



Dignity Revolution Weekly Report

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The Event of the Week

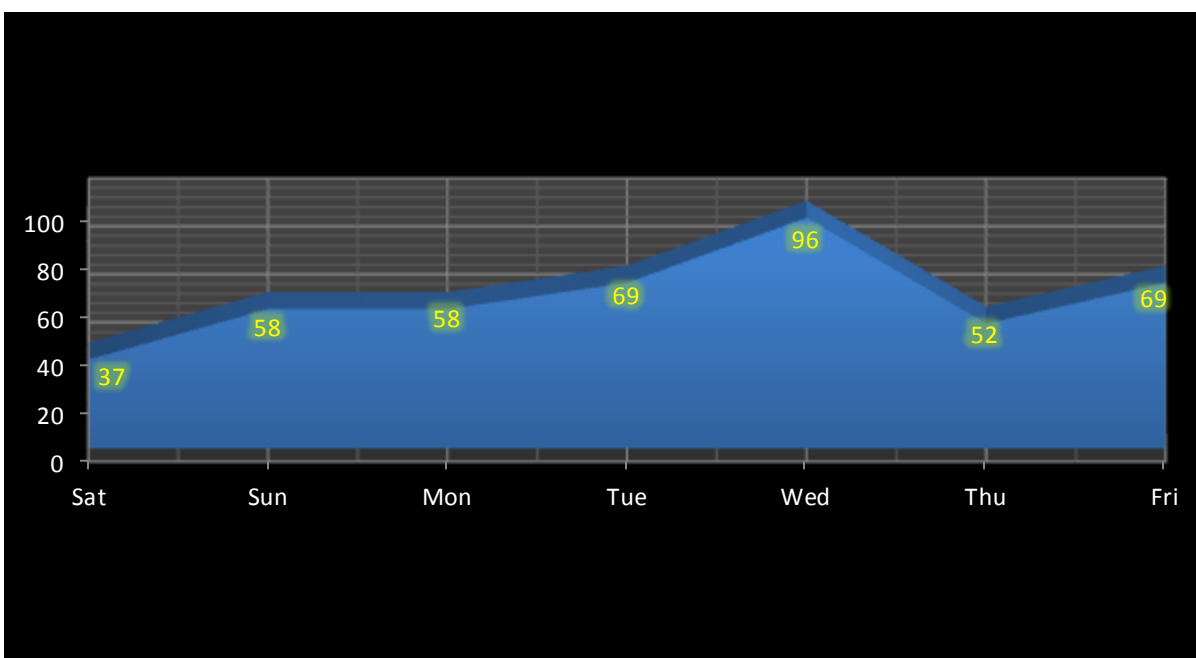
The military and field situation in Qaboun has been accelerating during the few last days resulting in relapses that could affect directly the situation of the liberated Damascus suburbs, especially the eastern Ghouta because Qaboun is the link between the center of Damascus and eastern Ghouta.

More details about the event are at the end of this report about numbers of martyrs and victims this week.

Martyrs of the week: July 6th -12th 2013:

