Syrian Arab Republic

News Focus: Syria

'Big disappointment' over lack of Syria constitution agreement
(UN News, 22 September 2021):

Process to draft Syria constitution begins this week (17 October 2021):

Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria (OSES)
https://specialenvoysyria.unmissions.org/
Syrian Civil Society Voices: A Critical Part of the Political Process

Syria: a 10-year crisis in 10 figures (OCHA, 12 March 2021):
https://www.unocha.org/story/syria-10-year-crisis-10-figures

Secretary-General announces appointments to Independent Senior Advisory Panel on Syria Humanitarian Deconfliction System (SG/SM/20548, 21 January 2021):

Secretary-General establishes board to investigate events in North-West Syria since signing of Russian Federation-Turkey Memorandum on Idlib (SG/SM/19685, 1 August 2019):

Supporting the future of Syria and the region - Brussels V Conference, 29-30 March 2021

Supporting the future of Syria and the region - Brussels IV Conference, 30 June 2020:

Third Brussels conference "Supporting the future of Syria and the region", 12-14 March 2019:
https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-ministerial-meetings/2019/03/12-14/

Second Brussels Conference "Supporting the future of Syria and the region", 24-25 April 2018:

First Brussels Conference "Supporting the future of Syria and the region", 4-5 April 2017:

Summary of UN Headquarters 'Board of Inquiry' Report:
UN-Syrian Arab Red Crescent aid convoy attacked from the air
(DPA Politically Speaking, 21 December 2016):
Security Council

- Meetings in 2022: 28, 25, 15 February, 27, 26, 5 January - The situation in the Middle East
  Meeting records, press releases and resolutions:
  https://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2022

- Meetings in 2021: 20 December, 15, 11 November, 4 October, 15, 2 September, 24, 4 August, 19, 6 July, 23 June, 26, 6 May, 28, 6 April, 29, 15, 4 March, 25, 9, 4 February, 20, 5 January - The situation in the Middle East
  https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc
  https://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2021

- Meetings in 2020: 16, 11 December, 25, 5 November, 27 October, 18, 16, 10 September, 27, 19, 5 August, 29, 23, 14, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 July, 29, 16, 2 June, 19, 18 May, 29, 15 April, 30 March, 28, 27, 19, 6 February, 29, 10 January - The situation in the Middle East
  https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc

  - After several failed attempts, Security Council authorizes one-year extension of mechanism for cross-border aid delivery into Syria (SC/14247, 11 July 2020):
  - In third vote, Security Council fails to adopt resolution extending authorization of cross-border mechanism for humanitarian aid delivery into Syria (SC/14246, 10 July 2020):
  - In separate votes, Security Council fails to adopt two draft resolutions renewing cross-border mechanism for humanitarian aid delivery into Syria (SC/14244, 8 July 2020):

- Meetings in 2019: 20, 19 December, 22, 14, 5 November, 24, 8 October, 30, 19 September, 29, 7 August, 30 July, 27, 26, 25, 18 June, 28, 17 May, 30, 24 April, 27 March, 28, 26 February, 30 January – The situation in the Middle East

  - Security Council rejects 2 draft resolutions authorizing cross-border, cross-line humanitarian access in Syria (SC/14066, 20 December 2019):
  - Launch of Constitutional Committee should spark political process towards ending conflict in Syria, says Security Council Presidential Statement (SC/13976, 8 October 2019):
  - Security Council rejects two draft resolutions on situation in Syria amid divisions over Idlib truce, armed groups (SC/13956, 19 September 2019):

- Meetings in 2018: 20, 13 December, 29, 19, 5 November, 29, 26 October, 18, 11, 7, 6 September, 28 August, 27 July, 27 June, 29 May, 25, 17, 14, 10, 4 April, 27, 19, 16, 12 March, 28, 24, 22, 21, 5 February, 30, 23 January – The situation in the Middle East
  http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2018

