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Regime forces stationed at the Ma'saret Alzeitoune's checkpoint in Mohambel town at the eastern suburb of Jesir Alshaghour area have shelled the elementary school of Martyr Ali Alkhateeb in Al-Maghara town of the eastern suburb of Jabal Alzawieh in the 21st of April 2013, with two missiles in a row launched from a Fozhika cannon.

Regime forces have shelled the school while Schoolchildren were playing at the yard during a break when they were hit by regime's shelling, knowing that there are two study time periods at this school :

- The first period: hosts students of the (1 – 5) Grade, studying hours start at 07:00 am till 11:45 am.
- The second Period: host students of the (6 – 9) Grade, studying hours start at 12:00 pm till 04:45 pm.

The school was shelled at 11:50 am, just when students of the two periods get together for 15 minutes (11:45 am – 12:00 pm), before the second shift starts.

The final death toll of the shelling was six martyrs and ten wounded, below is a list of the Martyrs' names:

Related Link on the VDC Website	Grade	Gender	Name	#
http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/79832	8	Male	*Hassan Khaled As'ad	1
http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/76836	8	Male	Mohammad Hasan Alkheder	2
http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/76393	8	Male	Moneer Ahmad Alkheder	3



http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/76395	8	Male	Mostafa Othman As'ad	4
http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/76391	8	Male	Mohammad Sobhi Almostafa	5
http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/76392	8	Male	Mahmoud Hasan Khadour	6

Here below are names of some of the wounded students who were identified:

Nature of the injuries	Grade	Gender	Name	#
His two legs were amputated, and his status yet remain critical	9	Male	**Mohammad Ahmad Alkhadour	1
One of his legs was amputated, and his status is stable now	8	Male	Khaled Yaseen Aloosh	2
Suffered Several fractures	6	Female	***Taima Mohammad Alhamad	3

Seven others were injured as well, and their status is stable now.

In An attempt to document the massacre, Activists have taken the below footages, and have uploaded them on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0YPlyAh7cg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=woacyWBKR-0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLyJLH3dzfU&bpctr=1367748540>



Knowing that the school is not close to any checkpoint or military's premises of the Free Syrian Army, as all FSA's fighters are stationed out of the town, while the school is located at the town's center.

The nearest potential military target is at least a kilometer away, which clearly indicates that regime's forces were deliberately targeting the school. Violations Documentation Center in Syria has documented some of the locals' testimonies, who have witnessed the shelling, and has also interviewed one of the wounded children:

The first testimony was given by the 14 year old Khaled Yaseen Alaloush , Almaghara town – Jabal Alzawieh – Idleb city

As I was standing close to the school's gate with my class mates, we arrived earlier on that day, we suddenly heard a distant loud explosion's sound, this is when we all moved away from school's outside walls. The next thing that I could remember, was me thrown on the ground, blackness all around me, I looked around to find blood, amputated hands and legs dispersed all over the place, and to also find that my own leg was amputated as well, but still attached to my body

My friend (the one who was standing next to me before the shelling) has hit the wall, and the wall has fallen on him, and he was nowhere to be found then. At that moment people started running towards to the school in an attempt to save the wounded, I was afraid at that moment, I felt that death was very close, and started to enunciate God's name awaiting for people to reach me, at first they took away bodies of the martyrs, till two men came and carried me to a car, where I was laid near my friend Hasan As'ad who was alive but was severely injured, with a shrapnel had hit his eye, and he was breathing rapidly , I remember it was almost 11:45 am, and I started to feel the pain, that is when we arrived at the town of Mari'aian,

When I was taken out of the car and transferred to another, which happened to be my father's car, he couldn't recognize me with all the blood covering my face and body, but for me I was conscious enough to know that it was him, but I didn't want to talk to him, fearing that he might collapse, after spending sometime on the road, we arrived at town of Kafarnobel, where I was admitted to the hospital, and my father was told then that I was one of the injured kids, they started to give me drugs before transferring me to the operating room, and when I was out, they told me that most of my friends are injured, and after a while they told me that they all cited, among of them are : Hasan As'ad, Moustafa As'ad, Mohamad Almoustafa, Moneer Alkheder and mohamad Alkheder.

At least those are the names that I could remember.

