



Dignity Revolution Weekly Report

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- Event of the Week:

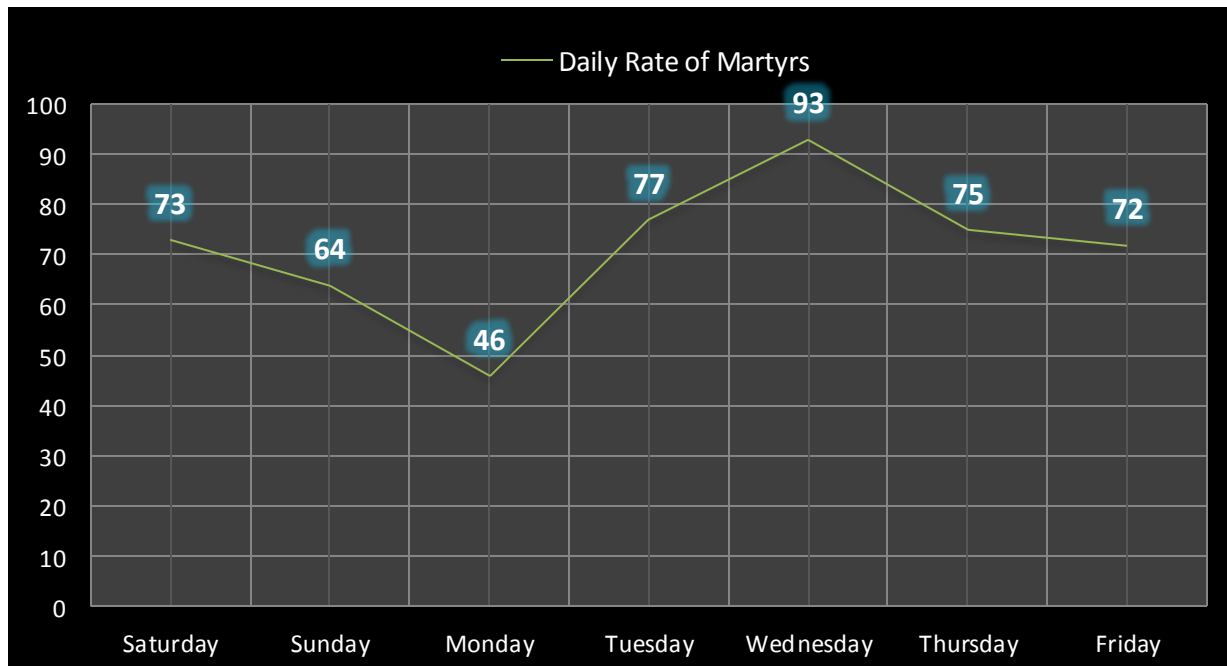
Damascus suburbs in general and east Ghouta in particular, is still under severe and systematic siege by the Syrian regime army since several months, day after day leading the human suffering to grow more where Gouta and all cities and towns in are semi-disastrous, and prevents the entry of any help or relief materials from whatsoever.

Details of this event are at the bottom of this report after a review of the number of martyrs and victims during this week.

