while most of the Martyrs before that period died due to random firing and snipers of regime forces, where the percentage of Martyrs shot is 53% and the percentage of Martyrs in random shelling is 36%.
- The largest rate of Martyrs was on 15/5/2012 during the shooting at the funeral of Martyr Ahmed Fatrawi where the number reached 31 Martyrs.
- The City has witnessed several cases of death under torture, which accounted for 5% of the total cases of Martyrdom.
- With aerial bombardment causing the martyrdom of 13%.

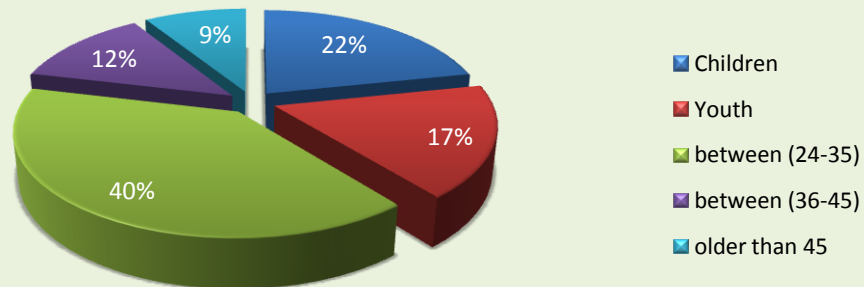


- The proportion of the number of Martyrs in the city to the total number of population 0.005
- The percentage of Martyrs from civilians is 73% and 27% non-civilians.
- The percentage of Male Martyrs is 85% and female Martyrs is 15%

