

Syrian NGO Alliance's Statement on The Anniversary of The Chemical Attacks Against Ghouta in Damascus Countryside

The 21st of August marks the nineth anniversary of the chemical attacks that targeted Ghouta in Damascus countryside in one of the biggest chemical attacks in modern history, whereas the town was targeted with Sarin gas, these attacks resulted in 1,144 deaths, including 99 children and 194 women according to report.

Also, in a report issued by the Human Rights Organization, it was mentioned that the investigation they conducted presented strong evidence indicating the Syrian government responsibility for the attacks of Sarin gas against Ghouta.

Other reports documented the Syrian regime's use of chemical weapons against civilians 217 times since the start of the conflict in Syria targeting several towns in different locations, ignoring international laws and the Chemical Weapons Convention.

On this anniversary we commemorate the souls of the victims and martyrs who died on this day, and we declare our solidarity with the families of the victims and wounded on this mournful anniversary.

In spite of the international community's condemnation, we are still far from holding the Syrian regime and its supporters accountable for these violations, and as the Syrian NGO Alliance, we ask the international community and the Security Council to pursue holding the Syrian regime accountable for these attacks that amount to war crimes against civilians and humanity, and guarantee that such attacks will not be committed again, in addition to preventing the constant crimes and targeting of civilians using different weapons until this day.

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The Syrian NGO Alliance represented by:

- 1. Al-Sham Humanitarian Foundation
- 2. ATAA Humanitarian Relief Association
- 3. Big Heart Foundation
- 4. BINAA Organization for Development
- 5. Ghiras Al-Nahda
- 6. Hand in Hand for Aid and Development
- 7. Horan Foundation
- 8. Humanitarian Relief Association IYD
- 9. Ihsan Relief and Development
- 10. Önder for Cooperation and Development
- 11. Orange Organization
- 12. Physicians Across Continents
- 13. Rahma Worldwide Aid and Development

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- 14. Shafak Organization
- 15. SKT organization
- 16. Social Development International (SDI)
- 17. Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS)
- 18. Syria Relief Turkey
- 19. Syria Relief and Development (SRD)
- 20. Syrian Expatriate Medical Association (SEMA)
- 21. Takaful Al-Sham Charity
- 22. Union of Medical Care and Relief Organizations (UOSSM)
- 23. Violet organization for relief and development