

The Assad Government Documents: Preserving the Path to Justice

For over a decade, SJAC has collected documentation of the Syrian conflict to facilitate transitional justice and accountability efforts. After the fall of Bashar al-Assad, SJAC preserved and digitized over 700,000 government documents from prisons and military and intelligence facilities in and around Damascus, Raqqa, Hassakeh, and Qamishli. Over the coming years, the team hopes to analyze this trove of documents within SJAC's Bayanat database, ensuring that they can be used for justice and accountability processes, and making them publicly available to the Syrian people.

The following report features a selection of the documents in SJAC's collection, providing a preview of the type of evidence they contain and how they could support future justice processes.

Assad Government Documents Collected by SJAC



Support for Missing Persons Investigations

SJAC's collection includes extensive records on government detainees, many of whose fates and whereabouts are still unknown. The first three documents, retrieved from two separate locations, reference a detainee named Abu [full name redacted], who was detained by Air Force Intelligence and subsequently died at Mezzeh Military Airport seven years later. By linking together different documents on the same detainee, SJAC's analysts can track the fates of missing persons, helping to provide information to individual families, while also understanding patterns of government detention that can support broader investigations. Subsequent documents include lists of names of detainees who allegedly died in detention, which could be shared with their loved ones, as well as information on government policies regarding the disposal of human remains.

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Syrian Arab Republic
Army and Military Forces
Air Forces and Air Defence Command
Air Force Intelligence Directorate
Special Missions Branch
No.: 9518

Date: June 21, 2012

Mr. Major General:

We received information from one of our sources in Al-Hejeira area regarding instigation of demonstrations by Abu [full name redacted] along with his son [name redacted], noting that Abu [full name redacted] has a Russian rifle from the Party Division. He was assisted in burning the tires by [redacted information] and [they] live in Itha'a neighborhood close to Sbeineh Intersection.

-Also presenting: that the [afore]mentioned [people] meet on Thursday at night with [a person] called [redacted name] who arms the group and goes out at 12AM.

The opinion of the Branch Head: Mr. Major General[,]

I[would] consider [propose]: Referring the information to the Intelligence Directorate so that it deals/addresses [the issue].

Please approve

[Illegible day, month could be June] 2012

[Signature]

The decision of his excellency, the major general, Directorate Head:

[Handwritten] I approve the opinion/[proposal]

June 22, [2]012

[Signature]

[Handwritten] Immediate: Referring to the Intelligence Directorate

June 22, 2012

الجمهورية العربية السورية
الجيش والقوات المسلحة
قوة القوات الجوية والدفاع الجوي
إدارة المخابرات الجوية
فرع المخابرات العامة
الرقم: ١٩٥١٨ /
التاريخ: ٢٠١٢ / ١٢ / ٢٠

سيدي اللواء:

وردتنا معلومات من أحد مصادرنا في منطقة الدجيرة عن قيام [] أبو [] مع
ابنه [] بالتخريب على المظاهرات علماً أن [] لديه رودة روسية من شعبة الحزب
وساعده في حرق التواليف كلاً من []

ويقطنون في هي الإذاعة جانب طريق السبينة .

- مع العرض : بأن المذكورين يجتمعون يوم الخميس ليلاً مع المدعو [] حيث
يقوم بتسلح المجموعة والخروج من الساعة الثالثة عشرة ليلاً .

رأي رئيس الفرع : سيدي اللواء:

أرى : إحالة المعلومات إلى شعبة استخبارات للمعالجة من قبلهم .

بسموحي الإقرار
[]

لقرار: سيادة اللواء مدير الإدارة :

موافق []

Document #1 - Correspondence on Abu 1

Photographed by SJAC in Mezzeh Military Airport - December 2024

This document contains correspondence from the head of the Air Force Intelligence Special Missions Branch to the head of Air Force Intelligence Directorate. Dated 21 June 2012. Abu is accused of instigating demonstrations. The Branch Head requests that Abu's case be referred to the Intelligence Directorate. The document includes identifying information about Abu (including his full name, son's name, and approximate address), which could help investigators confirm his identity with his family.

