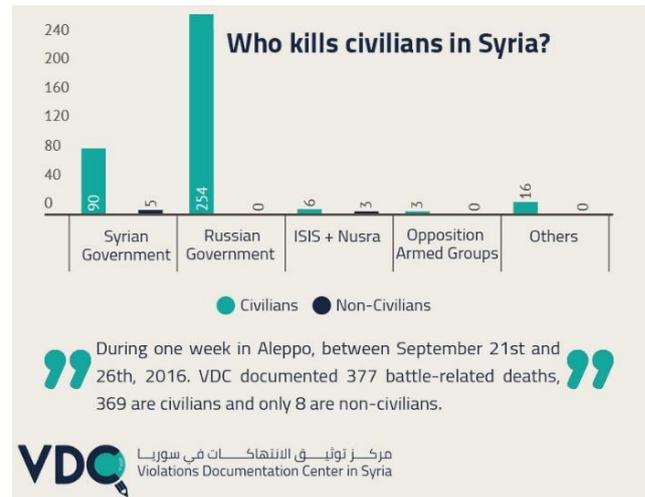


Aleppo September, 28th, 2016

In the week followed the collapse of the latest ceasefire agreement in Syria, The Violations Documentation Center in Syria (VDC) was able to document a total of 120 attacks on Aleppo city and surrounding. These attacks resulted in killing 369 civilians, including 16 humanitarian and aid workers who have been killed in 5 attacks on Aleppo city and rural. These are the Syrian Red Crescent volunteers killed in the attack on the UN aid convoy in Orm Al Kubra (Big Orm) on September 21st, volunteers from the Syrian Civil Defense (White Helmets) in attacks on Aleppo city, and workers in the Union of Medical Care and Relief Organizations (UOSSM) in Khan Toman.



In Addition, VDC was able to document 254 battle-related deaths as a result of the Russian attacks on Aleppo. All of them are civilians with 28 children among them. While documented 95 battle-related deaths by the Syrian government forces and its affiliated militias. 90 of them are civilians. During this week, the Syrian and Russian governments launched, through air and land, what could be considered an unprecedented attack on civilians in Aleppo.

The VDC confirms that the Syrian and Russian forces do not respect the principles of the International Humanitarian Law (IHL). Where they attack civilians, aid and humanitarian workers, and the infrastructure in Aleppo directly and purposefully

VDC condemns the attacking civilians as means of war and reminds all conflict parties to avoid targeting civilians and that targeting civilian is a described war crime. VDC calls on sparing civilians completely in accordance with the 1949 Geneva Conventions, the first and second additional protocols of 1977, and the rules of customary International Humanitarian Law.

VDC calls on the international community and the United Nations to stand up to their responsibilities in protecting civilians with all possible means, and forcing both the Syrian and Russian governments to avoid civilian targets and stop attacking them as a means of war.

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