• Martyrs in : 29/6 to 05/07/2013 *

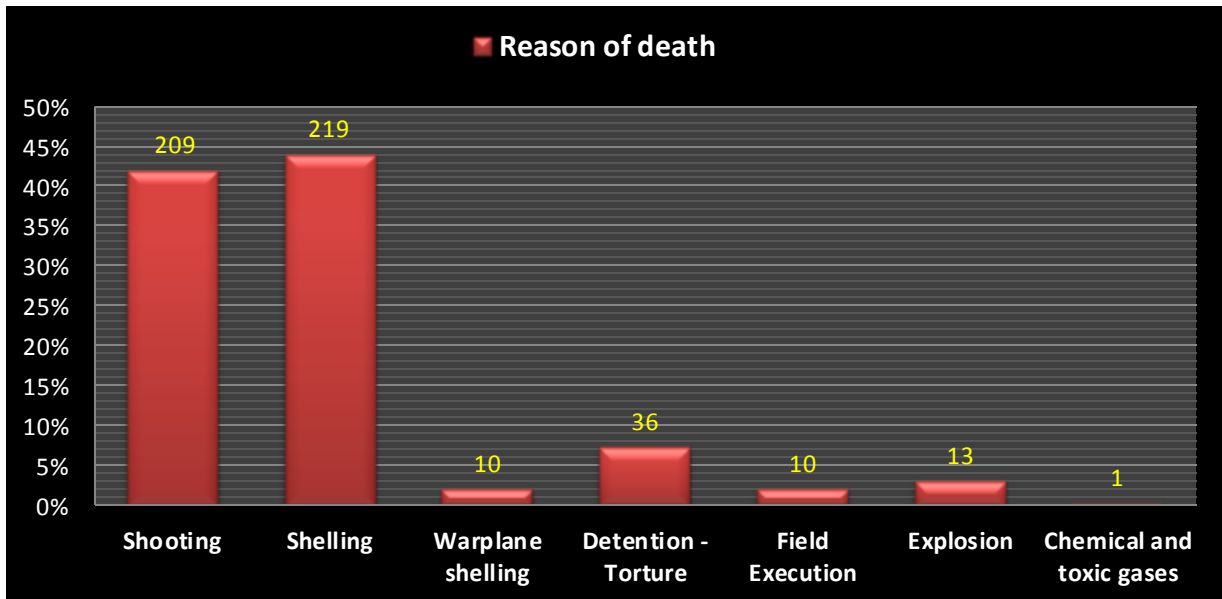
VDC documented (499) martyr, where (456) were documented by name, and (43 martyrs) unidentified (2) of them has been documented with images and (11) with Video and (30) with only news .

Martyrs fell all days of the week, bringing the average to (71 martyr daily) where arrived its peak on Wednesday, 3 - 7 - 2013, bringing the number of martyrs to 93.

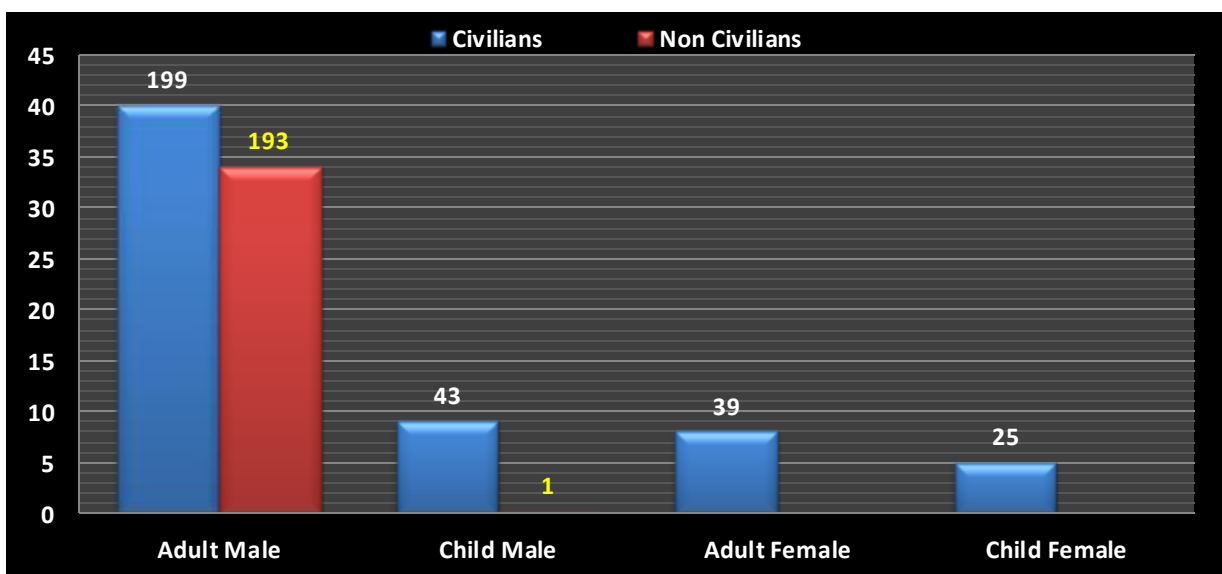




The percentage of the martyrs who have died as a result of fire and shot dead by snipers (**42%**) The biggest percentage of the martyrs have died as a result of artillery bombardment, mortars, rocket launchers, Scud - (**44%**), and the percentage of who were killed as a result of air bombardment (**2%**), one was also recorded (martyr Ammar Katat) killed with chemical weapons by the regime forces in the city of Douma in Damascus suburbs during one of the battles against the forces of the free Syrian army.