مدير: إدارته في شعبة استخبارات
٢٠١٢ / ١٢ / ٢٠

Syrian Arab Republic
 Army and Military Forces
 Air Forces and Air Defence Command
 Air Force Intelligence Directorate

No.: 105072

Date: - / - / 1433 Hijri

Corresponds to: June 25, 2012

To the Intelligence Directorate

We have information regarding instigation of demonstrations by **Abu [name redacted]**, along with his son [name redacted]. The [afore]mentioned possesses a Russian rifle handed to him by the Party Division. Among those participating in troublemaking and demonstrations in the area are: [Redacted name] (son of **Abu's** sister) - [Redacted name] - [Redacted name] (has a stand for selling cigarettes) - [Redacted name] (works in a barbershop) - [Redacted name] - [Redacted name] - [Redacted name] and his brother Khaled (their mother [is called] [Redacted name] and live in Itha'a neighborhood close to Sbeineh Intersection).

Please be informed and address [the issue]

Air Force Intelligence Directorate Head

[Stamp reads: General Command of [Army and] Military [Forces].

A. F. C. [the acronym likely refers to "Air Forces Command"]. Air Force Intelligence Directorate]

[Signature]

[Handwritten] Immediate: Follow-up Office

June 29, 2012

[Note: in this picture, it seems that another document was placed underneath the document in question. The below document shows the following sentence: "[Handwritten] Immediate: Referring to the Intelligence Directorate June 22, 2012." However, it seems that this is not part of the document in question.]

الجمهورية العربية السورية
الجيش والقوات المسلحة
قيادة القوى الجوية والدفاع الجوي
إدارة المخابرات الجوية

الرقم : ١٨٠٥٠٧٩ /
التاريخ : ١٤٣٣ / ١ / هـ
الموافق : ٢٠١٢ / ٦ / ٢٥ م

إلى شعبة المخابرات

توفرت لدينا معلومات عن قيام [] الحجرية الملقب أبو [] وولده المدعو [] بالتحريض على
التظاهرات ويملك المذكور بندقية روسية مُسلّمة له من شعبة الحزب وقد عرف من المشاركين في إثارة الشغب
والتظاهر في المنطقة كلاً من : [] (ابن شقيقة [] المذكور) -
[] (يملك بسطة لبيع الدخان) - [] (يعمل في صالون حلاقة) -
[] - [] - [] وشقيقه خالد (والدقما [] ويسكنان
في حي الإذاعة جانب مفرق السبينة).

يرجى الإطلاع والمعالجة

مدير إدارة المخابرات الجوية



مزيك : ديو كذا ماضي
حبيب

Document #2 - Correspondence on Abu 2

Photographed by SJAC in Mezzeh Military Airport - December 2024

Four days later, on 25 June 2012, the head of the Air Force Intelligence Directorate corresponded with the Shu'abat al-Mukhabarat (likely the Military Intelligence Directorate), copying the reports in document #1. This correspondence references Abu and asks that "the issue" be dealt with. This is likely a request to arrest Abu. Again, the document provides in depth identifying information on Abu; it also provides important evidence as to the likely entity that arrested Abu.

Syrian Arab Republic
 Army and Military Forces General Command
 Military Police - Investigation and Prisons Branch
 No. 5652

Date: - / - / 1440 Hijri

Corresponds to: May 13, 2019

To: Military Police Branch in Damascus

-Ensuing our letter no. 5640 dated on May 12, 2019

Linking the letter of the General Intelligence Directorate - Branch 285 no. 11318 dated on May 12, 2019 regarding the deceased detainee, [Abu's full name], which included refusal of handing the family of the addressed his corpse and burying it in an identified location.

To conduct necessary [actions]

A copy to the first military field court: Referring to your letter no. 7284 dated on May 12, 2019.

