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((Weekly Event))

Idlib Governorate, North of Syria, has again come back to the forefront of events during the last week as many of its cities and villages have witnessed dozens of air raids most of which attacked civil targets. Moreover, liberated cities and villages were showered by hundreds of mortar shells, rocket launchers and heavy artillery shelling, which caused dozens of people fall martyrs or sustain injury, some of which were women and children. We decided at the Violation Documentation Center in Syria – in the Weekly Event- to talk about the situation of the Governorate in general, focusing on some areas, villages and towns which witnessed the brutal attack by the regime's forces.

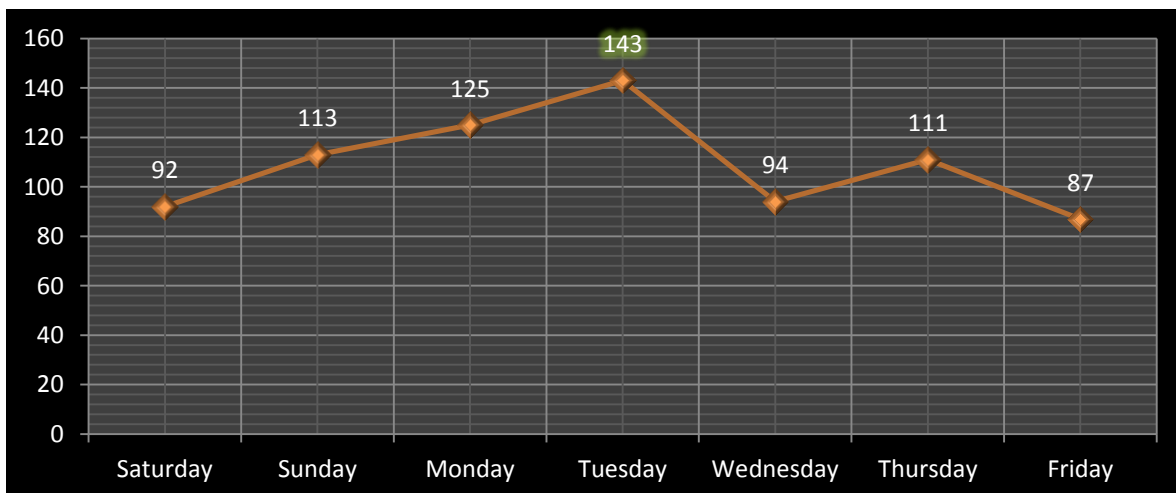
We will elaborate on this event and explain it thoroughly by the end of this report after stating the numbers of martyrs and victims during this week.

Martyrs of the Week:

From **27-7 -2013** till **2 -8- 2013**

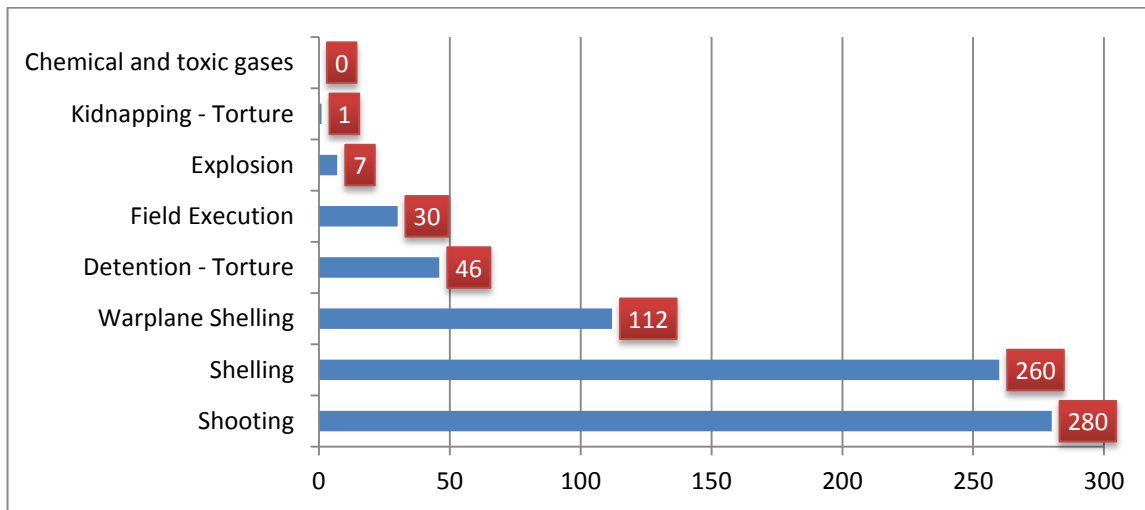
During this period, the Violation Documentation Center in Syria managed to document (756) martyrs, as (726) were documented by names, (39) were unidentified, (178) were documented by photos, (175) were documented by videos and (412) were documented only by witnessing.

