



SCM: Crackdown on Media Workers in Syria



In mid-March 2011, the media scene in Syria has been witnessing what can be called a 'formal declaration of war on the media.' The Syrian authorities continuously attempt to crush the fourth estate that holds an influential power in society. This declaration of war started with a statement made by Buthaina Sha'ban, the political and media advisor to the Syrian president, when she stated the following in a press conference on 24/03/2011:

"Since the events are currently taking place in Syria, then only the Syrian state TV can report the truth, and no one else."

This statement came into effect when the media was prevented from entering Syria and work freely on its territory, except Syrian media outlets that hold close relations with the Syrian government, even these, were only allowed to cover specific areas.

The *Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression* has monitored different forms of violations between February and October 2011. Below are the results of our findings:

114 Cases of Violations

114 cases were documented in which various forms of human rights violations were committed against 99 journalists, bloggers and intellectuals, who were harassed over their coverage of current events in Syria. 81 of these cases took place in the Syrian capital Damascus.

These violations took many forms, hence they are difficult to categorize, but the most notable ones are 32 cases of arbitrary detention and 76 cases of enforced disappearance, along with 6 cases where journalists were subjected to other forms of harassment. For example, Eyad Khalil, who was assaulted and humiliated in front of the security service as he explained in a statement. Also, Homam Haddad, who was working at Baladna newspaper and was forced to submit his resignation along with many other journalists who were forced to resign from their positions at Al Watan newspaper.

Samira Al-Masalmah's case is perhaps the most notable case among those subjected to forms of human rights violations in Syria. On 8/4/2011, Masalma was sacked after she had spoken to Al-Jazeera on the events in her city, Daraa. Note that Masalmah is the first woman to hold editor in

chief position at a newspaper in Syria: on 18/12/2008, the former minister of information, Mohsen Bilal, issued a decree appointing her as chief editor of Tishreen newspaper.

12 Cases of Repeated Detentions of a Journalist

9 journalists have been detained more than once, one of them is Amer Matar, who was tortured in his first detention. Three other detainees were detained three times over the past 8 months.

13 Female Journalists and Bloggers

Thirteen female journalists and bloggers were detained over their coverage of the Syrian uprising, five of whom were referred to court and charged mainly for “unauthorized demonstrations” and “rioting” based on articles No. 335-336 of the Syrian Penal Code. Lina Ibrahim's whereabouts and fate, on the other hand, remain unknown.

15 Bloggers and Bloggeresses

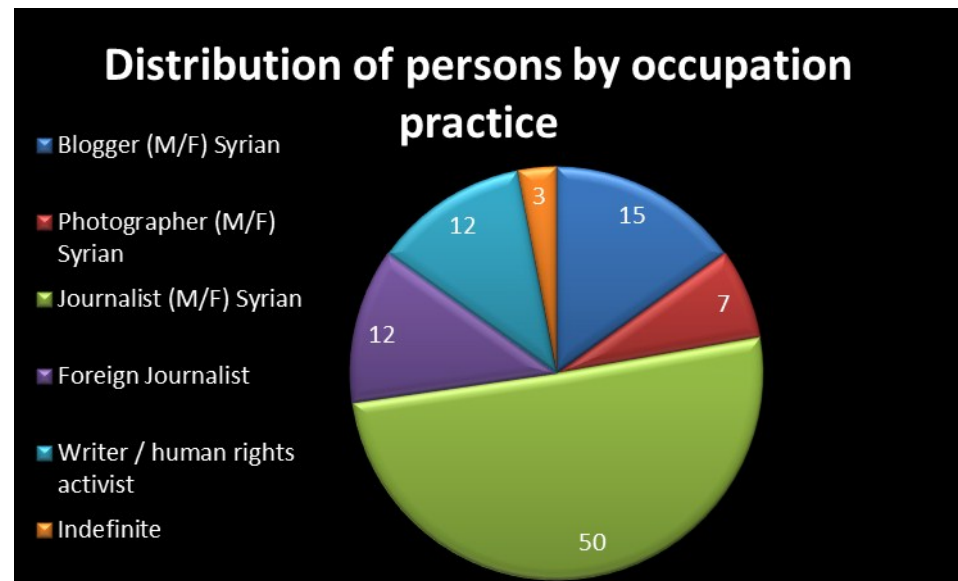
Fifteen bloggers and bloggeresses were detained over their coverage of the Syrian revolution. Four of whom were referred to court while the fate of Hussein Ghreer and Jihad Jamal remains unknown.

7 Photographers

Seven photographers were detained for taking pictures/footage of the Syrian uprising. Three of whom were referred to court, including Muzaffar Suleiman; head of photography division at Al-Watan newspaper, while Tariq Saed Balsha's fate remains unknown.

6 Intellectuals/Activists

SCM was able to document six cases where intellectuals and human rights activists were detained for contacting Arab and international media outlets, on which stating their views and experiences of the current events. A prominent case is the Syrian writer and human rights activist Mohammed Najati Tayyara who was detained at a checkpoint in Homs on 12/5/2011, he is still in detention.