Please be informed and address [the issue]

- A copy to the Medical Services Administration [initials in Arabic meaning "via"] Military Criminal Investigation Branch:

Please annul the content of our letter no. 5573 dated on May 10, 2019 regarding the series 19147.

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On May 13, 2019

Major general [redacted name]

Military Police Head

[Signature]

The document's originator: Prisons Department

The document's copy editor: First lieutenant [redacted name]

Computer employee: First lieutenant [redacted name]

Number of copies (5)

[Handwritten] Immediate: Referring to the Intelligence Directorate

June 22, 2012

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الجمهورية العربية السورية
القيادة العامة للجيش والقوات المسلحة
الشرطة العسكرية - فرع التحقيق والسجون

الرقم / ٥٦٥٢ /
التاريخ ١٤٤٠ / / هـ
الموافق ١٣ / ٥ / ٢٠١٩ م

سرية للغاية
سجون

إلى : فرع الشرطة العسكرية بدمشق

- لاحقاً لكتابنا رقم ٥٦٤٠ تاريخ ٢٠١٩/٥/١٢

ربطاً بكتاب ادارة المخابرات العامة - الفرع ٢٨٥ رقم ١١٣١٨ تاريخ ٢٠١٩/٥/١٢ م

المتعلق بالموقوف المتوفي م [REDACTED] والمتضمن عدم الموافقة على تسليم

جثة المخاطب لذويها ودفنها بمكان معلوم .

لإجراء اللازم

نسخة الى محكمة الميدان العسكرية الاولى : اشارة لكتابكم رقم ٧٢٨٤ تاريخ ٢٠١٩/٥/١٢

يرجى الاطلاع واخذ العلم

- نسخة الى ادارة الخدمات الطبية ع/ط فرع المباحث الجنائية العسكرية :

يرجى الغاء مضمون كتابنا رقم ٥٥٧٣ تاريخ ٢٠١٩/٥/١٠ بالنسبة للمسلسل ١٩١٤٧

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Document #3 - Death of Abu

Photographed by SJAC in Qabun Military Police Headquarters - December 2024:

Issued seven years later and dated 13 May 2019, this correspondence is from the head of Military Police (Investigation and Prisons Branch) to the head of Damascus Military Police regarding Abu's death. This document could be shared with the family to provide information on the alleged death of Abu and his likely date of death. Using the date of death and entities involved, investigators can also begin to hypothesize where Abu's body may have been buried.

[No.]	Detainee's number and name	Folder name	Date of death	Cause of death	Interrogator's name	Notes	Correspondence number
2[1]			Nov. 15, 2015	[Initial consists of three letters, but the meaning is unknown]	[Redacted]	Died in Hospital	
22			-	Septic shock	//	//	
23			-	[Initial consists of three letters, but the meaning is unknown]	//	//	
24			-	//	//	//	
25			-	Septic shock	//	//	
26			-	//	//	//	
27			-	//	//	//	
28			-	[Initial consists of three letters, but the meaning is unknown]	//	//	
29			-	Septic shock	//	//	
30			-	//	//	//	
31			Nov. 16, 2015	//	//	//	
32			-	//	//	//	
33			-	[Initial consists of three letters, but the meaning is unknown]	//	//	
34			-	Septic shock	//	//	
35			-	[Initial consists of three letters, but the meaning is unknown]	//	//	
36			-	Septic shock	//	//	
37			-	[Initial consists of three letters, but the meaning is unknown]	//	//	
38			-	//	//	//	
39			<u>Nov. 17, 2015</u>	//	//	//	
40			Nov. 17, 2015	//	//	//	
41			Nov. 19, 2015	Septic shock	//	//	
42			-	[Initial consists of three letters, but the meaning is unknown]	//	//	
43			-	//	//	//	
44			-	//	//	//	
45			-	//	//	//	
46			-	Septic shock	//	//	
47			-	//	//	//	
48			-	Respiratory insufficiency caused by tuberculous	//	//	
49			-	//	//	//	
50			Nov. 20, 2015	[Initial consists of three letters, but the meaning is unknown]	//	//	
51			-	//	//	//	
52			-	Respiratory insufficiency caused by tuberculous	//	//	
53			-	[Initial consists of three letters, but the meaning is unknown]	//	//	
54			-	Septic shock	//	//	