  - Following air strikes against suspected chemical weapons sites in Syria, Security Council rejects proposal to condemn aggression (SC/13296, 14 April 2018):
  - Following three draft texts on chemical weapons attack in Syria, Security Council fails to agree upon independent investigative mechanism (SC/13288, 10 April 2018):
  - Procedural vote blocks holding of Security Council Meeting on Human Rights Situation in Syria, Briefing by High Commissioner (SC/13255, 19 March 2018):


### Meetings in 2017:

### Meetings in 2016:

### Meetings in 2015:

### Meetings in 2014:

### Meetings in 2013:

### Meetings in 2012:
- 30 August – The situation in the Middle East; 9 August - Meeting with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Supervision Mission in Syria; 19 & 20 July – Middle East; 10 June - Meeting with countries contributing troops and police to the UN Peacekeeping Force in Syrian Arab Republic; 23 April – Middle East; 21 April – Middle East; 14 April – Middle East; 27 March – Middle East; 21 March –
Middle East; 12 March - Middle East; 4 February - Middle East situation - Syria; 31 January - Middle East situation – Syria

- **Meetings in 2011**: 4 October – Middle East Situation; 3 August - Middle East situation; 10 May - Protection of civilians in armed Conflict - 10 May; 27 April - Meetings on the Middle East Situation
  - Security Council fails to adopt draft resolution condemning Syria’s crackdown on anti-government protestors, owing to veto by Russian Federation, China (SC/10403, 4 October 2011): http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2011/sc10403.doc.htm

**Resolutions and other selected documents:**

- **S/2022/181** (7 March 2022): Letter dated 4 March 2022 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council: http://undocs.org/S/2022/181


  - ➢ Earlier reports: https://bit.ly/39672Ym

- **S/2022/85** (8 February 2022): Letter dated 1 February 2022 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council: http://undocs.org/S/2022/85
  - Transmits communication dated 28 Jan. 2022 from the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) transmitting report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic regarding the incidents of alleged use of chemicals as a weapon in Marea on 1 and 3 Sept. 2015.


  - Transmits concept note for and compilation of statements made at the Security Council open-formula meeting on "Accountability in the Syrian Arab Republic", held on 29 Nov. 2021.

  - Submitted pursuant to Security Council resolution 2585 (2021).

  - Transmits 2nd report by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) Investigation and Identification Team pursuant to para. 10 of decision C-SS-4/DEC.3 (Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use) Saraqib (Syrian Arab Republic), 4 Feb. 2018.

  - Prepared pursuant to Security Council resolution 1612 (2005) and subsequent resolutions; covers the period from 1 July 2018-30 June 2020; includes information regarding trends and patterns of grave violations against children since the previous report (S/2018/969) and the conclusions of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, adopted in July 2019 (S/AC.51/2019/1).
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  Transmits copy of the final statement of the international conference on the return of Syrian internally displaced persons and refugees, held in Damascus, 11-12 Nov. 2020.


  on humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and renewal of authorization of relief delivery and monitoring mechanism for a period of 12 months

  Informs that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/684; the draft resolution received 12 votes in favour, none against and 3 abstentions and has been adopted as resolution 2533 (2020).

  Informs that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/683; the draft resolution received 4 votes in favour, 7 against, and 4 abstentions and has not been adopted, having failed to obtain the required number of votes.


  Informs that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/667; the draft resolution received 13 votes in favour, 2 against (China and the Russian Federation), and no abstentions and has not been adopted, owing to the negative vote of permanent members of the Security Council.

  Informs that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the amendment contained in document S/2020/668, proposed by the Russian Federation, to the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/667; the proposal received 2 votes in favour, 7 against, and 6 abstentions and has not been carried, having failed to obtain the required number of votes.

  Requests that enclosed amendment to the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/667 be put to a vote prior to the voting procedure on the entire draft.


  Informs that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/658; the draft resolution received 4 votes in favour, 7 against, and 4 abstentions and has not been adopted, having failed to obtain the required number of votes.
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Informs that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/654; the draft resolution received 13 votes in favour, 2 against (China and the Russian Federation), and no abstentions ad has not been adopted, owing to the negative vote of permanent members of the Security Council.