Here below is a link to the video-testimony made by Khaled

<http://youtu.be/RIP1KGVmyaQ>



The second testimony was given by Mr.Ammar Badawi , 39 year old, Al-maghara village, Jabal Alzawieh , Idleb Provience

On 21st of April 2013, and while I was at my uncle's home, who happened to be close to the school, we all heard a massive sound of a huge blast close to us, and as we went out to discern what had happened, a second shell that targeted the school's gate has just landed. Smoke was filling the whole place , and body parts of people that couldn't be identified were all over the place, I headed to the school right away to try to distinguish the dead and the wounded, and upon my arrival I found that the shelling has left half a meter deep pit, and a width equals to the size of the school's door.

Body parts and mutilated bodies were everywhere, and I said to myself, that the priority now is to save the wounded children who are still alive, and I came in to the school looking for children who are still alive, and I found some, and immediately carried them to the school's warehouse, the place chosen by the school principal to shelter the wounded children, fearing that a second shelling could happen, and that is exactly what happened, only minutes later a second shell has landed on the school, it was not as destructive as the first one, as the sound of the impact was less than the first one, and I took the decision of helping all the wounded children, no matter if a third or fourth shelling is to happen .

And when I come to think of it now, I can only conclude that further shelling would have easily resulted a further massive massacre, with having lots of civilians wounded .

Here below is a link to the video-testimony made by Ammar

<http://youtu.be/EEaVdri6Tws>

The third testimony was given by Mr. Moustafa Kheder,29 years old, Al-maghara village, Jabal Alzawieh , Idleb Provience.

It was Sunday the 21st of April 2013, and as I was sitting at my home, I heard a massive sound of a shell that has landed in our town, I immediately hurried to the place of the shelling, and when I arrived, I found a horrible scene of corpse and children's body parts scattered everywhere, as I was there, a second shell has landed on a far place from the school somehow, only at that moment me and others who were around started to give assistance urgently to the wounded children who were still alive , the scene was terrifying and very painful .



Below are copies of documents collected by activists for the martyrs and wounded children:

Below is the school record for martyr child Hasan Khaled As'ad*

الجمهورية العربية السورية
وزارة التربية
مديرية الصحة المدرسية

الصحة المدرسية

اسم التلميذ ولقبه
اسم الوالد ومهنته
اسم المدرسة
(الأول الأساسي) (١)
(الخامس الأساسي) (١)
(الثانوي) (١)
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تاريخ الولادة بالشهر والعام ١٨/١٠/٢٠٠٩
اسم الوالدة ومهنتها
محل الإقامة
عدد أفراد الأسرة
(٢)
(٢)
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اللقاحات قبل سن المدرسة				اللقاحات في سن المدرسة	
اسم اللقاح	جرعة أولى	جرعة ثانية	جرعة ثالثة	داعمة أولى	داعمة ثانية
السل					
شلل الأطفال					
ثلاثي (عقريا - كزاز - سعال ديك)					
الحصبة					
التهاب كبد ب					
لقاحات أخرى					

الفحوص المخبرية والشعاعية



School Record for the wounded child : Mohammad Ahmad Alkhadour **

الجمهورية العربية السورية
وزارة التربية
مديرية الصحة المدرسية

الصحة المدرسية

اسم التلميذ ولقبها محمد البصوير
اسم الوالد ومهنته محمد
اسم المدرسة
لأبتدائي (١)
اعدادي (١)
ثانوي (١)

تاريخ الولادة بالشهر والعام ١٢ / ٧
اسم الوالدة ومهنتها

اللقاحات قبل سن المدرسة

اسم اللقاح	جرعة أولى	جرعة ثانية	جرعة ثالثة	داعمة أولى	داعمة ثانية	داعمة	التاريخ	اسم الطبيب وتوقيعه
السل								
للأطفال								
كزاز								
الحصبة								
كبد								
الكزاز								

اللقاحات في سن المدرسة

***School Record of the wounded child : Taim'a Mohamad Alhamad

الاسم والشهرة تيماء الحمد
تاريخ الولادة
اسم الوالد
عمل الوالد
اسم الولي
اسم الوالدة
هل تعيش مع الأب

محل الولادة الكفر
محل القيد
محل الولادة وتاريخها
عنوانه الدائم ورقم الهاتف
عنوانه الدائم ورقم الهاتف
الحالة التعليمية
عملها

إخوة الطالب وأخواته



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