



Violations of the Turkish
Occupation and its
Mercenaries in Afrin
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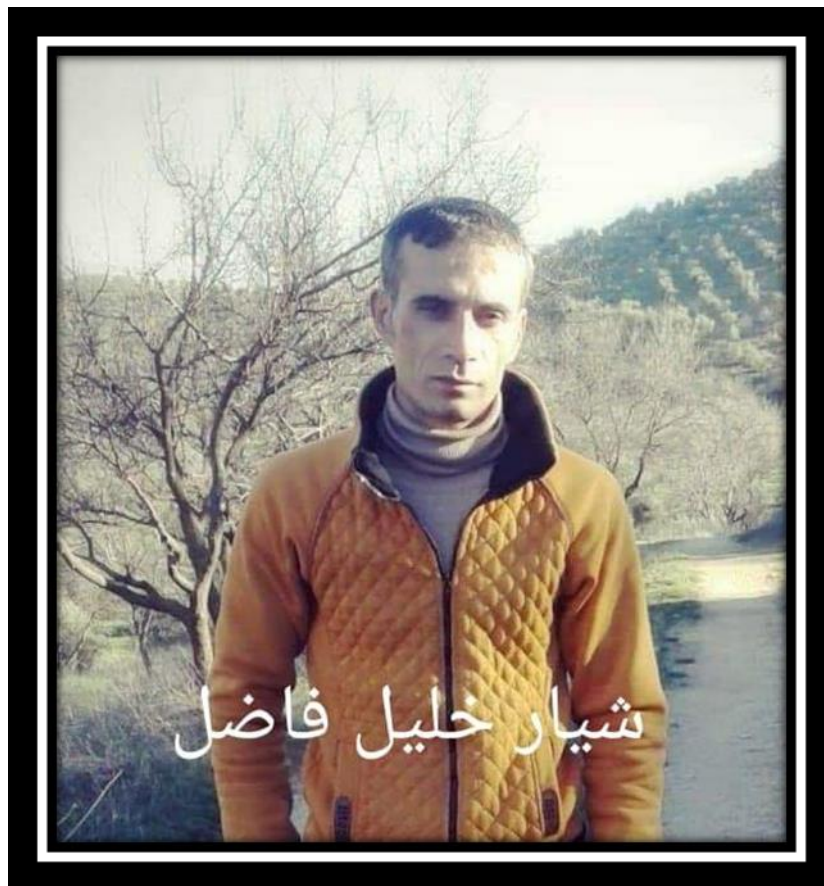
The Turkish occupation and its mercenaries proceed with their savage and immoral actions in Afrin (kidnaping, killings, burning of trees and forests, taxes and demographic changes) thus violating all humanitarian and international laws and covenants.

During August, several violations committed by the Turkish occupation and its mercenaries against the people of Afrin were documented. They are kidnaping civilians and demand ransom from their families for their release. In addition, the kidnaped is threatened with death if he refuses to pay the ransom. The Turkish occupation and its mercenary also carry out demographic changes and Turkification against the population and occasionally sets fire to trees, forests and agricultural crops.

We will highlight in this file the most prominent documented violations from August 1st, to 15th, 2019. They are as follows:

Kidnapping and Ransom:

- On August 1st, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation kidnaped the civilian "Shiar Fadel Khalil" from the village of "Bermejah" in Mobata district.



- On August 3rd, 2019, "military police" of the Turkish occupation launched a campaign to kidnap Kurdish young men after issuing temporary Turkish identities. Then, the young men were taken to recruitment centers to join the ranks of mercenaries.

The people who taken for recruitment were aged between 18 and 40, they are:

- The brothers "Esmat Walid Na'so" and "Shiar Walid Na'so" from "Mirkan" village in Mobata district.
- Taher Manan Hamo
- Samir Abdo Abdo
- Hussein Hamid Jafar
- Mohamed Ahmed
- Mohamed Mahmoud Jaafar



- On August 4th, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation kidnapped three civilians from the village of "Baadino" in Mobata district. They are:
 - Hussein Mustafa Moussa
 - Mohamed Mohamed Hebbo
 - Habash Mohammed Habbo
- On August 5th, 2019, the so-called "Suqur al-Jabal" of the Turkish occupation raided a village in Shara and kidnapped the civilian "Recep Mustafa", aged 35 years.