The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 2 permanent members of the Security Council (China and Russian Federation).


Submitted pursuant to para. 5 of Security Council resolution 2504 (2020).


Transmits summary of the report of the UN Headquarters Board of Inquiry into certain incidents in the north-west of the Syrian Arab Republic since 17 Sept. 2018 involving facilities on the UN deconfliction list and UN-supported facilities.


Transmits additional protocol to the memorandum on the stabilization of the situation in the Idlib de-escalation Area signed by the Russian Federation and Turkey on 5 Mar. 2020.


Submitted pursuant to para. 6 of Security Council resolution 2504 (2020).


Transmits joint statement by the Presidents of Turkey and the Russian Federation, Istanbul, Turkey, 8 Jan. 2020.

on humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and renewal of authorization of relief delivery and monitoring mechanism for a period of 6 months

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The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 3 permanent members of the Security Council (France, United Kingdom, United States) (S/PV.8697).


The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 2 permanent members of the Security Council (China and Russian Federation) (S/PV.8697).

Transmits joint statement on the international meeting on Syria in the Astana Format, held in Nur-Sultan, 10-11 Dec. 2019.


Transmits joint statement by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Small Group on Syria, dated 26 Sept. 2019.


The draft resolution was not adopted having failed to obtain the required number of votes ([S/PV.8623](http://undocs.org/S/PV.8623)).


The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 2 permanent members of the Security Council (China and Russian Federation) ([S/PV.8623](http://undocs.org/S/PV.8623)).


Transmits joint statement on the international meeting on Syria, held in Sochi, Russian Federation, 14 Feb. 2019.


Transmits joint statement as issued by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs during the meeting of the Syria Small Group, held in Washington, D.C., 6 Feb. 2019.


[on humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and renewal of authorization of relief delivery and monitoring mechanism until 10 Jan. 2020]
  The draft resolution was not adopted having failed to obtain the required number of votes (S/PV.8105).
  The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (Russian Federation) (S/PV.8105).
  ➢ Earlier reports: [https://bit.ly/3sQPoGy]
- o S/2017/884 (24 October 2017): Draft resolution [on renewal of the mandate of the OPCW-UN Joint Investigative Mechanism to identify the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic for one additional year] / Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: [http://undocs.org/S/2017/884]
  The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (Russian Federation) (S/PV.8073).
  Other Title: Report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria regarding an alleged incident in Khan Shaykhun, Syrian Arab Republic, April 2017


o **S/2017/172** (28 February 2017): Draft resolution [on use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic] / Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: [http://undocs.org/S/2017/172](http://undocs.org/S/2017/172) Annexes (p. 9-22): 1. Designations -- 2. Embargo on helicopters. The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 2 permanent members of the Security Council (China and Russian Federation) ([S/PV.7893](http://undocs.org/S/PV.7893)).


o **S/2016/1026** (5 December 2016): Draft resolution [on cessation of hostilities in the Syrian Arab Republic] / Egypt, New Zealand and Spain: [http://undocs.org/S/2016/1026](http://undocs.org/S/2016/1026) The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 2 permanent members of the Security Council (China and Russian Federation) ([S/PV.7825](http://undocs.org/S/PV.7825)).


The draft resolution was not adopted having failed to obtain the required number of votes (S/PV.7785).

- **S/2016/846** (8 October 2016): Draft resolution [on cessation of hostilities in the Syrian Arab Republic] / Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: [http://undocs.org/S/2016/846](http://undocs.org/S/2016/846).

  The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (Russian Federation) (S/PV.7785).


  on cessation of hostilities in the Syrian Arab Republic.


  Submitted pursuant to para. 15 of Security Council resolution 2254 (2015), in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to report within 60 days on the implementation of the resolution.


  on the humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and renewal for a period of 12 months of two decisions of Security Council resolution 2165 (2014).


  endorses general plan for peace process in Syria, setting timetable for talks


  on establishment of an OPCW-UN Joint Investigative Mechanism to identify the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic


  on the progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme


  on renewal of the decisions in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Security Council resolution 2165 (2014) for a period of 12 months until 10 Jan. 2016


  on the humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and the establishment of a monitoring mechanism

- **S/2014/348** (22 May 2014): Draft resolution [on referring the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic to the International Criminal Court] / Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Bulgaria, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: [http://undocs.org/S/2014/348](http://undocs.org/S/2014/348).