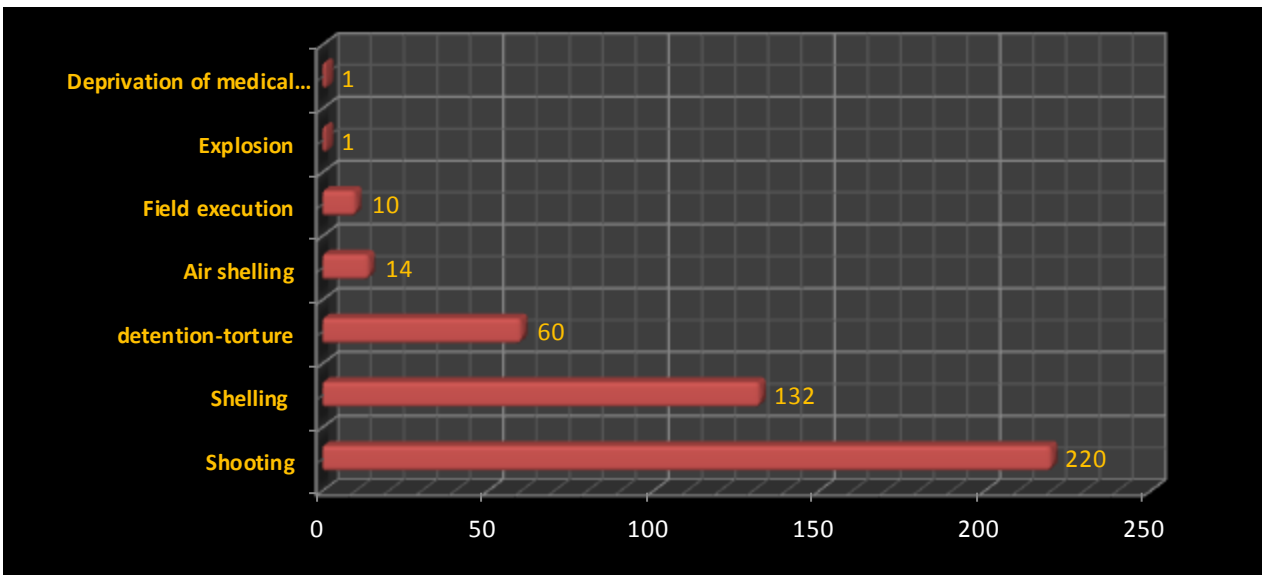
VDC documented (439) martyr, where (393) were documented by name, and (46 martyrs) unidentified (1) of them has been documented with images and (6) with Video and (39) with only news.

Martyrs fell all days of the week, bringing the average to (63 martyr daily) where arrived its peak on Wednesday, 10 - 7 - 2013, bringing the number of martyrs to (96) at that day.





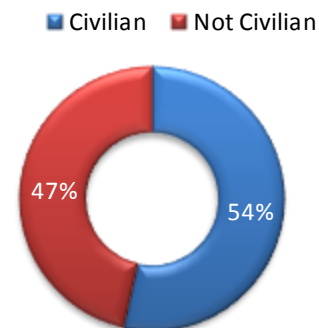
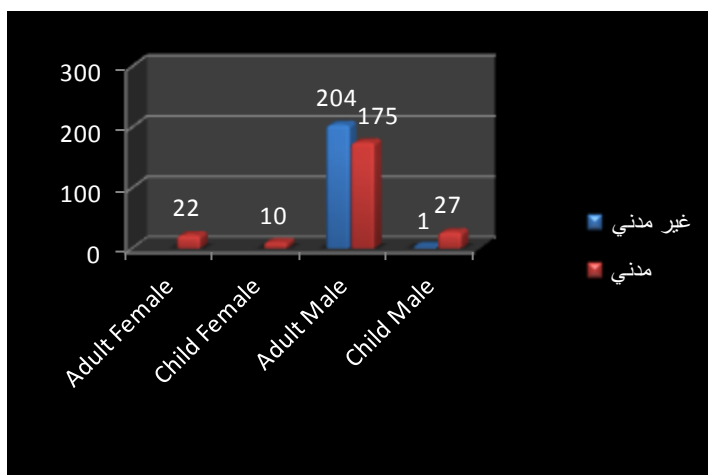
The percentage of the martyrs who have died as a result of fire and shot dead by snipers is (50%). The of who have died as a result of artillery bombardment, mortars, rocket launchers, Scud - (30%), and the percentage of who were killed as a result of air bombardment (14%).



