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/](https://specialenvoysyria.unmissions.org/)

Statement attributable to the United Nations Special Envoy for Syria on the anniversary of the Syrian conflict (14 March 2022):  

Syrian Civil Society Voices: A Critical Part of the Political Process  
(In: Politically Speaking, 29 June 2021):  

Syria: a 10-year crisis in 10 figures (OCHA, 12 March 2021):  

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):  

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**: 5 December, 29, 7 November, 25 October, 29, 14 September, 29 August, 20, 12, 8 July, 29, 20 June, 20 May, 29, 26 April, 24, 10 March, 28, 25, 15 February, 27, 26, 5 January - The situation in the Middle East

**Meeting records, press releases and resolutions:**  

- Security Council rejects two draft resolutions aimed at renewing cross-border humanitarian operations in Syria’s North-West (SC/14963, 8 July 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, 17, 19, 6 February, 29, 10 January - The situation in the Middle East
  https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc

  o After several failed attempts, Security Council authorizes one-year extension of mechanism for cross-border aid delivery into Syria (SC/14247, 11 July 2020):
  o Security Council extends for one year, lifesaving cross-border aid to Syria (UN News, 11 July 2020):
  o 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):
  o 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):
  o Security Council beats midnight deadline, renews Syria cross-border aid in contentious vote (UN News Centre, 10 January 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

  o Security Council rejects 2 draft resolutions authorizing cross-border, cross-line humanitarian access in Syria (SC/14066, 20 December 2019):
  o Launch of Constitutional Committee should spark political process towards ending conflict in Syria, says Security Council Presidential Statement (SC/13976, 8 October 2019):
  o 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

  o Following air strikes against suspected chemical weapons sites in Syria, Security Council rejects proposal to condemn aggression (SC/13296, 14 April 2018):
  o Following three draft texts on chemical weapons attack in Syria, Security Council fails to agree upon independent investigative mechanism (SC/13288, 10 April 2018):
  o Procedural vote blocks holding of Security Council Meeting on Human Rights Situation in Syria, Briefing by High Commissioner (SC/13255, 19 March 2018):
  o Despite calls to end ‘Hell on Earth’, Security Council divided over course of action for halting hostilities in Eastern Ghouta, Syria (SC/13219, 22 February 2018):
• **Meetings in 2017**: 19 December, 29, 27, 17, 16, 7 November, 24 October, 27 September, 30 August, 27 July, 27, 15 June, 30, 23, 22 May, 27, 12, 7, 5 April, 30 March, 28, 22 February, 26 January – The situation in the Middle East
  http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2017

• **Meetings in 2016**: 31, 23, 21, 19 September, 5 December, 30, 21, 17 November, 31, 26, 8 October, 29, 25, 21 September, 22 August, 25 July, 23 June, 27, 4 May, 28 April, 30 March, 26, 24 February, 27, 14 January – The situation in the Middle East; 28 September - Protection of civilians in armed conflict

• **Meetings in 2015**: 22, 21, 18 December, 16 November, 27 October, 16 September, 27, 17, 7 August, 29 July, 28 July, 29 June, 28 May, 24, 21 April, 26 March, 6 March, 28 February, 28 January – The situation in the Middle East

• **Meetings in 2014**: 18, 15 December, 25 November, 30 October, 30, 19 September, 28 August, 14 July, 26 June, 22 May, 20 January – The situation in the Middle East

• **Meetings in 2013**: 2 October, 27 September, 24 and 18 April, 26 February – The situation in the Middle East

• **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
- 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/2022/897 (30 November 2022): Letter dated 30 November 2022 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council: http://undocs.org/S/2022/897


  ➢ Earlier reports: https://bit.ly/396T7Ym


  Transmits joint statement on the Tripartite Summit on the Syrian Arab Republic within the framework of the Astana format, held in Tehran, 19 July 2022.


  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 having failed to obtain the required number of votes (S/PV.9087).


  Transmits joint statement on the 18th international meeting on the Syrian Arab Republic in the Astana Format, held in Nur-Sultan, 15-16 June 2022.


  Transmits letter dated 12 May 2022 from the President of the Syrian Negotiation Commission concerning the implementation of Security Council resolution 2254 (2015).


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

  Submitted pursuant to Security Council resolution 2585 (2021).


  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).

  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.
  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**).

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**).


  Transmits joint statement on the international meeting on Syria, held in Sochi, Russian Federation, 14 Feb. 2019.
The draft resolution was not adopted having failed to obtain the required number of votes (S/PV.8228).

The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (Russian Federation (S/PV.8228)).
The draft resolution was not adopted having failed to obtain the required number of votes (S/PV.8228).
on cessation of hostilities to enable humanitarian aid delivery in the Syrian Arab Republic
renewing the authorization for cross-border and cross-conflict-line humanitarian access to Syria for a further 12 months, until 10 January 2019
The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (Russian Federation) (S/PV.8107).
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).
- 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

Transmits report from the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons entitled "Report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria regarding the incident of 16 September 2016, as reported in the note verbale of the Syrian Arab Republic, number 113, dated 29 November 2016".

The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (Russian Federation) (S/PV.7922).

o S/2017/172 (28 February 2017): Draft resolution [on use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic] / Albania, 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
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).


on establishment of a ceasefire in the Syrian Arab Republic

Transmits documents concerning the establishment of a ceasefire in the Syrian Arab Republic.

Transmits joint statement by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey on "agreed steps to revitalize the political process to end the Syrian conflict", adopted in Moscow on 20 Dec. 2016.


on the humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and renewal of authorization of relief delivery and monitoring mechanism until 18 Jan. 2018

on humanitarian evacuations in Aleppo, Syrian Arab Republic

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).

extended the mandate of the United Nations-Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) Joint Investigative Mechanism for an additional year

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


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.