  The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 2 permanent members of the Security Council (China and Russian Federation) (S/PV.7180).


  Transmits report entitled "A report into the credibility of certain evidence with regard to torture and execution of persons incarcerated by the current Syrian regime", prepared by a commission of inquiry consisting of legal, medical and medical imaging experts.


  on the humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic


  Transmits the final report of the UN Mission to Investigate Allegations of the Use of Chemical Weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic; includes 11 appendices.
Ask DAG! What is the Caesar report and where can I find it? 


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General Assembly

- **A/76/690** (11 February 2022): International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011: note / by the Secretary-General: [http://undocs.org/A/76/690](http://undocs.org/A/76/690)
  
  Transmit the 8th report of the Mechanism pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/248, para. 50 of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution establishing the Mechanism (A/71/755) and para. 37 of resolution 75/193; covers activities of the Mechanism during the period from 1 Feb. 2021-31 Jan. 2022.


  
  Transmit the 7th report of the Mechanism pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/248, para. 50 of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution establishing the Mechanism (A/71/755) and para. 37 of resolution 75/193; covers activities of the Mechanism during the period from 1 Aug. 2020-31 Jan. 2021.


  
  Transmit the 6th report of the Mechanism pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/248 and para. 50 of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution establishing the Mechanism (A/71/755); covers activities of the Mechanism during the period from 1 Feb. 2020-31 July 2020.

  
  Transmit the 5th report of the Mechanism pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/248 and para. 50 of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution establishing the Mechanism (A/71/755); covers activities of the Mechanism during the period from 1 Aug. 2019-31 Jan. 2020.


  
  Transmit the 4th report of the Mechanism pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/248 and para. 50 of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution establishing the Mechanism (A/71/755); covers activities of the Mechanism during the period from 1 Feb.-31 July. 2019.

  
  Transmit the 3rd report of the Mechanism pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/248 and para. 50 of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution establishing the Mechanism (A/71/755); covers activities of the Mechanism during the period from 1 Aug. 2018-31 Jan. 2019.


Transmit the 2nd report of the Mechanism pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/248 and para. 50 of the report of the Secretary-General on the operation of the resolution establishing the Mechanism (A/71/755), covers activities of the Mechanism during the period from 1 Feb. - 31 July 2018.


  Submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/248 and para. 50 of the report of the Secretary-General on the operation of the resolution establishing the Mechanism (A/71/755).


  Outlines progress made in the operationalization of the Mechanism, notably in terms of administrative set-up and fundraising.


General Assembly takes action on Second Committee reports by adopting 37 texts: Resolution establishing international mechanism concerning Syria passed in direct plenary action (GA/11880, 21 December 2016):


General Assembly demands immediate end to hostilities in Syria, as speakers decry Security Council’s continuing impotence (GA/11871, 9 December 2016):

- **A/RES/71/130**: The situation in the Syrian Arab Republic: [http://undocs.org/A/RES/71/130](http://undocs.org/A/RES/71/130)


  General Assembly adopts text condemning violence in Syria, demanding that all sides end hostilities (GA/11372, 15 May 2013):


  o A/RES/67/183: Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic:
• General Assembly, in resolution, demands all in Syria ‘immediately and visibly’ commit to ending violence that Secretary-General says is ripping country apart (GA/11266, 3 August 2012): [http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2012/ga11266.doc.htm](http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2012/ga11266.doc.htm)
  o A/RES/66/253 B: The situation in the Syrian Arab Republic:
    [http://undocs.org/A/RES/66/253_B](http://undocs.org/A/RES/66/253_B)
  o A/66/889 (21 August 2012): Implementation of General Assembly resolution 66/253 B on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic; Report of the Secretary-General:
    [http://undocs.org/A/66/889](http://undocs.org/A/66/889)
• General Assembly adopts resolution strongly condemning ‘widespread and systematic’ human rights violations by Syrian authorities; Text passes by 137 votes in favour to 12 against, with 17 abstentions (GA/11207, 16 February 2012):
  o A/RES/66/253: The situation in the Syrian Arab Republic:
• General Assembly adopts more than 60 resolutions recommended by Third Committee, including text condemning grave, systematic human rights violations in Syria (GA/11198, 19 December 2011):