31 Cases of Arbitrary Detention

31 journalists, bloggers and intellectuals were arbitrary detained then were referred to court. 29 of whom have been released while seven of them are currently on trial. The Court of Military Commissions in Aleppo has sentenced the journalist Alwan Zwaiter to five years in prison, lowered later to thirteen months, for charges of “insurrection in Syria”. He is currently detained at the central province of Raqqa prison.

14 Cases of Unknown Fate

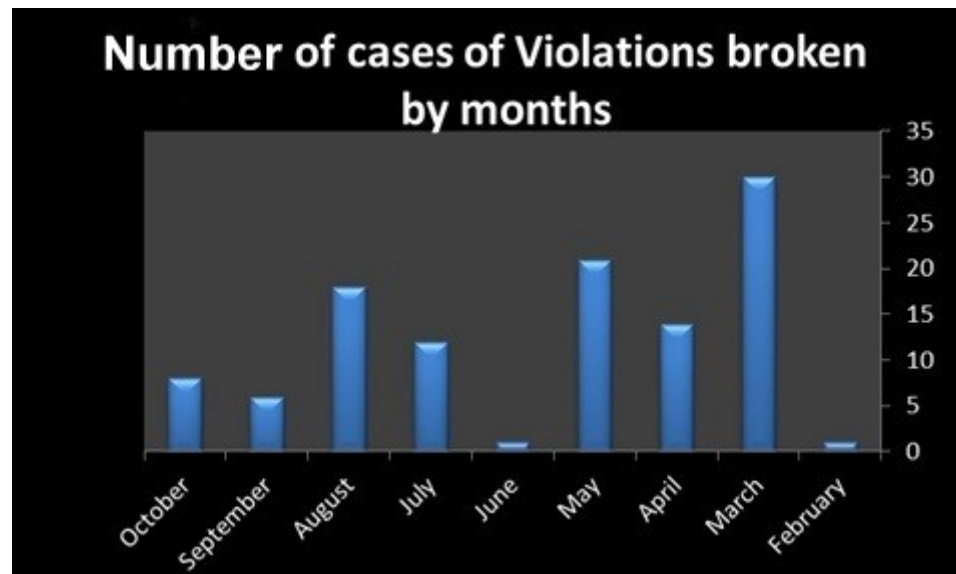
Fourteen Journalists and Bloggers are missing and no information about them has come to light since their detention; Six of them have been missing for over 60 days.

12 International Journalists

*- Of all international media reporters who were subjected to forms of human rights violations by the Syrian government, Reuters reporters' case was perhaps the most notable one. On 25/03/2011, the Syrian government revoked the press credentials of Khaled Yacoub Oweis, Jordanian, and the head of Reuters bureau in Damascus, over "false and unprofessional coverage" of events in Syria. Reuters later explained that "a senior official at the Ministry of Information notified Oweis that his press credentials has been revoked and that he is expelled from the country over false coverage, as the Syrian official stated, asking him to leave the country immediately." In addition, four people who worked with the "Reuters" in Syria were detained: Ayat Basmah, a TV producer, and the cameraman Ezzat Baltaji, both Lebanese. Also the Syrian photographer Khaled Al-Hariri and the Jordanian Suleiman Al-Khalidi, the agency's correspondent.

Violations committed against international journalists in Syria have attracted wide attention, especially, the case of Khaled Sayyed Muhannad, who was working for Radio France Culture and who was detained between 9/4/2011 and 3/5/2011. Upon his return to France, he spoke on intimidation as a form of psychological torture, which reached the threat to cut his sexual organ off.

Also the case of Al-Jazeera English reporter, Dorothy Parfaz, which attracted observers' attention when she disappeared upon her arrival at Damascus international airport on 29/04/2011. After numerous calls to locate her whereabouts, the Syrian authorities denied its knowledge of the whereabouts of the American- Iranian-Canadian journalist. Rumors were spread at the time saying that the Syrian authorities handed her over to the Iranian government. Dorothy appeared later on 18/05/2011 on a return flight from Tehran. SCM notes that the total number of foreign correspondents who have been harassed on Syrian territories has reached 12 cases, all of which were resolved upon leaving the Syrian territory.



*- Moreover, many Arab satellite news channels were severely attacked by pro-Syrian regime groups over their coverage of current events in Syria, Al-Jazeera in particular, whose bureau in Damascus was forced to suspend its work on 29/4/2011. It is worth to mention here that the head of Al-Jazeera bureau in Damascus, Abdul Hamid Tawfiq, had announced his resignation over “pressures” as he stated. He had been summoned more than once by different security agencies and by the Ministry of Information.

Furthermore, Syrian cell phone companies, MTN and SyriaTel, both halted Al- Jazeera’s “Headline Text-Messaging” service on April. As for the incitement campaigns against the mentioned news channel, the most prominent case was the anchor Rula Ibrahim, whose family was forced to disown her after the intense pressure they were subjected to, which reached a threat to set their house on fire, as the anchor explained on 05/29/2011. Recently, these threats reached many of Al-Jazeera's crew along with their families. In response, the channel’s administration condemned such threats in a statement issued on 10/7/2011 and declared the willing to file a lawsuit against those behind these threats.