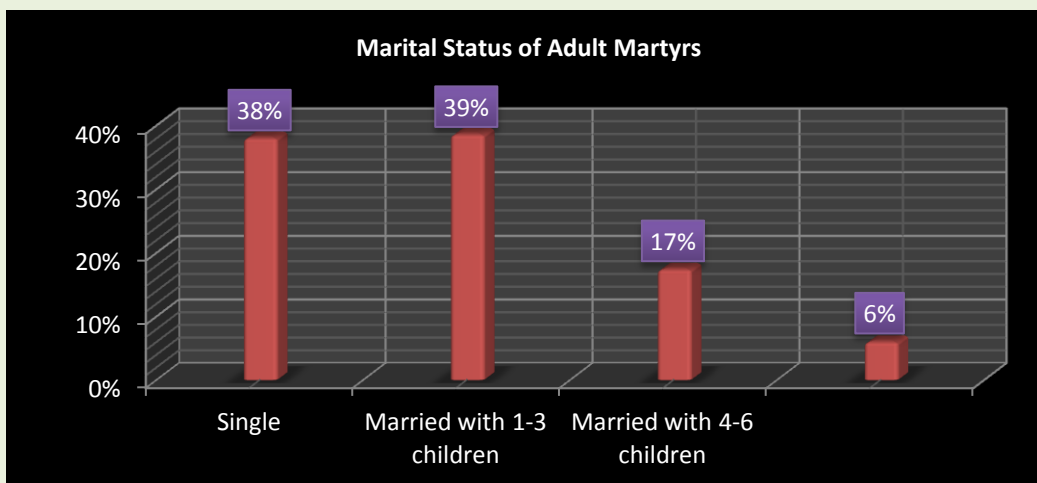




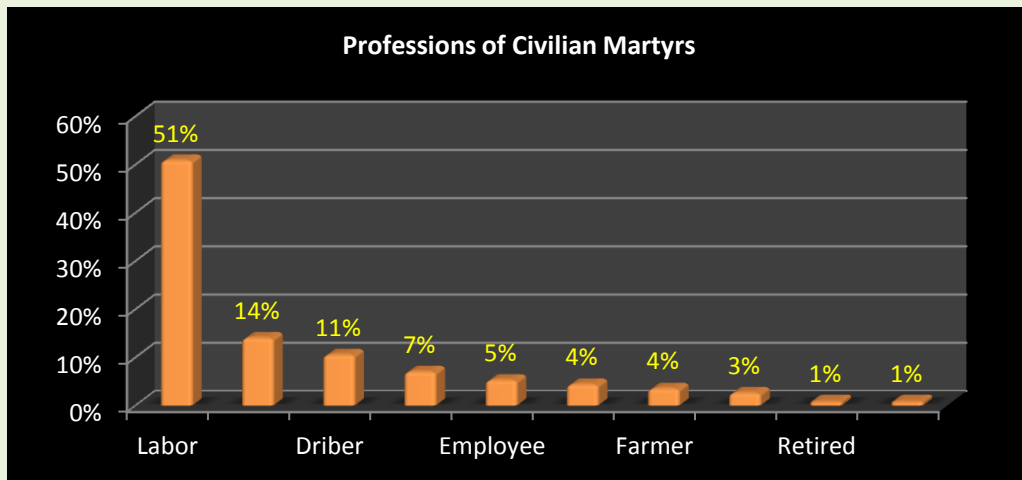
- Khan Sheikhon recorded a percentage of 22% of children Martyrs under the age of 18
- And a percentage of 17% of young people aged between (24-35) years.
- The ages of Martyrs of the Free Syrian Army ranged between (20-36) years.



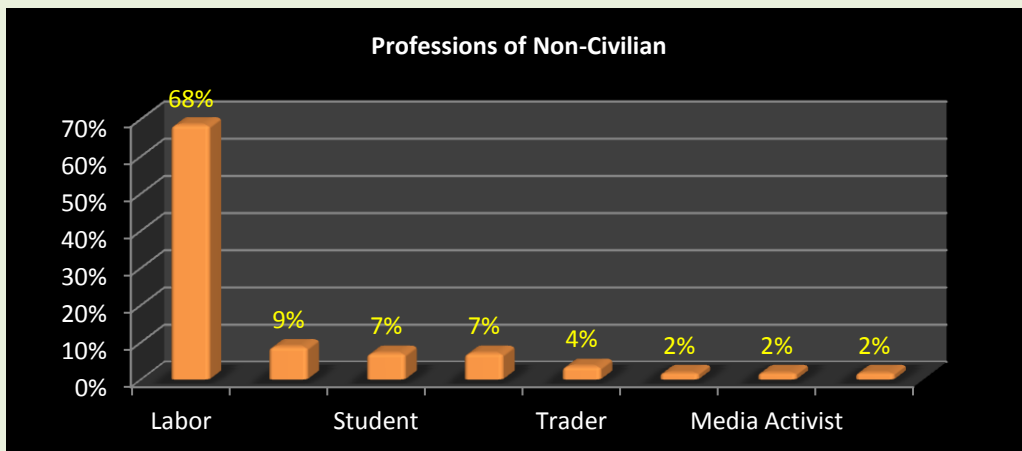
The percentage of unmarried Martyrs is 38% and of Martyrs who have children between (1-3 children) is 39%.



The largest percentage of Adult Civilian Martyrs was of Laborers 51%, the percentage of housewives is 14%, the rate of school and university students of Adult Martyrs reached 7%, in addition to three teachers 3%.



The ratio of non-civilian Martyrs was the most in laborers 68%, 9% police officers and 7% for each of the students and farmers.





Link of Khan Shiekhon Martyrs till November2012

<http://www.vdc-sy.org/index.php/ar/martyrs/1/c29ydGJ5PWEua2lsbGVkX2RhdGV8c29ydGRpcj1ERVNDfGFwcHJvdmVkPXZpc2libGV8c2hvdz0xfGV4dHJhZGlzcGxheT0wfGVuZERhdGU9MjAxMi0xMS0yNXwzPSVEOCVCNCVEOSU4QSV=EOCVBRSVEOSU4OCVEOSU4Nnw>

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