رقم الدخول	رقم السجل	تاريخ الوفاة	سبب الوفاة	الاسم الحقيقي	ملاحظات	الرقم
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Document #4 -List of Deceased Detainees

Photographed by SJAC in Qabun Military Police Headquarters December 2024

This log was produced by the Military Police – Military Criminal Investigations Detachment of Tishreen Military Hospital and records the names and ID numbers of 25 allegedly deceased detainees. The report alleges these detainees died at Tishreen Military Hospital as a result of various natural causes, however, SJAC believes they likely died in prison. All 25 detainees died within the same five days in November 2015 and this document is one page of a larger volume which records 467 detainee deaths in the final two months of 2015 alone.

These records could be used to inform families of their loved ones alleged death in detention. However, the lack of identifying information beyond first and last name and ID number may make it difficult to confirm each individual's identity.

Syrian Arab Republic

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Army and Military Forces

Air Forces and Air Defence [Co]mmand

Air Force Intelligence [Di]rectorate – Investigation Branch

No. 6/ 4869

Date: December 23, 2012

- Information Branch
- Air Force Security Branch
- Air Force Intelligence – Southern Region
- Air Force Intelligence – Central Region
- Air Force Intelligence – Northern Region
- Air Force Intelligence – Eastern Region
- Special Missions Branch
- Air Force Section – Coastal Region

-Based on the decision of Mr Major General, Directorate Head – in accordance with National Security Bureau's letter no. 7/3219 dated on December 3, 2012 regarding the killed among the terrorists and the dead among the detainees – as well as the judge, / to be distributed to all branches and departments of the Directorate – Investigation Branch in order to be informed and comply with the content. /

-Please be informed, conduct necessary actions, and provide us with the actions taken by you regarding the killed terrorists and the detainees who die [in your custody].

The [legal expert] Brigadier General, Abdessalam Mahmoud

Investigation Branch Head

[Signature]

[Stamp reads: illegible but probably: "General Command of Army and Military Forces"]

[Stamp reads: "A. F. C." [the acronym likely refers to "Air Forces Command"]. "Air Force Intelligence Directorate – Investigation Branch"]

[Handwritten] Immediate: Council to arrange a response that the Investigation Branch is informed directly [of] the detainees [in our custody] and the daily situation. When any detainee or terrorist dies, he is referred to the Investigation Branch after the cause of death is documented by the unit's doctor. In case of death or killing of terrorists, Mr. Director of the Directorate would be informed, their names would be documented with referral to the Administrative Branch. When the corpses of the killed are brought to the Branch, they [i.e. the corpses] would be handed over to the military hospitals [initials in Arabic meaning "via"] the unit's doctor and Mr Major General, the Directorate Head, would be informed. etc...

December 24, 2012

Photographed by SJAC in Al-Mezzeh Military Airport, December 2024

قسم المخابرات الجوية بالمنطقة الساحلية

العميد الحقوقي عبد السلام محمود
رئيس فرع التحقيق

نوري: ديوان تنظيم الرد بان الموقوفين لغيرهم المعلوم في الحقيقة عبارة
الموقف يوم واحد وفاة أي موقوف أو إرهابي يتم إجماعه الفرع الحقيقي
بعد أن يوثق طبيب الوحدة سبب الوفاة وفي حال وفاة أو قتل إرهابي
يتم المعلوم السيد مدير الإدارة وتوثق أسماءهم بإجماعه إلى الفرع الإداري
وعند جلب جثث المقتولين إلى الفرع يتم تسليمهم إلى المشافي العسكرية في رط طبيب
الوحدة ويعلم سيادة اللواء مدير الإدارة الخ

Support for Criminal Trials and Institutional Reform

Many of the documents in SJAC's collection record incidents of criminal acts and often include the names of those committing the acts, or their bosses, who could also bear criminal responsibility. These documents could support individual criminal cases, as well as broader truth telling processes and subsequent institutional reform.