Adult male: 379 = 87 %
Child female: 10 = 3 %

Child male: 28 = 7 %

Adult female: 22 = 5 %

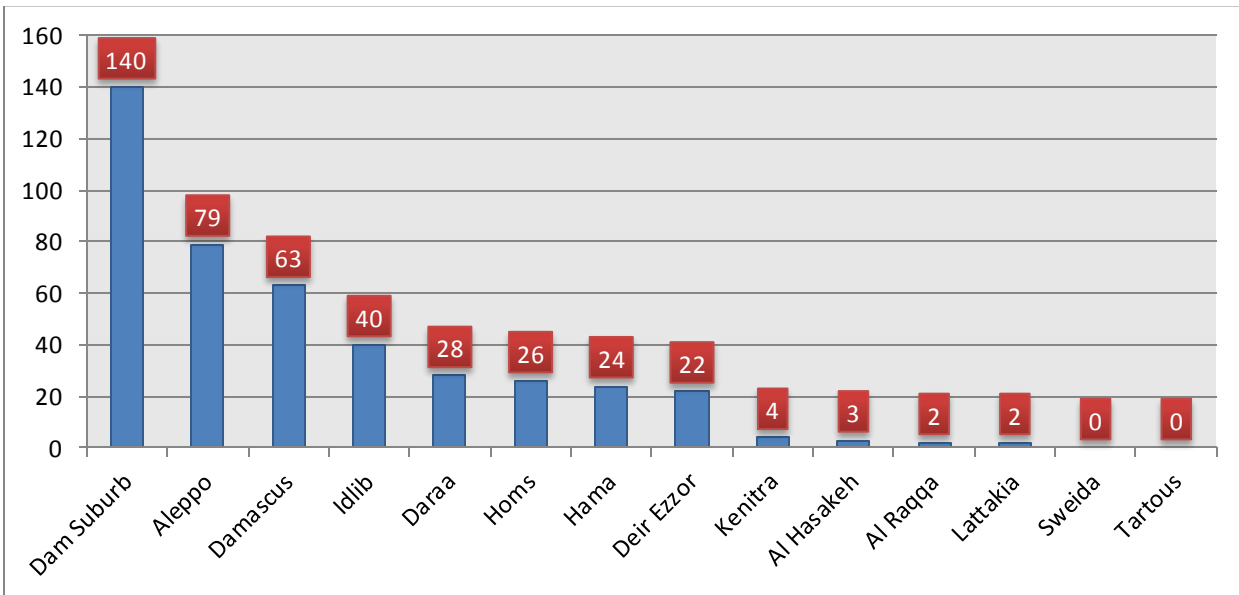




Largest number of martyrs was in Rif Dimashq governorate:

140 martyrs = **32** %

Aleppo: **79** = **18** % Damascus: **63** = **15** %



((**Event of the Week**))

Qaboun of Damascus is Under Fire





Qaboun is a strategic area because it is the link between Eastern Ghouta and the center of the Syrian capital Damascus and Abbasyeen square, and it is of a huge military importance especially for the FSA and the regime forces, for it has several security headquarters in addition to other security centers surrounding it and still under the control of the regime, like Air force Intelligence department called Harasta department, Police College, the headquarters of military police and headquarters of special forces and also Syronics TV factory which became a center for Shabiha (mercenaries) and regime forces which is located in the entry to Qaboun in Damascus-Homs high way, FSA controls the area situated from behind the municipality building to the end of Bala avenue, what makes him controlling 50% of Qaboun.

VDC talked to some field activists about the military operation that started on Monday July 12th 2013 against Qaboun, and the real situation of this area.

- The first testimony:

- **Media Activist Abdou Dimashqi**, a member of Qaboun Coordination, the Media Office said:
- The military campaign started against Qaboun since a week, but the actual storming from different points was on Friday July 12th 2013, when he banned totally the entry to or exit from Qaboun, coincided by the raise of bombing pace in different kinds of arms, like surface-to surface missiles, rocket launchers, artillery and mortar randomly since the early morning, where this day was a bloody day with 13 martyrs out of 28 all over the week in addition to a big number of wounded that was 150 or 200 with different injuries some of them are very dangerous.
- The medical situation in Qaboun is disastrous, where the medical equipments are simple after the regime shelled the first medical center what destroyed it totally with all its equipments, this was the most important hospital in the area with relatively good equipments, and the lack of specialized medical cadres and most of the paramedics are not experienced enough to deal with dangerous cases and necessary surgical operations and few number of doctors.
- Thousands of civilians are still inside Qaboun, where some of them were allowed to leave but most of them are not, and many of them are displaced from other neighboring areas like Jobar and eastern Ghouta what led to more suffering.