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]
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.


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.

Transmits proposal of the Secretary-General outlining his plans for a Joint Mission with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)


Transmits decision of the Executive Council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons entitled "Decision on destruction of Syrian chemical weapons"

on the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic


The Secretary-General announced his decision to conduct an investigation into the alleged use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic

Updates the Council on the implementation of the Security Council resolution 2059 (2012) and the situation in Syria since the 2 Aug. 2012 briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

on the renewal of the mandate of UNSMIS for a final period of 30 days

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.6810).

Annex (p.18-22): "Final communiqué of the Action Group for Syria"

on the establishment of a UN Supervision Mission in Syria (UNSMIS)

Provides a background to the crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic and outlines a proposal for a UN Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic (UNSMIS) for an initial period of 3 months; recommends that the Security Council authorize UNSMIS, with the understanding that the Secretary-General consider relevant developments on the ground, including the consolidation of the cessation of the violence, in deciding on deployments.

on authorization of the deployment of an advance team of up to 30 unarmed military observers to Syrian Arab Republic

Includes text of the initial six-point proposal submitted to the Syrian authorities, as outlined by the Joint Special Envoy for the United Nations and the League of Arab States, Kofi Annan, to the Security Council on 16 March 2012)
S/2012/77 (4 February 2012): Draft resolution [on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic]/ Bahrain, Colombia, Egypt, France, Germany, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America:
http://undocs.org/S/2012/77
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.6711).

Ask DAG! What is the Caesar report and where can I find it? https://ask.un.org/faq/14599

General Assembly

- A/76/890 (2 August 2022): Missing people in the Syrian Arab Republic: report of the Secretary-General: https://undocs.org/A/76/890
  Submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/228.

  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 implementation 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 implementation 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.


A/RES/71/130: The situation in the Syrian Arab Republic: 
http://undocs.org/A/RES/71/130

A/70/919 (9 June 2016): Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic: report of the Secretary-General: 
http://undocs.org/A/70/919

A/RES/70/234: Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic: 
http://undocs.org/A/RES/70/234

Adopting 68 texts recommended by Third Committee, General Assembly sends strong message towards ending impunity, renewing efforts to protect human rights (GA/11604, 18 December 2014): 

A/RES/69/189: Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic: 
http://undocs.org/A/RES/69/189

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

A/RES/67/262: The situation in the Syrian Arab Republic: 
http://undocs.org/A/RES/67/262

A/67/892 (14 June 2013): Implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/262 on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic; Report of the Secretary-General:
http://undocs.org/A/67/892

General Assembly strongly condemns widespread, systematic human rights violations in Syria, as it adopts 56 resolutions recommended by Third Committee (GA/11331, 20 December 2012):

A/RES/67/183: Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic:
http://undocs.org/A/RES/67/183

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):

A/RES/66/253 B: The situation in the Syrian Arab Republic:
http://undocs.org/A/RES/66/253 B

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

Informal meeting of the Plenary on the Situation in the Syrian Arab Republic - 7 June 2012: 

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):

A/RES/66/253: The situation in the Syrian Arab Republic:
http://undocs.org/A/RES/66/253

Top UN Human Rights Official says member states ‘must act now’ to protect Syrian people, as violent crackdown continues, in briefing to General Assembly (GA/11206, 13 February 2012): 

General Assembly to discuss latest developments in Syria (UN News Centre Story, 10 February 2012): 

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:**


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): https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2016/02/almost-five-years-syria-country-destroyed-civilians-paying-biggest-price-un


• 19th special session on the "deteriorating human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and the recent killings in El-Houleh" - 1 June 2012: https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/special-sessions/session19/th-special-session

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

• 18th special session on the human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic - 2 December 2011: https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/special-sessions/session18/th-special-session


Selected documents

  Refers the General Assembly to the reports and oral updates of the Commission of Inquiry on the Commission's website (www.ohchr.org/coisyria).


  Submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 49/27, presents findings based on investigations conducted between 1 Jan. and 30 June 2022.


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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.


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  Oral Update of the independent international commission of inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic (18 March 2014):


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


- A/HRC/24/58 (28 August 2013): Implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 23/26 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](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).


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

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  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.

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  Presents findings based on investigations conducted until 20 July 2012.


  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.


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


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

  Covers the period 15 Mar.-15 June 2011.

UN Entities

- **United Nations in Syria**

- **United Nations Supervision Mission in Syria (UNSMIS)** (until 19 August 2012)

- **Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons – Syria and the OPCW**

- **OPCW-UN Joint Mission**

- **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/secre](https://www.un.org/disarmament/wmd/secretary-general-mechanism/)

- **Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Syrian Arab Republic**

- **Office of the 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/](https://www.unicef.org/syria/)
  - [http://childrenofsyria.info/](http://childrenofsyria.info/)

- **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

- **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)**
  - Syria at War: Five Years On (April 2016): [https://www.unescwa.org/publications/syria-war-five-years](https://www.unescwa.org/publications/syria-war-five-years)

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

- **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) – Syrian Arab Republic**
  - [http://www.unhcr.org/sy/](http://www.unhcr.org/sy/)
    - Searching for Syria: [https://www.searchinforSYRIA.org](https://www.searchinforSYRIA.org)
• United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) - Operational Satellite Applications Programme (UNOSAT) – Maps: Syria
http://www.unitar.org/unosat/maps/SYR

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