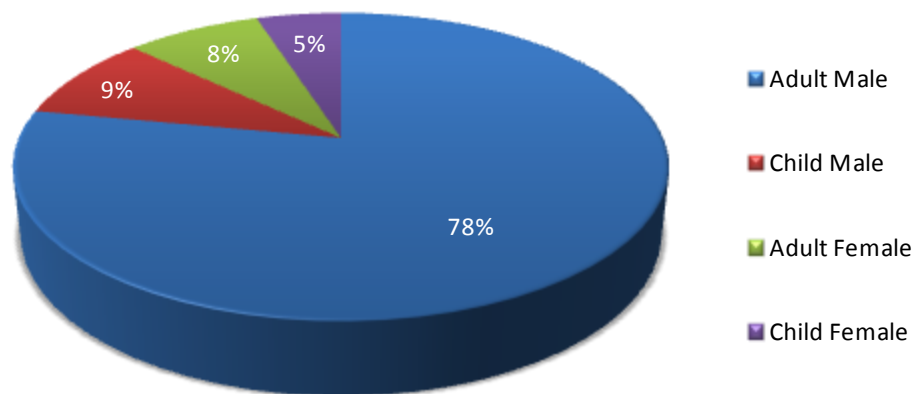


- Civilians: **306**, Non civilians: **193** including one child. 7





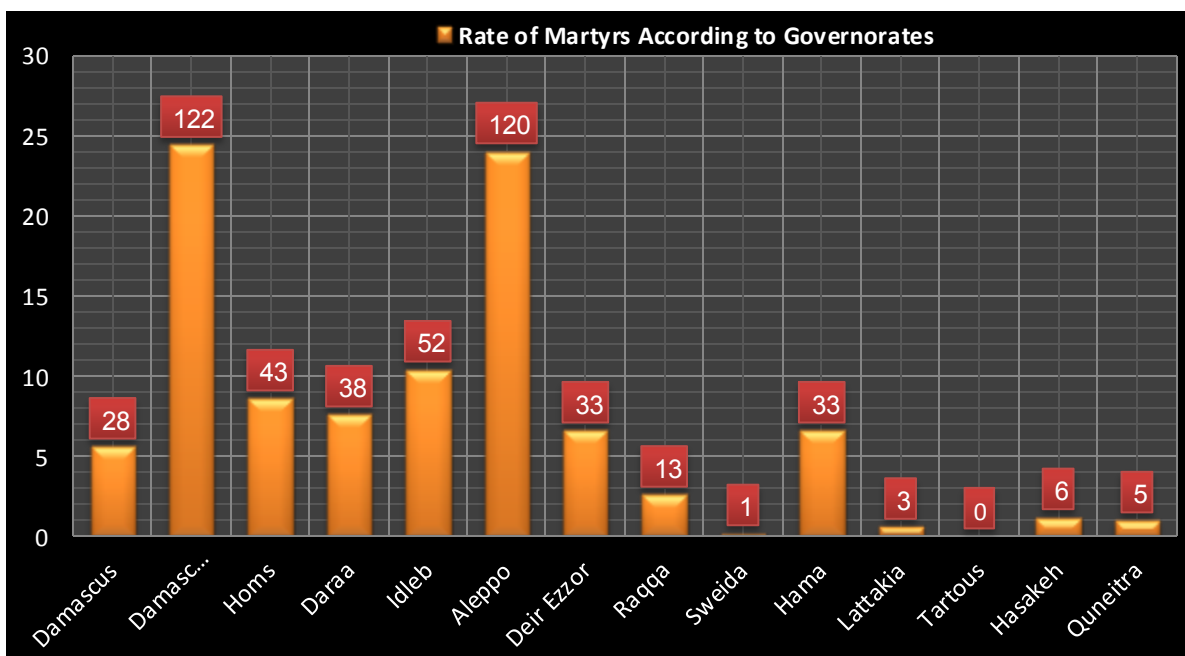
Adult male: **392=78%** Child male: **44= 9%** Adult female: **39=8%** Child female: **24=5%**



- Largest number of martyrs was in Rif Dimashq governorate:

122 martyrs=24.4%

Aleppo: **120=24%** Edlib: **52=10.4%**



Event of the week:

- Daily calls for the basic means of living in Ghouta of Damascus





VDC explored the opinion of some activists on the ground about the siege imposed on Gouta since several months and the real situation experienced by this area:

- First Testimony:

Activist **Abu Ahmed**, from the city of **Harasta**, Damascus countryside, and one of the members of the free army and was previously detained in the prisons of the Syrian regime, describing the situation Abu Ahmed says:

Actually the siege began on East Gouta since 20 - 10 - 2012 and specifically at the start of the military campaign against the city of Harasta, where siege of cities and towns cascaded,. There is a serious lack of basic materials, especially flour for bread, which led people to replace it by cultivation of white corn to mix it with wheat. If there is some food they would be very expensive, especially milk yogurt and dairy products due to the high cost of feed on one hand and the greed of the merchants on the other ..