Syrian Arab Republic
Army and Military Forces
Air Forces and Air Defence Command
Air Force Intelligence Directorate
Number: /
Date: -/-/1434 H [Hijri calendar]
Corresponding: -/-/2013 M [Gregorian calendar]

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Top Secret – Immediate
[Handwritten] A copy for Major Ali
Mohammad to review and confirm
the information with evidence and
clues in order to send a letter with
the mentioned charges.
October 24, 2013

Mr. Major General, Head of National Security Bureau

On October 14, 2013, the citizen [redacted name], whose mother is [redacted name], born in Damascus [redacted information], a resident of Babbila, filed a complaint that he was detained for four days by the National Defence Forces in Jaramana on October 8, 2013 for extortion. During his detention in the headquarters' prison, he met the detainee - [redacted name], whose mother is [redacted name], Born in Idleb [redacted information], works as a vendor of second-hand items in Jaramana and lives there - charged with counterfeiting ID cards. At that time, the person called [redacted name] nicknamed [redacted name], from the headquarters' staff and in charge of the prison, negotiated with the mentioned [person] for a sum of money that amounted to 200,000 Syrian Pounds in exchange for his release. When the headquarters' security officer, [redacted name], arrived, he told the detainee that he had to please [i.e. bribe] the prison head, [redacted name]. Eventually, it was agreed on a sum of money that amounted to 150,000 Syrian Pounds and the detainee's wife, [redacted name], whose mother is [redacted name], Born in Suweyda [redacted information], was called to secure the mentioned sum [of money], hoping for the release of her husband. The mentioned [wife] together with her husband's brother, [redacted name], sold the furniture of the house where they live for 70,000 Syrian Pounds and sold her gold asset in order to secure the sum [of money]. Afterwards, the mentioned [wife] took the sum [of money] to the National Defense [Forces] Headquarters and gave it to the person called [redacted name] at the behest of the headquarters' security officer, [redacted name]. Nevertheless, her husband was transferred to a location she does not know. She still does not know anything regarding her husband and is willing to come forward to explain the circumstances around the issue, noting that the National Defence Forces threatened her and her husband's brother in case they say anything. Moreover, her husband was detained previously by [redacted name] and a sum that amounted to 80,000 Syrian Pounds was taken [from him] in exchange for his release.

The source adds that he witnessed in prison a 24-year-old woman from Darayya who has been detained since October 1, 2013 and she does not know the reason for her detention. Moreover, the National Defence Forces have sex with her inside the headquarters and with the knowledge of the security officer and the prison head, [redacted name]. She has not been released to date.

In prison, there is one [member] of the National Defence Forces in Sayyeda Zeynab, from the group of the person called [redacted name], and [the detainee] is called [redacted name], who has been detained since the beginning of the month, and they are demanding a sum of money that amounts to 40,000 Syrian Pounds in order to release him.

[Handwritten] Henceforth, any accusation of any party has to be associated with evidence and documentation [by us].

سري للغاية - قوري

الجمهورية العربية السورية
الجيش والقوات المسلحة
قيادة القوى الجوية والدفاع الجوي
إدارة المخابرات الجوية