- The status of living is deteriorating, and people are depending on the remaining supplies and they are having two meals a day especially in Ramadan month, and there is no bread because the main bakery was shelled by the regime forces and other bakeries are closed because the regime banned the entry of flour since more than a week and or any other food, there is also a severe shortage of fuel and the people are still using their supplies that they had it before the strict siege and these supplies are about to be finished. Most areas of Qaboun have no electricity at all because the main electricity stations are affected by shelling on Friday and what led the people there and especially activists to depend on generators, Abou Abdou added that 200 persons were surrounded by regime forces to be used as human shields but most of them were released later and the others' fate is not known yet, and the regime forces summary killed some people in the checkpoint but it is not not sure yet.
- Abou Abdou thinks that this siege and the destroying of the infrastructure is a mass punishment for the Qaboun people because it is one of the revolutionary areas against the regime.

End of testimony.

- Satellite geographic image of Qaboun.





Second testimony:

Namer Asham, media activist and photographer and field activist in Qaboun called of an urgent interference to all international organizations for evacuating civilians from Qaboun under siege, after the regime started storming the area after taking control of the industrial area east of Qaboun and it is the access place area to eastern Ghouta through Jobar ten days before. And the area situation became more disastrous after the points of storming increased when the regime tried to enter the western area near Panorama Center and from the north with the support of Special Forces of the regime and southern and eastern south areas and the regime forces are using the strategy of scotched earth.

Friday was the day of the most violence storming, when the regime forces started in the early morning a crazy shelling that hit dozens of places, three very destructive surface-to surface missiles, ten mortars per minute at least and artillery also the same for more than ten hours, what resulted in dozens of killed and wounded including children and women, Abou Abdou added that the regime forces executed a wounded boy in front of people who were trying to get him out of the area for medical help in the municipality check point.

Abou Abdou Added that more the twenty thousand are facing real danger if they were not evacuated, especially after that shortage of food, medicine and basic means of living.

End of testimony.

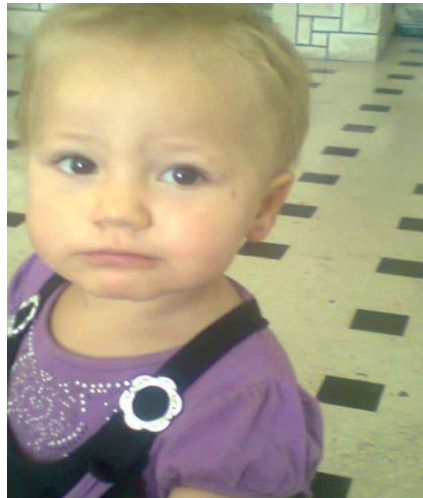
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Some victims of the week:

1- The two years old child, Nuzha Mohamed Albaghdadi:

She was killed by the direct shelling of surface-to surface missiles on Qaboun.:

<http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/en/details/martyrs/86863>



2 - Mohamed Adel Alkhashin-Awwad:

A member of the fighter battalions and was killed by the shelling by the regime forces on Qaboun.

<http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/en/details/martyrs/86861>



3 - Kuwaiti Volunteer doctor, Bandar Alali, 32 years old:

He was killed by artillery shelling by the regime forces in Jabal Azzawiah, Edlib, after a short time of his arrival to help the wounded. :

<http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/en/details/martyrs/86390>



4 - The doctor Basil Mustafa Swaid:

He was killed under torture by the regime forces in detention after he was arrested before three months nearly, Mustafa is the supervisor of Syrian Red Crescent in Jdaidat Artuz, Damascus where he lived.:

<http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/en/details/martyrs/86587>



5 - The child Marah Yousef Alalwiya:

She was killed by the shelling by the regime forces on Douma, Damascus suburbs, she lived in Harasta..

<http://www.vdc-sy.info/index.php/ar/details/martyrs/86363>



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