Martyrs distributed on all the days of the week. The average number was (109 martyrs a day) and the highest number was recorded on Tuesday 30-7-2013 when (143) martyrs fell.

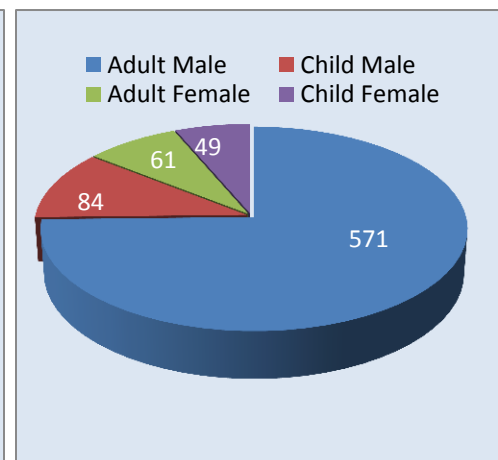
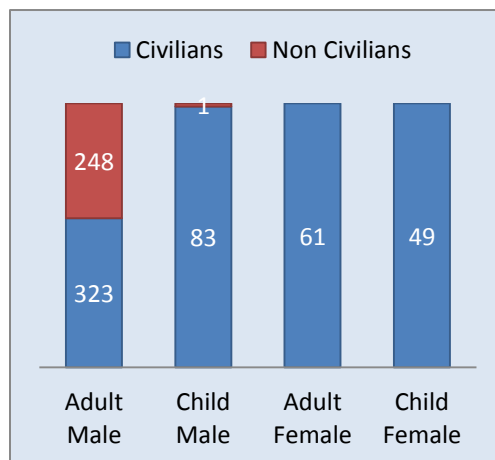




* The percentage of the martyrs who died as a result of fire shots and sniper bullets is (36.6%), while that of those who died because of artillery shelling, mortar, rocket launchers is (34%), whereas the percentage of those who were martyred as a result of military air raids is (14.6%).