**Human Rights Council**

- **Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic:**
- Syria’s abyss: UN Syria Commission warns of escalating violence, plummeting economy and a humanitarian disaster (9 March 2022):
- UN panel welcomes landmark guilty verdict in Germany’s prosecution of former Syrian intelligence officer for crimes against humanity (13 January 2022):
- UN Syria Commission: Increasing violence and fighting add to Syria’s woes, making it unsafe for return (14 September 2021):
- Establishing a Mechanism on the Missing in Syria is a Priority, Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic Tells Human Rights Council (6 July 2021):
- Disappearance and detention to suppress dissent a hallmark of a decade of conflict in Syria – UN report (1 March 2021):
- “Military solutions” in Syria have led to a decade of death, denial, and destruction - UN Syria Commission of Inquiry report (28 February 2021):
- COI Syria: No clean hands – behind the frontlines and the headlines, armed actors continue to subject civilians to horrific and increasingly targeted abuse (15 September 2020):


• 37th session of the Human Rights Council - Urgent Debate on situation in Eastern Ghouta


Almost five years on, Syria is a country destroyed with civilians paying the biggest price: UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria (22 February 2016): [Link](http://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=17078)


19th special session on the "deteriorating human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and the recent killings in El-Houleh" - 1 June 2012: [Link](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SpecialSessions/Session19/Pages/19thSpecialSession.aspx)

Urgent Debate on the Human Rights and Humanitarian Situation in Syria (28 February - 1 March 2012)

The Human Rights Council calls on the Syrian Government to immediately end attacks on civilians: [http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/TheHRCCallsSyrianGovernmenttoimmediatelyendattacksincivilians.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/TheHRCCallsSyrianGovernmenttoimmediatelyendattacksincivilians.aspx)

- The Human Rights Council holds an urgent debate on Syria: [http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/TheHRCholdsanurgentdebateonSyria.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/TheHRCholdsanurgentdebateonSyria.aspx)

- 18th special session on the human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic - 2 December 2011: [http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SpecialSessions/Session18/Pages/18thSpecialSession.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SpecialSessions/Session18/Pages/18thSpecialSession.aspx)
- 16th Special Session on the “Situation of human Rights in the Syrian Arab Republic” - 29 April 2011: [http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SpecialSessions/Session16/Pages/16thSpecialSession.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SpecialSessions/Session16/Pages/16thSpecialSession.aspx)

**Selected documents**


Submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 43/28, covers events in Idlib and surrounding areas from 1 Nov. 2019 to 1 June 2020.


Submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 40/17, presents findings based on investigations conducted from 11 July 2019 to 10 Jan. 2020.


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  Panel held on 14 Mar. 2017, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 33/23


  Examines the killing of detainees occurring between 10 March 2011 and 30 November 2015. Includes maps of selected Government detention centres where deaths in custody have been documented.


Correspondence with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic

Sets out findings based on investigations conducted from 15 May to
inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic: resolution / adopted by the Human

A/HRC/25/65 (12 February 2014): Report of the independent international commission of


- Without a Trace: Enforced Disappearances in Syria (19 December 2013):


on the deterioration of the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic, and the need to grant immediate access to the commission of inquiry: note / by the Secretariat: http://undocs.org/A/HRC/24/58

Informs that the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons to the GA is contained in (A/67/931).

A/HRC/24/46 (15 August 2013): Report of the independent international commission of
inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic: http://undocs.org/A/HRC/24/46


  Annexes (p. 27-131). Includes correspondence with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic (annex 1).