- On August 8th, 2019, the so-called civil police of the Turkish occupation raided "Fererya" village in Jendrisa district and kidnapped four civilians from the village, they are:
 - Omar Abdo Hussein
 - Heider Al-Amo
 - Muhannad Mohammad Huseida
 - Mahmoud Hussein Obaid

- On August 10th, 2019, the mercenaries of "Al-Hamzat" kidnapped the civilian "Fouad Ali" from Sharqia village in Bulbula district, and demanded a sum of 50 million Syrian pounds in return for his release.
It is noteworthy that the civilian "Fouad" was kidnapped a year ago by the mercenaries themselves and was released at the time for 25 million Syrian pounds.

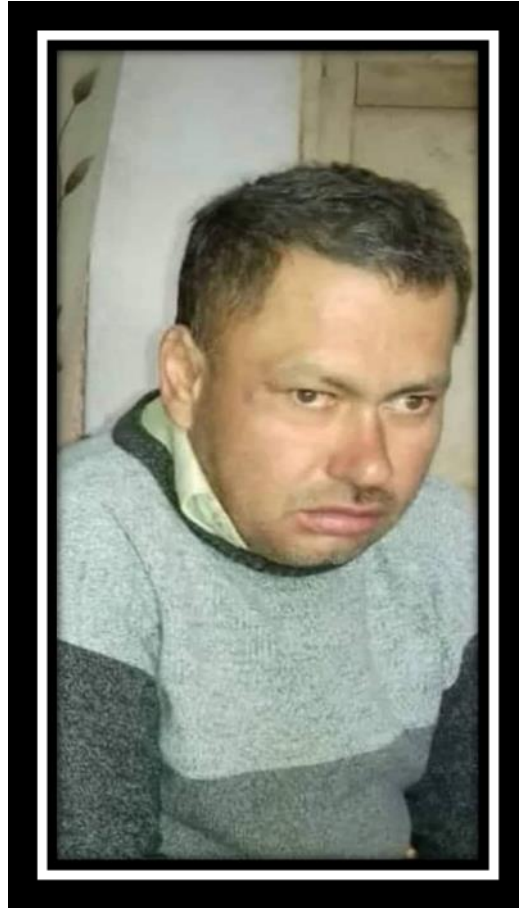
- The village of "Sheikh Bilal" in Raju district was subjected to a kidnaping campaign, some of them are:
 - Mohamed Ahmed, 50-year-old
 - Shukri Ahmed, 75-year-old
 - Mohamed Ahmed, 32-year-old

Killing and Torture:

- On August 1st, 2019, the Turkish mercenaries killed 25-year-old "Khalil Suri Oso" by a sniper on the road between the villages of "Kalutah" and "Burj al-Qas" in Shirawa. His relatives were unable to bury him because of snipers.

- On August 4th, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation assaulted the civilian, "Munir Refaat Hamo," 45-year-old, from "Alka" village in Shara district. The beating caused severe fractures in his leg. It is worth mentioning that the civilian "Munir " is a man with special needs.





- On August 5th, 2019, the Turkish occupation shelled the villages of Shirawa (Burj Al-Qas / Gondi Mazen / Kalouta). As a result of the intense shelling, a civilian "Munther", was killed and three civilians were wounded:
- Rashid Mohammed Nasser / injury to the left leg.
- Shahida Ahmed / injuries to the hand.
- Abu Ali from the village of Basouta.



- On August 9th, 2019, the Turkish occupation renewed its shelling of the villages of Shirawa, which resulted in the injury of:
- The child, Mervan Barakat
- Ramzi Mahmoud Barakat
- Kibar Barakat Barakat
- Suzan Aliko

Setting fires and Cutting Trees:

- On August 3rd, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation cut down forest trees in Mobata district in order to benefit from them and sell them in Turkish markets, which in turn puts the geography of the region at great risk.

[Cutting Trees in Mobata district](#)

- On August 4th, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation set fire to olive trees located in Shara district. These trees are more than 60 years old.

[Burning trees in Shara district](#)

- On August 5th, 2019, the mercenaries of "the 3rd Brigade and Brigade 112" of the Turkish occupation burned more than 1,000 olive trees in Mobata



district, in addition to cutting more than 5,000 trees in "Khaziana" village in Mobata district.



Demographic Change:

- On August 2nd, 2019, the Turkish occupation in the village of "Mesh'ala" in Shara district demolished the homes of civilians and shops going back to the French era, to build instead schools for the Muslim Brotherhood and associations of Sharia.

Among the civilians whose house was destroyed was "Zaki Ibrahim", where the mercenaries are scheduled to build an association under the name "Sharia School in Mesh'ala " after the first association was opened in the house of the father of the martyr "Asaad".





Imposing Taxes:

- On August 10th, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation, with the approach of Eid al-Adha, imposed a financial tax on the villages of "Qazlbash and Bileh" in Bulbula district. The mercenaries imposed on each family to pay a sum of 200 USD.

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