الرقم : /
التاريخ : ١٤٣٤ هـ /
الموافق : ٢٠١٣ م /

السيد اللواء رئيس مكتب الأمن الوطني

بتاريخ ١٤/١٠/٢٠١٣ م. تقدم إلينا المواطن [REDACTED] والدته [REDACTED] تولد دمشق/ [REDACTED] من أهالي وسكان ببيلا بشكوى مفادها أنه بتاريخ ٨/١٠/٢٠١٣ م. تم توقيفه من قبل عناصر الدفاع الوطني في جرمنا بتهمة الابتزاز لمدة أربعة أيام وخلال توقيفه في سجن المقر التقى مع الموقوف [REDACTED] والدته [REDACTED] تولد إدلب/ [REDACTED] يعمل بائع أدوات مستعملة في جرمنا ومقيم فيها/ بتهمة تزوير هويات/ وفي هذه الأثناء قام المدعو [REDACTED] الملقب [REDACTED] من عناصر المقر والمسؤول عن السجن بمفاوضة المذكور على مبلغ مالي وقدره ٢٠٠ ألف ليرة سورية مقابل إخلاء سبيله وعند قدوم ضابط أمن المقر المدعو [REDACTED] قال للموقوف أنه يجب عليه إرضاء رئيس السجن المدعو [REDACTED] وفي النهاية تم الاتفاق على مبلغ مالي وقدره ١٥٠ ألف ليرة سورية وتم الاتصال مع زوجة الموقوف المدعوة [REDACTED] والدتها [REDACTED] تولد السويداء/ [REDACTED] لكي تقوم بتأمين المبلغ المذكور على أمل إطلاق سراح زوجها فقامت المذكورة بالتعاون مع شقيق

Document #6 - Evidence of NDF Crimes

Photographed by SJAC in Al-Mezzeh Military Airport 12/25/2025

This letter from the Airforce Intelligence Directorate (AFID) details a source who witnessed several abuses committed by the National Defense Forces (NDF) while in their custody. Incidents included a detained man whose wife sold their assets to pay for his release, only for him to disappear shortly after payment, as well as a woman who was detained without knowing the reason and repeatedly raped in custody. This document provides evidence of NDF crimes, as well as proof that high level individuals within the Syrian government were aware of those crimes.

ويضيف المصدر بأنه شاهد داخل السجن امرأة تبلغ من العمر ٢٤ سنة من أهالي داريا وهي موقوفة من تاريخ ١/١٠/٢٠١٣ م. ولا تعرف سبب توقيفها كما يقوم عناصر الدفاع الوطني بممارسة الجنس معها داخل المقر وبعلم ضابط الأمن ورئيس السجن المدعو [REDACTED] وحتى تاريخه لم يتم إطلاق سراحها .

ويوجد في السجن عنصر من عناصر الدفاع الوطني في السيدة زينب من مجموعة المدعو [REDACTED] يدعى [REDACTED] وهو موقوف منذ بداية الشهر وهم يطلبون مبلغ مالي وقدره ٤٠ ألف ليرة

سورية لكي يطلقون سراحه .
سيدة زينب لها أم وأب استمر لثلاثة أشهر كانت
يجب أن يقتله بالليل والعنف الشديد

Important

[...] Lieutenant Colonel [redacted name] together with Major [redacted name] and who is required to read the content of the note [...] bring whoever is required to find out the truth.

January 13, 2012 [Signature]

Mr. Brigadier General [redacted name] to address the content of the note and detain those who [have to be detained in order to] get to the bottom of what is going on.

January 13, 2012 [Signature]

Mr. Major General, Head of Intelligence Department

We received the following information:

There is a person called [redacted name], Born in 1949, from [Redacted location] village, and lives in Al-Hajar Al-Aswad area near [redacted information]. He was a former member in Arab Socialist Ba'th Party and was dismissed from the party due to espionage (according to the source). He was previously [redacted information], was dismissed and referred to investigation in 2010 with his son [redacted name] and a person called [redacted name]. The Warrant Officer First Class, [redacted name], nicknamed Abu Mohammad, told them to evacuate the house from documents, books, CDs, recording machines, and papers on which important names were written. Currently, he delivers flash drives and memory cards to a person called [redacted name] through hiding them in large luncheon tins sealed from outside.