*- It should also be noted, that the Syrian State TV along with media outlets that hold close relations with authorities, have launched incitement campaigns against activists on the one hand, and other media outlets, on the other, especially those who have approached the current events in Syria differently from the Syrian state's. The Syrian State TV's approach to current events has been "proving what other media confirms happening in Syria as lies, " specifically channels like Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiyya who are not allowed to enter Syria and cover the events. Furthermore, there were attempts to attack these channels' sources and accuse them of "treason," like eye witnesses, activists who take footage of the current events and others. Such attacks were either in the form of statement accusing human rights activists with treason on SANA. Syrian State TV and Syrian channel known to be close to the regime, Dunia, have been hosting guests calling for violently attack activists and media workers, who do not speak Syrian regime's story on current events.

The Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression has received numerous complaints from journalists who have been subjected to defamatory campaigns launched by Al-Dunia TV, over their coverage of the events in Daraa. Such campaigns were accompanied by threat phone calls from fellow journalists working at State's owned media outlets or others that hold close relations to authorities.

*- On the other hand, The Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression monitored some cases in which Syrian media workers have been subjected to unknown individuals over working at Syrian State TV or at other media outlets close to authorities. Like, Sham Press director, Ali Jamalo, and Mustafa Al-Mikdad, editor director of Al-Thawra newspaper, whose both personal residences were set on fire. Syrian State TV's crew in Latakya, were harassed as well.

*- Up to the issuance of this report, the policies of arbitrary detentions, intimidations and various forms of harassment on media workers are still being committed against journalists and bloggers in Syria. *The Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression* is deeply concerned about such persistence of oppression, and condemns all forms of repression of freedom of speech against journalists, intellectuals and bloggers, and calls for the immediate disclosure of their fate, as well as for their release, from detention or prison. The Syrian authorities should open the door for media workers to perform their duties in Syria with guarantees for their safety, and must take immediate measures to ensure those rights.

SCM considers the detention of journalists a clear violation of Syrian constitution, specifically, article 38, which clearly guarantees citizens' right to state their opinions freely and openly, whether it takes the form of speech, written, or in any other form of expression.

Finally, SCM considers the above mentioned cases a violation to the international treaties and conventions, particularly the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article 19. These violations also contradict Security Council's resolution 1738 (December 2006) which treats journalists as civilians and calls for their protection at times of armed conflict. This resolution is adopted by several international agreements and treaties that emphasize the need to protect journalists at times of armed conflict. The resolution referred to Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, which constitutes the foundations to protect prisoners at times of war, precisely protocols 8 June 1977 article number 79, that stresses the need to protect journalists engaged in dangerous professional missions at times of armed conflict.

List of names

Name	Place of Detention	Profession	Date of Detention	Reasons for Detention	Trials	Date of Release	Notes
Saber Darwish	Damascus	Journalist	3/15/2011	Demonstrating at Al-Hamidiyyeh Souq	was not transferred to court	3/24/2011	Released by the security forces, he was whipped and tortured with "the Gernam Chair" and electricity shocks.
Mazen Darwish	Damascus	Head of Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression	3/16/2011	Interior ministry sin-in	was not transferred to court	3/16/2011	Beaten up with batons in front of the Ministry of Interior. Was released by security forces.
Kamal Sheilho	Damascus	Journalist and an activist	3/16/2011	Interior ministry sin-in	was transferred to court	5/10/2011	He was beaten up in front of the Ministry of Interior with batons. He was released but to be transferred to court. His case was included in the presidential pardon. His trial was recently postponed to 07/28/2011.

Tayyeb Tizini	Damascus	Journalist and a writer	3/16/2011	Interior ministry sin-in	was not transferred to court	3/16/2011	Released by security forces.
Nabil Shurbaji	Damascus	Journalist and blogger	3/16/2011	Interior ministry sin-in	was transferred to court	3/27/2011	He was beaten up in front of the Ministry of Interior with batons. He was released to be transferred to court. His case was included in the presidential pardon.
Nahed Badawiy e	Damascus	Journalist	3/16/2011	Interior ministry sin-in	was transferred to court	3/30/2011	He was beaten up in front of the Ministry of Interior with batons. He was released but to be transferred to court. His case was included in the presidential pardon.
Nart Abdel Kareem	Damascus	Journalist and an activist	3/16/2011	Interior ministry sin-in	was transferred to court	3/30/2011	He was beaten up in front of the Ministry of Interior with batons. He was released but to be transferred to court. His case was included in the presidential pardon.
Mohammad Dibo	Banyas	Poet, Short stories writer and journalist	3/19/2011	Protesting	was not transferred to court	4/14/2011	Kidnapped from his place at night, then was released by security forces.
Mazen Darwish	Damascus	Head of Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression	3/22/2011	Contacting and speaking to Arab news channels	was not transferred to court	3/24/2011	His second arrest. Released by Syrian military security.
Ahmad Hudaiifa	Tartous	Blogger	2/19/2011	His activism on Facebook and his support to Arab revolutions	was not transferred to court	2/24/2011	Released by Syrian military security.

