

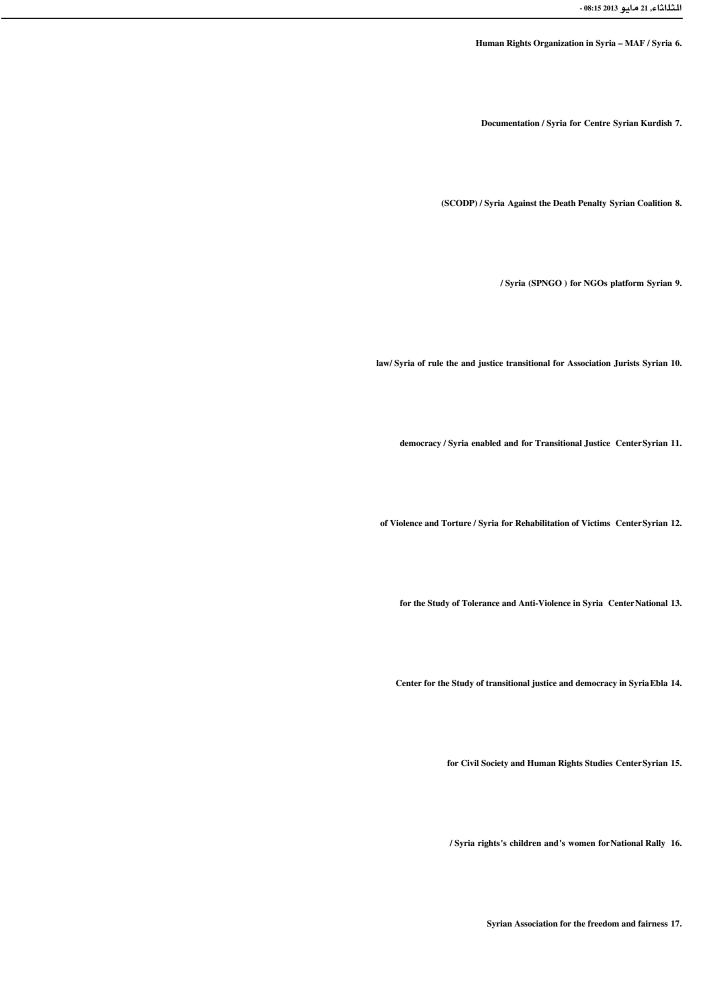
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in Seven Bahrat - 29 May Street - Damascus, and Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression It is noted that on 16 2 2012 Syrian security raided the Office of the , head of the center and all Mr. Mazen Darwish the workers of the center and its visitors Mr. Mazen Darwish has been subjected to arbitrary arrest in 16 3 2011 for of his participation in a sit-in carried out by families of detainees in front of the Ministry of Interior to submit a letter to the Interior Minister, as a plea to release their sons, and he was released on the same day. On 23 3 2011 Darwish was arrested after being summoned for investigation for media releases about the arrests in Syria and the events of Daraa. Mr. Mazen Darwish, born in 1974, is a journalist, member of the International Federation of Journalists, and the founder and president of the Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression. He is also vice president of the International Institute for Cooperation and Support in Brussels and a member of the International Bureau of the Organization of Reporters Without Borders, in addition to the center which is headed by Darwish, which is the only organization in Syria specialized in the follow-up of the media .and the Internet. He is also an advisory member in United Nations Economic and Social Council We, the organizations, bodies, and centers for the defense of human rights in Syria, express our strong condemnation and deep concern about the continuity of unfair trials of : peaceful activists for peaceful democratic change in Syria and we call on the Syrian government to work for 1. Drop the charges against the activists mentioned above, and to all who participated in peaceful demonstrations in Syria, and to stop the ongoing trials against peaceful political .activists and human rights defenders 2. If the charges are not dropped, they should guarantee the right of defendants to a fair trial before an independent and impartial court consistent with ratified Syrian obligations in particular Article 10 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948, and Article (1, 14 and 5, 14) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1966, as well as ensure that the proceedings are in line with the standards and principles accredited to the United Nations bodies, including the basic principles on the Independence of the Judiciary issued in 1985, and the Guidelines on the Role of Prosecutors General issued in 1990. 3. That the defendants enjoy their right to trial that meets the conditions of fair trials. Because the provisions of the articles of the Penal Code are vague and largely loose to allow the authorities to use it to crack down on peaceful dissidents and human rights activists. Moreover, there are serious concerns that the defendants have been and will be subjected .to ill-treatment during their detention

4. Close the file of political detention and release of all political prisoners, prisoners of opinion and conscience, and all detained because of their participation in peaceful gatherings

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.conducted in various Syrian cities, unless they are charged with a recognizably criminal offense and brought promptly to trial where there is fair trial standard
5. The Syrian government should respect all its obligations with regard to human rights as defined by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nation as set out in international instruments ratified by Syria in particular the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and as guaranteed by the Syrian Constitution; base on that they should respect the rights of citizens and protect them fully particularly with regard to the enjoyment of freedom of expression, freedom of association, and the right peaceful assembly assembly the contract of the enjoyment of the enj
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