-Information states that the person called [redacted name] is in contact with a doctor from [redacted information] and he is funding him [unclear who this person is] in order to distribute huge amounts of money on poor people to recruit them to his side.

-Information also stated that the person called [redacted name] is in contact with Sheikh [redacted name] and he is [redacted information] and he is in direct contact with Muslim Brotherhood's chief, [redacted name], and that they are aware of the two bombings that occurred recently in Damascus and who coordinated that action. Moreover, the person called [redacted name] has a mobile phone with the number [redacted information] [and] was aware of the car bombing. He is one of the relatives of Sariya Ar-Rifa'i and Osama Ar-Rifa'i and receives orders from both of them during meeting that they held in Kafar Souseh area along with a number of instigating young men.

-Information states that the person called [redacted information] coordinates with a group consisting of 15 suicide bombers from Saqba area.

- There is a person called [redacted name], originally from Al-Qadmous area and serves at Palestine Branch, who leaks information and documents to a person called [redacted name] and informs him about reports received against him. He also handed him over a copy of a book (of a yellow color and is in the mentioned branch), that contains methods of torture in Syrian prisons, in order to copy it and distribute it to the rebels (as they put it).

-There is also an association called [redacted information] that was founded by Sheikh [redacted name] and Sheikh [redacted name] and chaired by [redacted name]. The association's purpose is ostensibly helping the poor people. However, its main purpose is [...]

كما يوجد جمعية تسمى () قام بتشكيلها كل من الشيخ [] والشيخ [] برئاسة [] وهدف تلك الجمعية ظاهرياً هو مساعدة الفقراء أما هدفها الأساسي

Evidence on Crimes Committed by Foreigners

SJAC also possess documents recording the Syrian government’s allegations on crimes committed by foreigners, who were often alleged members of ISIS or other terrorist organizations. Some of the foreign nationals mentioned, including European nationals, may have since returned home. Such documentation could support their prosecution in their home countries.

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[No.]	[Full name]	Mother’s name	[Date and place of] birth	Nationality	Date of detention	Offence attributed to the detainee	Action taken against him	The committee’s proposal
3	[Redacted name]	Samira	1990 France	French with Tunisian origins	March 5, 2018			

He was handed over to us by the Kurdish YPG militias after he had been detained by them for coming to Syria in order to join ISIS terrorist organization. During our interrogation of him, he admitted that after the events in Syria and Iraq have started, and by following Arabic and foreign satellite [TV] channels, as well as by [browsing] websites, particularly those of ISIS terrorist organization and watching many speeches of the organization's leaders, especially the terrorist Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi, and his declaration of an Islamic Caliphate in Iraq and Syria – he was influence by that and decided to come to Syria in order to join the ISIS terrorist organization for Jihad. In May 2016, he booked a roundtrip ticket from Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris to Istanbul Airport in order to deceive others into that he was coming for travel and tourism and to keep himself out of suspicion. Afterwards, he downloaded a map showing the locations of the terrorist groups in Syria, including ISIS, from a Russian website. [Redacted information] arrived at the Istanbul Airport and directly flew to from there to Gaziantep Airport where he rented a car, model Renault Clio, and headed to Kilis City then entered the Syrian territories illegally via AsSalama border crossing point and headed to A’zaz city relying on the map he downloaded on his phone searching for the locations of ISIS terrorist organization. After leaving A’zaz, he came across a checkpoint of the Kurdish YPG militias without knowing, and when they knew that he came to join ISIS organization [...]

He was referred to the Anti-Terrorism Court on December 8, 2018 and was brought back to us from Damascus Central Prison Branch on October 25, 2019 after he was released from the Anti-Terrorism Court according to oral instructions by National Security Bureau to keep him in our custody in order to utilize him for security purposes.

[H a n d w r i t t e n]
Contacting our Russian friends to benefit from him (to show to which extent [he could be] utilized). In case there is no benefit from him, hand him over to the Immigration and Passports to deport him and issue a ban on his entry.