Harasta is one of the most destroyed cities in Gouta, due to the violent and systemic bombardment, which involved particularly aerial and artillery bombardment, all of that was a major reason for the scarcity of medical materials, and in entire Harasta currently there are only three doctors with simple equipment, where critical cases to other hospitals in the surrounding areas.

As for the water it is available almost naturally in contrary to other areas of Gouta where they are forced to dig wells to fill the need for water. Electricity is cut off completely from the entire city of Harasta, where they use the rest of the generators to generate electricity, but fuel prices have increased crazily especially after exhausting the reserve of the people and the price of a diesel liter about 280 SYP= 1.8 US Dollar, and gasoline = 300 SYP = 2 US Dollars.

Most of those who have been displaced from this city have fled to Tal area in Damascus with estimated two-thirds of the population, while the remaining third is living next to each other in a small geographic area.

Testimony ended.



The second Testimony:

Media activist, **Abu Fida**, a member of **Sakba coordination** in Damascus, said:

" Eastern Ghouta have a great importance in terms of Geo military , as it represents the front line with the regime forces at the battle of the capital, Damascus, most regions in direct contact with the southern high way which is practically the last barrier before the liberation of Damascus, such as: Ain Tarma, Zamalka, Erbin, Maliha and a small part of Jobar, and the regime with all his strength trying to separate Gouta from the capital, and has worked on it even before the start of the revolution.

Before more than three months, the entry of any quantity of flour was prevented, and actually began to rely on private roads of corridors "corridors smuggling" but these methods also began non-existent after the regime tightened his grip on Gouta.

There are many forces that were responsible of the attacks and raids in Gouta, led by the Republican Guard, and the forces of the fourth division, and troops from Brigade 105 and Brigade 104 and more recently the troops from the First Division of Alqtaifa, in addition to direct assistance from the forces of the Lebanese Hezbollah and the members believed to be Brigade of the Iraqi Abu al Fadl al Abbas.

The regime used every weapon he it can, and the area is subject to five air strikes daily at least, I remember one day that warplanes had raided 19 times in succession in one day using explosive barrels and steric bombs and recently began using chemical weapons and toxic substances, especially in areas with decisive military importance.

The humanitarian situation is very tragic, as the bread is missing since several months there and there is no water or electricity, and fuel prices doubled many times, where a liter of gasoline price was 40 Syrian pounds and now if there it will be with a price of about 325 pounds.

Testimony ended



- **Some martyrs of the week**

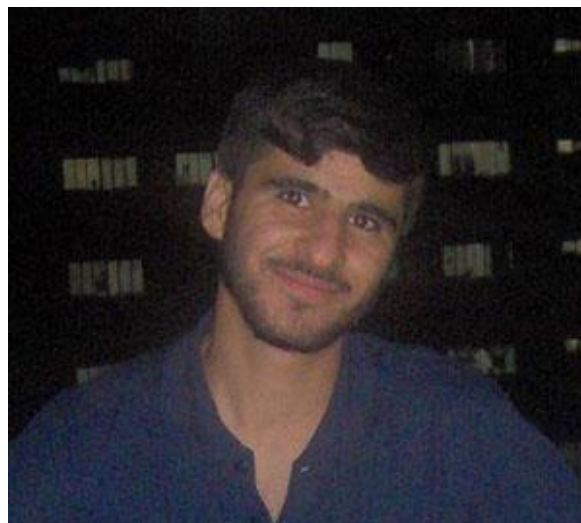
- 1-** Ammar Ktait: Ref Dimashq, Douma, Islam Brigade, he was killed by the chemical gazes that were launched by the regime forces in Alqasas Aladel battle, 30th 6 2013

<http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/85603>



- 2 -** Defected First lieutenant and Doctor Ali Hussein Dalou, member of FSA and was killed during conflict with the regime army in Dara Albalad.

<http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/85495>



3 - Journalist and camera man Fida Albali, aka Mohamad Mouaz, died after one month in coma due to his injuries by a mortar while he was covering the conflict in Qaboun

<http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/86232>



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