Akram Abu Safi	Damascus	Journalist at Arab Broadcast Services	3/24/2011	no information was provided	was not transferred to court	4/6/2011	Jordanian national.
Subhi Naim Assal	Damascus	Journalist at ARAB Broadcast Services	3/24/2011	no information was provided	was not transferred to court	4/6/2011	Jordanian national.
Doha Hassan	Damascus	Photographer and journalist	3/27/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	was not transferred to court	4/1/2011	One of the organizers of Syrian documentary festival DOXBOX. Released by security forces. She's Palestinian national.
Zaher Omreen	Damascus	Works at the Media Department at RAWAFED	3/27/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	was not transferred to court	4/13/2011	Released by security forces.
Manav Zeitoun	Damascus	Syrian Blogger	3/25/2011	Protesting at Omayyad Mosque	was not transferred to court	3/26/2011	N/A
Feras Al-Najjar	Homs	Journalist and writer	3/25/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	was transferred to court	4/6/2011	Released but to be transferred to court then included in presidential pardon.
Ayat Bassmah	Damascus	TV producer at Reuters	3/26/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	was not transferred to court	3/28/2011	Detained while she was on her way to Lebanon.

Azzat Baltaji	Damascus	Cameraman at Reuters	3/26/2011	Questioned about his work in Syria	was not transferred to court	3/28/2012	Detained while he was on his way to Lebanon.
Doha Hassan	Damascus	Photographer and journalist	3/27/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	was not transferred to court	4/1/2011	Her second arrest. Released by Air Force Intelligence Directorate.
Zaher Omreen	Damascus	Works at the Media Department of RAWAFED	3/27/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	was not transferred to court	4/13/2011	His second arrest. Released by Air Force Intelligence Directorate
Khaled Al-Harriri	Damascus	Cameraman at Reuters	3/28/2011	Covering the protests	was not transferred to court	4/3/2011	Released by Air Force Intelligence Directorate.
Suleiman Al-Khaledi	Damascus	Reporter at Reuters	3/29/2011	Covering the protests	was not transferred to court	4/2/2011	Jordanian national.
Rima Al-Hakim	Damascus	Writer and editor at RISALATI	3/30/2011	Covering the protests	was not transferred to court	3/30/2011	Released by security forces.
Iyad Khalil	Latakya	Journalist and a member of Journalists' Union	5/1/2011	He was not detained but was assaulted by security forces	N/A	N/A	He was beaten up and humiliated by security forces according to a statement he published.

Amer Matar	Damascus	Journalist	3/30/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	was not transferred to court	4/14/2011	Released after heavily tortured by security forces.
Juan Zrer	Damascus	Cartoonist	4/1/2011	Protesting	was not transferred to court	4/4/2011	No further information about him.
Mohammad Zeid Misto	Damascus	Journalist working at Al-Arabiyya NET	4/6/2011	Covering the protests	referred to court on charges on attacking the prestige of the state	5/30/2011	Syrian-Norwegian married to an American.
Shamiram Mandil	Damascus	Journalist and Painter	4/8/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	was not transferred to court	4/14/2011	Released by security forces, she was kidnapped from the street.
Khaled Sayyed Muhannad	Damascus	Journalist at Radio France Culture	4/9/2011	Covering the protests	was not transferred to court	5/3/2011	Algerian, he spoke about being tortured by security forces upon his return to his home country.
Malak Al-Shanwani	Damascus	Women rights' advocate, activist on Facebook	4/11/2011	Protesting and taking footage of protests	was not transferred to court	4/14/2011	Detained from her work. Her PC was confiscated from her place.
Fayez Sarah	Damascus	Writer, journalist and member at Damascus Declaration	4/11/2011	Contacting and speaking to Arab news channels	was transferred to court	5/10/2011	Released but to be transferred to court then included in presidential pardon.

Dalir Yousef	Damascus	Journalist	4/15/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	was not transferred to court	5/3/2011	Disappeared suddenly from his place. He's Kurdish.
Dorothy Parvaz	Damascus	Journalist and Al-Jazeera English reporter	4/29/2011	Not clear on why she was detained.	was not transferred to court	5/18/2011	She was deported to Iran. She holds the American, Canadian and the Iranian passports.
Feras Al-Fayyad	Damascus	Filmmaker	4/30/2011	Was referred to the magistrate on charges of attempting to undermine the prestige of the state. The judge then referred him to court on charges of incitement to demonstrate. He was released on bail to be referred to court later. His case was included in the presidential pardon.	referred to penalty court in Douma (Damascus Suburbs).	5/11/2011	Was detained from a net café. He's from Idleb city.