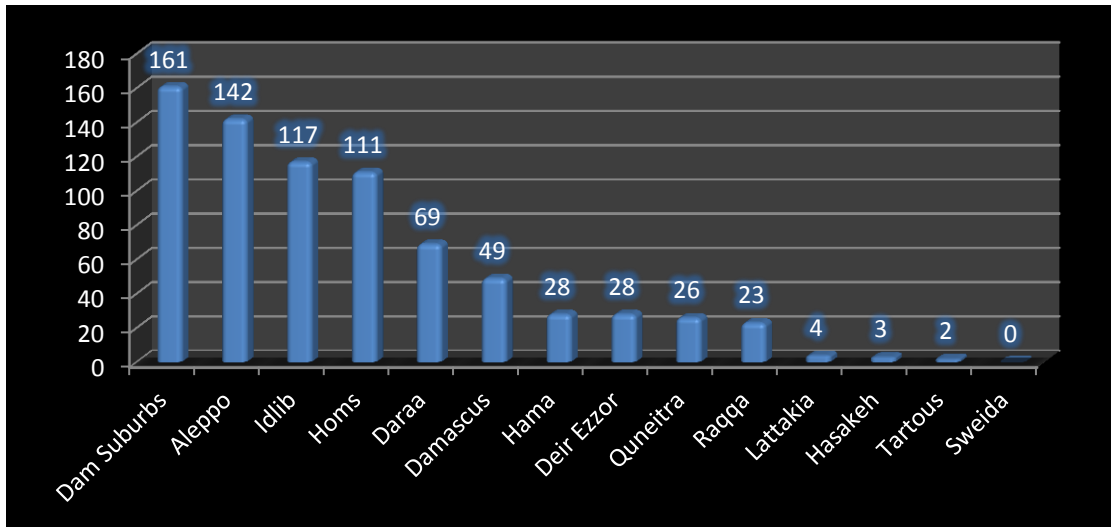


* The number of adult male martyrs is (571 martyrs), i.e. (74.6%), the number of male children is (84 children), i.e. (11%), the number of adult females is (61 martyrs), i.e. (8%), and the number of female children is (49 martyrs) i.e. (6%).





Damascus Suburbs governorate witnessed the fall of the largest number of martyrs, as the total number was (**161** martyrs) i.e. (**21%**), followed by Aleppo (**142** martyrs) i.e. (**18.5%**), and Idlib (**117** martyrs) i.e. (**15%**).



((Weekly Event))

Idlib under Daily Shelling



Idlib- Kaferlata After explosive barrels shelling



Introduction:

Idlib Governorate is considered the Northern gate of Syria to the neighboring Turkey and thus to Europe. It is 60km from Aleppo, 132km from Lattakia and 320km from Damascus. It has a large area; it is the eighth largest Syrian governorate with (6100 km²), and the fifth most populated governorate of almost one and a half million people according to the civil affairs statistics. It is also the largest gathering of villages, especially in Al Zaweya Mountain that includes 36 villages.

Idlib had a significant influence on the Syrian Revolution as it's rebelled since the beginning of it. It has also achieved a remarkable progress since then till our present time as 70 % of its territory is liberated. However, the regime still reign over Idlib's main cities such as Jericho, Jisr Al Shoghour, and the outskirts of Ma'arrat Al Numan, while all the rural areas and the city of Ma'arrat Al Numan are liberated.

The regime's forces began using all heavy weapons, fiercely and brutally, to attack the liberated areas, as well as the use of Scud missiles that have been launched from places in Damascus Suburbs. Furthermore, they depended on warplanes and helicopters due to the lack of anti-aircraft weapons with the rebels, and they escalated the shelling in July/2013 unprecedentedly. Consequently, several massacres were committed by the forces of the Syrian army, especially during this bloody week as most of the massacres took place in highly crowded areas such as markets, mosques and buildings.

The Violation Documentation Center in Syria contacted the activist (Musa'ab Al Shbib), who's a member of VDC in Syria, and he informed us by the following:

On 26/7/2013, the regime bombarded the village of Kafarlata killing four of the same village and two from Sarja as helicopters threw explosive barrels on a three-story civilian building, which destroyed it completely over the heads of its residents. On the same day, they also attacked the village of Basames by rocket launchers and AlFozlika cannons which led to the death of ten civilians as the attack focused on the mosque of the village and the surrounding houses.

Whereas on Saturday 27/7/2013 Jericho's massacre was committed as the area of Al Hal Mmarket was bombarded by the regime forces leaving five martyrs and dozens wounded, for in this area, a market, civilians usually gather to buy their needs, and it gets more crowded in Ramadan..

Musa'b adds:

And on 28.07.2013, the warplanes bombarded Maarat Al-Numan by vacuum missiles that demolished a house over the heads of its residents resulting in the death of a mother and her daughter, while her son miraculously survived as he was got out from the debris five hours later.