  Contains information on relevant developments up until 20 July 2012; a summary of information submitted by Syria in notes verbales addressed to OHCHR during the reporting period; information on measures and actions taken by relevant international stakeholders.

  Contains information on relevant developments up until 20 July 2012; a summary of information submitted by Syria in notes verbales addressed to OHCHR during the reporting period; information on measures and actions taken by relevant international stakeholders.


  Contains information on recent developments on the ground until 11 May 2012, a summary of information submitted by Syria to OHCHR in several notes verbales, as well as information on measures and actions taken by relevant international stakeholders.


UN Entities

- **United Nations in Syria**

- **United Nations Supervision Mission in Syria (UNSMIS)** (until 19 August 2012)
  https://peacekeeping.un.org/mission/past/unsmis/
  - Syria: UN observer mission to end, to be replaced by liaison office, official says

- **Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons – Syria and the OPCW**
  https://www.opcw.org/media-centre/featured-topics/syria-and-opcw

  - Includes 6 communications sent by the Commission of Inquiry to the Syrian Government and 2 replies received (annexes 2-7).


  - Includes 12 communications between the Commission of Inquiry and the Syrian Government (annexes 1-12).

  - Covers the period 15 Mar.-15 June 2011.


OPCW-UN Joint Mission
http://opcw.unmissions.org/


United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

Secretary-General’s Mechanism for investigation of alleged use of chemical and biological weapons: https://www.un.org/disarmament/wmd/secretary-general-mechanism/


Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Syrian Arab Republic
http://www.ohchr.org/EN/countries/MENAregion/Pages/SYIndex.aspx


Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict


Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (SRSG-SVC) - Syrian Arab Republic

United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) - Syrian Arab Republic
https://www.unicef.org/syria/
http://childrenofsyria.info/


Hitting Rock Bottom - How 2016 became the worst year for Syria’s children: http://weshare.unicef.org/Package/2AMZIFDMAU4

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

UNDP in Syria: http://www.sy.undp.org/

Response to the Syria Crisis: http://www.arabstates.undp.org/content/rbas/en/home/ourwork/SyriaCrisis/Overview.html


United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)

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- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) – Syrian Arab Republic
  - http://www.unhcr.org/sy/
    - Searching for Syria: https://www.searchingforsyria.org
    - Woman Alone: The fight for survival by Syria’s refugee women: http://womalone.unhcr.org/
    - UNHCR: Syria conflict at five years (News Stories, 15 March 2016): http://www.unhcr.org/56e6e1b991.html

- United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) - Operational Satellite Applications Programme (UNOSAT) – Maps: Syria
  - http://www.unosat.org/maps/SYR
    - Four Years of Human Suffering – The Syria conflict as observed through satellite imagery (March 2015): http://bit.ly/1MnneoK

- United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
  - Syria Crisis: https://www.unocha.org/syria
    - The Syrian Crisis in Numbers: https://unocha.exposure.co/the-syria-crisis-in-numbers
    - ReliefWeb: Syrian Arab Republic (the): http://reliefweb.int/country/syr
    - 'I Wish It Had Been a Dream': Voices from Syria (15 March 2021): https://www.unocha.org/story/%E2%80%98i-wish-it-had-been-dream%E2%80%99-voices-syria
    - Syria: UN continues to seek improved access to people in need as displacements rise (26 February 2020): https://www.unocha.org/story/syria-un-continues-seek-improved-access-people-need-displacements-rise

The UN and partners plan to deliver humanitarian assistance to eastern Ghouta (4 March 2018): https://reliefweb.int/node/2494044


  https://www.unfpa.org/data/emergencies/syria-humanitarian-emergency

- United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) – Syria crisis
  http://www.unrwa.org/syria-crisis
  - syria@10: https://www.unrwa.org/campaign/syria10

- UN Women – UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
  - "We Just Keep Silent": Gender-based Violence among Syrian refugees in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq: http://bit.ly/1p8Fs3C

- World Food Programme (WFP)
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