Akram Darwish	Qamishlo	Photographer	5/3/2011	Taking footage of a protest in Qamishlo	was not transferred to court	5/7/2011	Was released by security forces.
Jihad Jamal known as "Milan"	Aleppo	Journalist and a blogger	5/5/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	was not transferred to court	6/4/2011	Detained from MILANO café in Aleppo.
Malak Al-Shanwani	Damascus	Women rights' advocate, activist on Facebook. Writes at LADEENY ON	9/5/2011	Protesting in Arnous neighborhood	was transferred to court	5/15/2011	Her second arrest. She was released but to be transferred to court then was included in the presidential pardon.
Omar Brik	Damascus	Journalist	5/11/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	was not transferred to court	5/16/2011	He was summoned by security forces then detained after going to the security branch.
Abdel Hamid Tawfeek	Damascus	Head of Al-Jazeera channel office in Damascus	5/7/2011	He was not detained but resigned from his post due to pressures.	N/A	N/A	He resigned from his post due to pressure as he explained. He was summoned several times by security forces. He was also summoned by the ministry of information.
Ghassan So'oud	Damascus	Journalist. He writes for the Lebanese Al-Akhbar and for Kuwaiti Al-Qabas	5/6/2011	covering the protests	was not transferred to court	5/6/2011	He was detained near the Umayyad Mosque. He was badly beaten by security forces on the way to the security branch for investigation. He was beaten up then the agents put a black bag on his head and insulted him. They did not check the press card he carried at the time.

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Ghadi Francis	Damascus	Lebanese Journalist	5/7/2011	covering the protests	was not transferred to court	She was detained for few days.	Former reporter for the Lebanese newspaper Assafir.
Ra'fat Al-Rifa'e	Aleppo	Journalist	5/14/2011	Covering the protests	was not transferred to court	6/2/2011	Works at "Shu Al-Akhbar" website.
Mousa Al-Khatib	Aleppo	Journalist	5/14/2011	covering the protests	was not transferred to court	5/20/2011	Works at "Shu Al-Akhbar" website.
Lina Sinjab	Damascus	Works at BBC Arabic in Damascus	Was not detained, summoned for investigation	N/A	N/A	N/A	Summoned by security forces twice, she requested her information to remain private.
Omar Al-Assad	Damascus	Journalist and an activist	7/3/2011	Protesting	was not transferred to court	7/16/2011	Kidnapped from the street.
Ammar Dayoub	Damascus	Journalist and activist	5/9/2011	Protesting in Arnous neighborhood	was transferred to court	5/15/2011	Released but to be transferred to court then included in presidential pardon.

Abdel Majid Tamr	Qamishlo	Journalist	5/31/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	Still missing	N/A	His disappearance continues after political security directorate detained him.
Anas Maarawi	Damascus	blogger - tweep	7/1/2011	Protesting	was not transferred to court	8/28/2001	A prominent Syrian blogger and a co-founder of Ardroid website.
Mohammad Mubarak Ibrahim	Damascus	Writer and blogger	3/22/2011	Protesting	was not transferred to court	3/25/2011	Released by security forces.
Iyad Shurbaji	Damascus	Journalist	7/13/2011	Protesting	was transferred to court	7/16/2011	Beaten up in at the demonstration and at jail. Judge Oked his release. He was referred to penalty court and charged with "unauthorized demonstrations" and "rioting" No. 335-336 of the Syrian Penal Code.
Ali Al-Abdalla	Damascus Suburbs	Journalist and writer	7/17/2011	His place was stormed by security forces who were looking for his son, he was detained instead of his missing son.	was not transferred to court	7/20/2011	He was detained after security forces stormed his place. His health was in critical condition after having a heart surgery three weeks prior to his detention.
Mohammad Najati Tayyara	Homs	Writer and human rights activist	5/12/2011	Contacting and speaking to Arab news channels	N/A	Still missing	Detained at a checkpoint. The judge OKed his release but was rearrested by security forces at the jail's entrance then was taken to Air Security Directorate and was charged with: unauthorized demonstrations - Article 335 of the Syrian Penal Code. Publication of false news - Article 285 of the Syrian Penal Code.

							Inciting religious and racial divisions - Article 307 of the Syrian Penal Code.
Mahmoud Assem Al-Mohammad	Qamishlo	Journalist	5/31/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	Still missing	N/A	His disappearance continues after political security directorate detained him.
Mohammad Iyad Batal	Aleppo	Blogger	9/8/2011	reasons not clear on why he was detained	was not transferred to court	10/8/2011	No further information about him.
Nizar Adleh	Hama	Journalist and activist	9/14/2011	reasons not clear on why he was detained	was not transferred to court	9/18/2011	No further information about him.
Hassan Abdel Azeem	Damascus	Lawyer	4/30/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	was not transferred to court	5/10/2011	General secretary of the Syrian opposition party The Socialist Union.
Hazem Nahar	Damascus	Researcher in political science and human rights issues	4/29/2011	Protesting and covering the protests	was not transferred to court	5/10/2011	Was released by security forces.
Rami Suleiman Iqbal	Daraa	citizen	3/20/2011	Speaking to BBC on the current situation in Daraa	was not transferred to court	3/24/2011	His home was stormed by security forces in Dael (Daraa).