Martyred child Lamar Ala'a Al Deen

<http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/89125>

On **30/7/2013** two massacres happened in Idlib, one in the town of Mntaf, which was shelled by helicopters that threw more than two explosive barrels on a residential building resulting in a horrific massacre that claimed the lives of eleven martyrs, wounded more than twenty people and completely demolish the two-story building.

At the end of the day, the regime shelled the town of Al Barra as a helicopter threw five explosive barrels on the houses of civilians leaving more than 17 martyrs and several injured. .

This shows that the regime depended mainly on bombarding places by explosive barrels thrown from helicopters, which inflicted massive destruction upon the civilian areas and small towns and villages..

On **31/7/2013**, the regime shelled the city of Saraqeb by explosive barrels, too. That demolished a house of civilians, and killed four of the same family.

Musab continued talking about the daily bombardment on the Governorate of Idlib. On Thursday **01/08/2013** the regime forces re-shelled Al Hal Market in Jericho at noon, a time when the presence of civilians is at its highest, causing ten martyrs and dozens wounded.

On the same day, five of one family died in the village of KafrAya due to the fall of explosive barrels, thrown, from a helicopter, on the village's houses.

Even the village of Nahla couldn't stay away from those barrels as six inhabitants died there when their houses were targeted.



Relics left by vacuum barrels – Idlib- Ma'arat Al No'man

It was a bloody week for the Governorate of Idlib; it lost a lot of its inhabitants and many of its buildings were demolished. However, when asked about the living situation there and the solutions they came out with to help the civilians, the activist Musa'ab replied:

"In light of the events and the massacres that occur in Idlib every day, mortality cases and the number of martyrs and displaced increase, which requires an additional effort in an attempt to help people in this governorate. It is then when the efforts of charitable organizations, local councils and relief aids afforded by some people concerted in an endeavor to avoid an imminent humanitarian crisis. On our part, we strive to focus on the children of martyrs as we started several projects in this field such as; the opening of a kindergarten for those children in Ma'arat Al-Numan, charitable pharmacies that provide free medicine to the children of martyrs and at nominal prices to citizens, and cooperative societies in Ma'arat Al-Numan to provide goods at a simple profit. Perhaps the most important need in Idlib is flour as the State cut off furnaces of it, whereas a number of associations help in providing a tiny part of the needs.

As for the electricity, it is turned off completely in most places except for Idlib's downtown and Saraqeb, whereas the other places continue living their nights in perpetual darkness and continuous sadness."

End of Testimony



A Map showing the location of Idlib Governorate in Syria

Some **individual cases** witnessed during the past week:

1)) Martyr(Mahmood Hassoun Alhant ", Abu Bara'a ") Deir Ezzor: the city of Deir Ezzor . A relief activist, Director of the People's Committees of relief , married and has a child – died with his son as a result of the bombing of regime forces on the Street of the Mosque of Abu- Al- Abed

<http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/89715>



2)) Child Martyr (Bara'a Mahmood Alhant) Deir Ezzor: the city of Deir Ezzor - one year old, died with his father "Mahmood Hassoun Alhant" as a result of the bombing of the regime forces on Mosque Abu-Al- Abed's Street.

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<http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/89822>





- 3)) Martyr (Mohammad Nazir Hassan Trabelsi, "Abu Hassan") Damascus, Qaimariya. A media activist, a university student: Faculty of Arts: English Literature, martyred in Jobar, Damascus by the shots of the regime forces.

<http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/89410>



- 4)) Martyr (Abdullah Ahmad Barbour) Idlib: Jericho, the director of the Sharia Court in Abilene who held a Master's degree in Islamic law, worked in research and deliverance of advisory. He was also one of the founders of the Humanitarian Relief Committee in Jericho, and the President of the Office of fatwa and judiciary in the gathering of Syrian Revolution scientists; He died while leaving the mosque after he had prayed as a result of the bombing of regime forces.

<http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/89126>



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