Document #8 - Frenchman

Photographed by SJAC in General Intelligence HQ, Damascus in 12/14/2024

This detainee is reportedly a French national from Tunisia who was handed over to the Syrian government by the YPG after attempting to enter Syria to join ISIS. A handwritten note on the page documents that the Syrian authorities contacted their Russian counterparts to determine if this individual could be of use to them. We do not know his fate, but the note ordered the man's deportation if the Russians were unable to utilize him.

<p>فأصله الإرهاب ٢٠١٨/١٢/٨ وأعيد إلينا من فرع سجن دمشق المركزي بتاريخ ٢٠١٩/١٠/٢٥ بعد إخلاء سبيله من محكمة قضايا الإرهاب استناداً لتوجيهات مكتب الأمن الوطني الشفعية ليتم التحفظ عليه لدينا للاستفادة منه أمنياً</p>	<p>تم ونجم عن ذلك مقتل العشرات من إرهابيي كتيبة خيبر ويجهل عدد القتلى من أهالي تلك القرى والمليشيات الكردية</p> <p>سُلم إلينا من قبل وحدات حماية الشعب الكردية بعد أن أوقف من قبلهم لقدمه إلى سورية بقصد الانضمام إلى تنظيم داعش الإرهابي ، وخلال التحقيق معه لدينا اعترف أنه بعد بداية الأحداث في سورية والعراق ومن خلال متابعته القنوات الفضائية الأجنبية والعربية والدخول إلى المواقع الإلكترونية خاصة التابعة لتنظيم داعش الإرهابي ومشاهدته العديد من الخطب لقادة التنظيم وخاصة الإرهابي أبو بكر البغدادي وإعلانه إقامة دولة الخلافة الإسلامية في العراق وسورية فقد تأثر بذلك وقرر القدوم إلى سورية للانضمام إلى تنظيم داعش الإرهابي بداعي الجهاد ، وفي الشهر الخامس من عام ٢٠١٦ قام بحجز تذكرة طائرة من مطار شارل ديغول في باريس إلى مطار اسطنبول ذهاباً وإياباً لإيهام الغير أنه قادم بقصد السياحة والسفر وإبعاد الشبهة عنه ثم قام بتحميل خريطة على جواله من موقع روسي عن أماكن تواجد الفصائل الإرهابية في سورية ومنها تنظيم داعش ، و [REDACTED] وصل إلى مطار اسطنبول وغادر منه مباشرة جواً إلى مطار غازي عينتاب حيث قام باستئجار سيارة نوع رينو كليو واتجه إلى مدينة كلس ثم دخل من معبر السلامة الحدودي إلى الأراضي السورية بطريقة غير مشروعة واتجه إلى مدينة إعزاز معتمداً على الخريطة التي قام بتحميلها على جواله بحثاً عن مواقع تنظيم داعش الإرهابي وبعد خروجه من إعزاز صادف حاجز لوحدة حماية الشعب الكردية دون علمه بذلك وعندما علموا أنه قادم للانضمام إلى تنظيم داعش</p>	٢٠١٨/٣/٥	فرنسي من أصل تونسي	١٩٩٠ فرنسا	سميرة	[REDACTED]	٣
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Number of Documents Collected by SJAC

Breakdown of the facilities where the first 375,000 documents were collected by SJAC

Facility	Number of Documents Collected
15th Division Brigade	407
Patrols Branch	433
Branch 248	440
Branch 227	788
Branch 215	1,393
Branch 285	4,214
4th Division	5,184
Branch 40	8,875
Branch 235 / Palestine Branch	10,586
Air Force Intelligence - Harasta	20,707
Police Command / Sabkha District	21,674
Security Branches Dabsi Afnan	23,825
Criminal Security - Qamishli	27,230
MazzeH Military Airport	29,228
Military Police	31,296
Political Security-Qamishli	59,552
Police Command in Hasakeh	62,185
Al-Hasakah Prison	67,563
Total	375,580