Louay Hussein	Latakya	Writer and a publisher	3/22/2011	Speaking to Arab media channels	was not transferred to court	3/24/2011	He was released by security forces.
Mohammad Awad Al-Ammar	Daraa	Researcher and an advocate for non-violence	4/26/2011	Protesting	was transferred to court	6/2/2011	He was released to be tried then included in the presidential pardon.
Abdall Al-Khalil	Raqqa	activist and lawyer	5/1/2011	Speaking to Arab media channels	was transferred to court	5/30/2011	He was released to be tried then included in the presidential pardon.
Nidal Hassan	Damascus	Journalist and filmmaker	7/13/2011	Protesting in Midan neighborhood	was transferred to court	7/16/2011	Beaten up in at the demonstration. Judge Oked his release. He was referred to penalty court and charged with "unauthorized demonstrations" and "rioting" No. 335-336 of the Syrian Penal Code.
Muzafar Salman	Damascus	Head of photography department at Al-Watan Newspaper	7/13/2011	Protesting in Midan neighborhood	was transferred to court	7/16/2011	Beaten up in at the demonstration and at jail. Judge Oked his release. He was referred to penalty court and charged with "unauthorized demonstrations" and "rioting" No. 335-336 of the Syrian Penal Code.
Dana Bakdoones	Damascus	Blogger	7/13/2011	Protesting in Midan neighborhood	was transferred to court	7/16/2011	Beaten up in at the demonstration and at jail. Judge Oked his release. He was referred to penalty court and charged with "unauthorized demonstrations" and "rioting" No. 335-336 of the Syrian Penal Code.
Guevara Nemer	Damascus	Blogger and photographer	7/13/2011	Protesting in Midan neighborhood	was transferred to court	7/16/2011	Beaten up in at the demonstration and at jail. Judge Oked his release. He was referred to penalty court and charged with "unauthorized demonstrations" and "rioting" No. 335-336 of the Syrian Penal Code.

Omar Kosh	Damascus	Writer and researcher	5/2/2011	Attending a conference in Turkey	was not transferred to court	6/8/2011	Detained at Damascus International Airport, he was coming home from Turkey.
Jihad Nasra	Latakya	Writer and researcher	6/12/2011	Writing articles critical of the regime	was not transferred to court	6/12/2011	Released by the security branch that detained him.
Kamal Sheilho	Damascus	Journalist and an activist	5/20/2011	Protesting in Ruken Al-Din neighborhood	was not transferred to court	5/22/2011	His second arrest. Very badly beaten at a demonstration then was released by security forces.
Khaldoun Al-Batal	Damascus	Photographer and Graphic Designer	7/20/2011	Protesting at Al-Qemariyya souq	was transferred to court	7/30/2011	He was referred to penalty court and charged with "unauthorized demonstrations" and "rioting" No. 335-336 of the Syrian Penal Code
Kamal Sheilho	Damascus	Journalist and an activist	7/22/2011	Protesting in Midan neighborhood	was not transferred to court	7/23/2011	He was detained in Midan neighborhood in Damascus city at 12:00 PM, then was taken to Falastin security branch. He was released in the following day at 12:00 PM.
Mohammad Jamal Al-Tahhan	Aleppo	Journalist	7/20/2011	Not clear on why she was detained.	N/A	Still missing	Holds a PhD in Philosophy. A member of the Journalists' Union, also member of the Arab Writers Union and a writer in TISHREEN newspaper, Aleppo branch.
Assem Hamsho	Damascus	Bloggerr, activist who has been documenting the protests and protesters' detentions	8/4/2011	Charged with: 1 - establishment of an association that aims to change the state's	was transferred to court	He is currently on trial	He was kidnapped from a cafe in Jaramanah (Damascus Suburbs) by security forces directorate.

				economic and social structures, article 306 2 - weakening the national feeling and inciting racial and religious hatred, article 285 3 - spreading false news that weaken the morale of the nation, article 286 4 - holding private meetings, demonstrating and rioting and finally, charged with incitement to demonstrate and to riot, Article 335, Article 336, Article 216			
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Iba' Monzer	Damascus	Journalist at Baladna Newspaper	8/4/2011	was not transferred to court	was not transferred to court	8/8/2011	She was kidnapped from a café in Jaramanah (Damascus Suburbs) by security forces directorate.
Jihad Jamal known as "Milan"	Damascus	Blogger and an activist	8/4/2011	Protesting at Shalan souq	information not provided	10/2/2007	His second arrest. He was detained from a march entitled "Peaceful as Violet Flower," he was beaten at the march that took place in Sha'lan souq.
Fadi Zaidan	Damascus	Blogger and an activist documenting protesters' detentions and covering uprising news	8/4/2011	Protesting in Shalan souq	was not transferred to court	8/6/2011	He was detained from a march entitled "Peaceful as Violet Flower," he was beaten at the march that took place in Sha'lan souq.
Maryam Haddad	Damascus	Journalist at MUQARABAT magazine and a fashion designer for soap series	8/11/2011	Not clear on why she was detained.	was not transferred to court	8/23/2011	Kidnapped from HAVANA café in Damascus at 3 PM.
Hussein Issa	Hasaka	Writer	7/26/2011	no charges have been filed against him	was not transferred to court	7/26/2011	released after few hours of his detention by security forces directorate
Sami Al-Halabi	Sueida	Journalist	8/11/2011	Covering the protests	was not transferred to court	8/17/2011	Detained by security forces along with several activists after they were severely beaten up.

Tarek Said Balsha	Latakya	Photographer	8/19/2011	Taking footage of current events in Latakya and Palestinian Ramla	Still missing	Still missing	Married, and a father of two children (6 year-old and a one year-old) who was taking footage of security forces' storm of Latakya city. He also spoke to several satellite channels as an eye witness under the alias of "Abu Ahmad".
Mohammad Sami Kayyal	Damascus	Journalist	8/20/2011	covering the protests as well as protesting	was transferred to court and now being charged with "unauthorized demonstration"	29/82011	No further information about him.
Mania Al-Ondari	Al-Sueida	Journalist and writer	8/22/2011	Protesting in Sueida	was not transferred to court	8/22/2011	Writer at Al-Thara magazine that specializes in women and children issues.
Abdel Majid Rashed Al-Rahmoun	Hama	Journalist	8/23/2011	protesting	Still missing	Still missing	no further information about him.
Amer Abdel Salam	Damascus	Journalist	8/30/2011	covering the protests	was not transferred to court	9/19/2011	Was detained by security forces in Al-Halbouni street in Damascus.

Amer Matar	Damascus	Journalist and activist	9/4/2011	covering the protests	Still missing	currently on trial	He was detained after Military Security stormed his home at 2 AM.
Olwan Zuaitar	Al-Raqqa	Freelance journalist and writer, former editor of Al-Binaa newspaper	3/16/2011	He was charged with communicating with opposition figures. Criminal Court in Aleppo sentenced him to five years in prison, later lowered to thirteen months. Finally charged with insurrection in Syria.	Was referred to court	detained in prison.	Returned to Syria from Libya on 10.3.2011. He was summoned in 03/13/2011 then detained in 03/16/2011 by the Air Forces Intelligence. He filed several requests asking for his release, he hasn't received any answer to this date. He is now detained in prison of the central province of Raqqa .
Bilal Ahmad Bilal	Damascus suburbs	Faculty of Media graduate, former director of "Palestine Today" channel	9/13/2011	no reason is provided for his detention	Still missing	Still missing	Arrested by the Military Recruitment Command. He was checking his passport with them and as they were reviewing the lists of the wanted, his name showed up and called Air Intelligence. He was beaten at the recruitment division. Married and has two sons.

Malak Al-Shanwani	Damascus	Women rights' advocate, activist on Facebook. Writes at LADEENYON	9/22/2011	Charged with: 1 - establishment of an association that aims to change the state's economic and social structures, article 306 2 - weakening the national feeling and inciting racial and religious hatred, article 285 3 - spreading false news that weaken the morale of the nation, article 286 4 - holding private meetings, demonstrating and rioting and finally, charged with	was transferred to court	she's currently on trial	Detained in Damascus, this is her third arrest.
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				incitement to demonstrate and riot, Article 335, Article 336, Article 216			
Yasser Khayyat	Damascus	Blogger, head of Damascus University Forum	5/11/2011	no information was provided	was not transferred to court	6/2/2011	Detained from his work at "Ein Tirma" at 4 PM.
Zuhair Al-Mash'am	Der Ezzor	Member of the Board of the National Committee Of Communist' Unity and the correspondent of Kassiou newspaper	10/8/2011	Writing about has been happening in Der Ezzor for Qasioun e-newspaper	was not transferred to court	7/10/2011	No further information about him.
Adel Walid Kharsah	Hama	Reporter	17/08/2011	covering the protests in Daraa	Still missing	Still detained.	No further information about him.
Shamiram Mandil	Damascus	Journalist and a painter	18/05/2011	no information was provided	was transferred to court	31/05/2011	No further information about her.

Rudi Othman	Damascus	Blogger, activist, was documenting the protests and protesters' detentions	5/27/2011	covering the protests	was transferred to court	29/05/2011	No further information about him in this case.
Hanadi Zalhout	Damascus	Journalist	8/4/2011	Charged with: 1 - establishment of an association that aims to change the state's economic and social structures, article 306 2 - weakening the national feeling and inciting racial and religious hatred, article 285 3 - spreading false news that weaken the morale of the nation, article 286 4 - holding	was transferred to court	on trial	was kidnapped from a cafe Jaramanah (Damascus Suburbs) by security forces directorate.

				private meetings, demonstrating and rioting and finally, charged with incitement to demonstrate and to riot, Article 335, Article 336, Article 216			
Omar Al-Assad	Damascus	Journalist	8/4/2011	Charged with: 1 - establishment of an association that aims to change the state's economic and social structures, article 306 2 - weakening the national feeling and inciting racial and religious hatred, article 285 3 - spreading	was transferred to court	on trial	was kidnapped from a cafe Jaramanah (Damascus Suburbs) by security forces directorate.

				<p>false news that weaken the morale of the nation, article 286</p> <p>4 - holding private meetings, demonstrating and rioting and finally, charged with incitement to demonstrate and to riot, Article 335, Article 336, Article 216</p>			
Rudi Othman	Damascus	Blogger, activist, was documenting the protests and protesters' detentions	8/4/2011	<p>Charged with:</p> <p>1 - establishment of an association that aims to change the state's economic and social structures, article 306</p> <p>2 - weakening the national</p>	was transferred to court	on trial	He was kidnapped from a cafe Jaramanah (Damascus Suburbs) by security forces directorate.

				feeling and inciting racial and religious hatred, article 285 3 - spreading false news that weaken the morale of the nation, article 286 4 - holding private meetings, demonstrating and rioting and finally, charged with incitement to demonstrate and to riot, Article 335, Article 336, Article 216			
Sean McAllister	Damascus	Filmmaker works for the BCC	14/10/2011	no information provided	was not transferred to court	19/10/2011	British, was kidnapped from the street.
Ihsan Taleb	Damascus	Writer and activist	16/10/2011	no information was provided	Still missing	Still missing	Detained from Mazzah (Damascus) in an ambush, a caller called him from his friend's mobile to meet up, his friend, the owner of the cellphone, was detained at the same day.

Hussein Isso	Al-Hasaka	Writer	3/9/2011	no information was provided	Still missing	Still missing	Syrian Air Intelligence stormed his place and detained him.
Maan Akel	Damascus	Journalist at Al-Thawra newspaper	24/3/2011	covering the protests in Daraa	was not transferred to court	24/3/2011	No further information about him.
Wassim Hassan	Damascus	Blogger	13/4/2011	no information was provided	was not transferred to court	15/4/2011	He works as a programmer for websites
Hussein Ghrer	Damascus	Blogger	24/10/2011	reasons not clear on why he was detained	Still missing	Still missing	No further information about him.
Jehad Jamal (Milan)	Damascus	Blogger	10/14/2011	reasons not clear on why he was detained	Still missing	Still missing	Disappearance.
Wael Youssef Abaza	Damascus	Journalist	10/25/2011	no information was provided	Still missing	Still missing	Disappearance. His family has formally notified the authorities of his disappearance.
Lina Ibrahim	Damascus	Journalist	10/25/2011	no further information was provided	Still missing	Still missing	Disappearance. Her family has formally notified the authorities of her disappearance.
Rafa' Al-Masri	Damascus	Blogger and works at the media department	10/24/2011	no information was provided	was not transferred to court	10/29/2011	no further information was provided

		in QALAMON University					
Homam Haddad	Damascus	Journalist at BALADNA newspaper	was fired from work, was not detained	N/A	N/A	N/A	no further information was provided
Fouad Abdel Aziz	Daraa	Reporter at SANA	8/30/2011	no further information was provided	was not transferred to court	2/9/2011	no further information was provided
Mohammad Al-Oued	Daraa	Al-Watan newspaper correspondent	8/30/2011	no information was provided	was not transferred to court	2/9/2011	no further information was provided
Mustafa Said	Damascus	Writer	4/2/2011	His activism on Facebook	was not transferred to court	4/2/2011	His home was stormed by security forces and was beaten up.
Bassel Al-Mane'	Damascus	Sham Times	7/4/2011	Protesting as well as his activism online	was transferred to court	11/1/2011	Referred to the military court on 9/10/2011. The judge canceled his trial for the lack of evidence and referred him to the magistrate court in Damascus to be tried on charges of spreading false news and unauthorized demonstrations. The third judge OKed his release on 3000 Syrian Liras bail.
Khale Yakoub Oues	Damascus	Head of Reuters bureau in Damascus	3/25/2011	Covering events in Daraa	was not transferred to court	3/25/2011	Had his press credentials revoked by Syrian authorities after an official in the ministry of information said that Khaled Oues's coverage of current events in Syria is "false" and "unprofessional".

Samira Al-Masalma	Damascus	Chief editor of Tishreen newspaper	4/8/2011	Over speaking to Al-Jazeera on events in Daraa	was not transferred to court	4/8/2011	Al-Jazeera interview overthrew her from her position as the chief editor at Tishreen newspaper.
George Baghdadi	Damascus	Deutsche Welle reporter	4/1/2011	Detained on the line of duty - while covering the events in Syria	was not transferred to court	4/3/2011	He denied that he had been intentionally detained, he said that he was detained with a group of activists and was released after security service recognized his press ID as a correspondent for a news agency.
Jony Abo	Damascus	France 24 reporter	threatened and subjected to defamatory	was detainee on the line of duty - while covering the events in Daraa	was not transferred to court	threatened and subjected to defamatory	Subjected to defamatory by Al-Dunia TV and was threatened to be detained
Khalil Hamlo	Damascus	He works with the "United Press International", editor in chief of "Today's News", also works with the state's owned newspaper "Tishreen".	5/24/2011	was detained on the line of duty - while covering the events in Syria	was not transferred to court	5/26/2011	He denied that he had been intentionally detained, he said that he was detained with a group of activists and was released after security service recognized his press ID as a correspondent for a news agency.

Khalil Hamlo	Damascus	He works with the "United Press International", editor in chief of "Today's News ",also works with the state's owned newspaper "Tishereen".	3/10/2011	was detained on the line of duty - while covering the events in Syria	was not transferred to court	3/12/2011	no further information was provided
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