



The Monthly Statistical Report on the Dignity Revolution's Martyrs

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Introduction and Citation:

This [report](#) covers the fatalities during September 2014 noting that the fall of martyrs, mostly civilian women and children, continues during the ongoing Syrian crisis. Shelling civilian neighborhoods with all kinds of weaponry, which usually causes mass [displacement](#) movements from these neighborhoods, especially those indiscriminately targeted with [barrel bombs](#), also continues on a large scale. The conflict in Syria started a new phase on 23, September, 2014 after United States of America and its allies known as “international coalition against ISIS” started military strikes against Syrian territory targeting mainly the Islamic State in Iraq and Sham along with other organizations like al-Nusra Front. This report will mention the preliminary death toll of these strikes in the end.

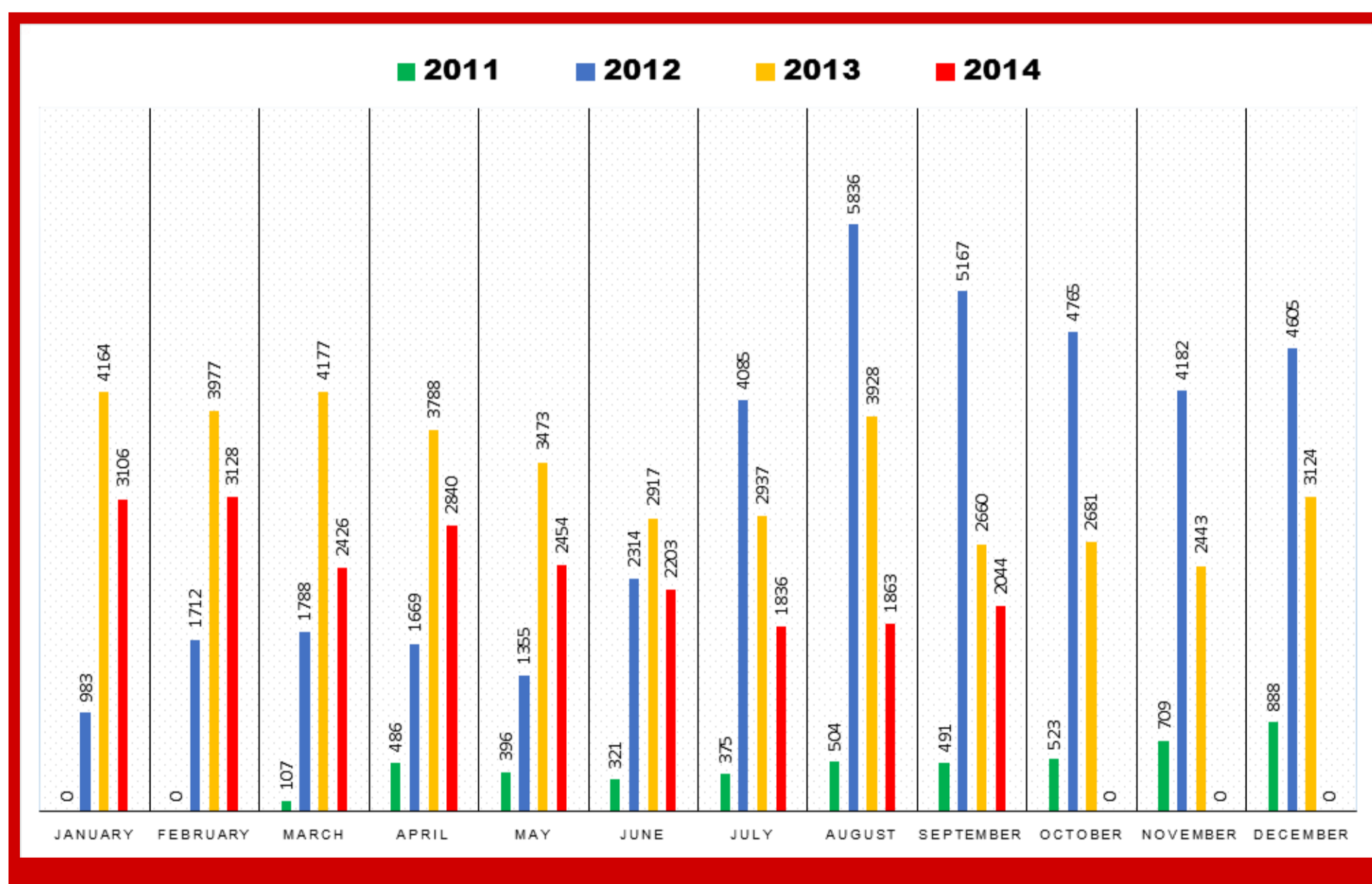
However, the following points should be taken into consideration before reading the report:

1. Fatalities of the regime’s army, the Army of National Defense (Shabiha), Lebanese Hizbullah, Iraqi and Iranian Militias are not included in the reported death toll.
2. These figures are not final in any way, and they are subject to continuous and periodic scrutiny by center’s activists, the data base administrators and the field documentation team.
3. Figures may differ between reports, even within the same district, which can be referred to the territorial audit that would reveal places of errors and faults, as well as the continuous follow up to identify undistinguished martyrs whenever they are identified.

Violations Documentation Center in Syria deeply thanks all activists collaborating with the center and the families of the victims. It also thanks the field monitoring teams and researchers, who face daily risks while carrying out their duties in order to document the crimes and human rights violations committed all over Syria, complete the data and information of the victims and help their families get their causes considered by the concerned agencies and organizations.

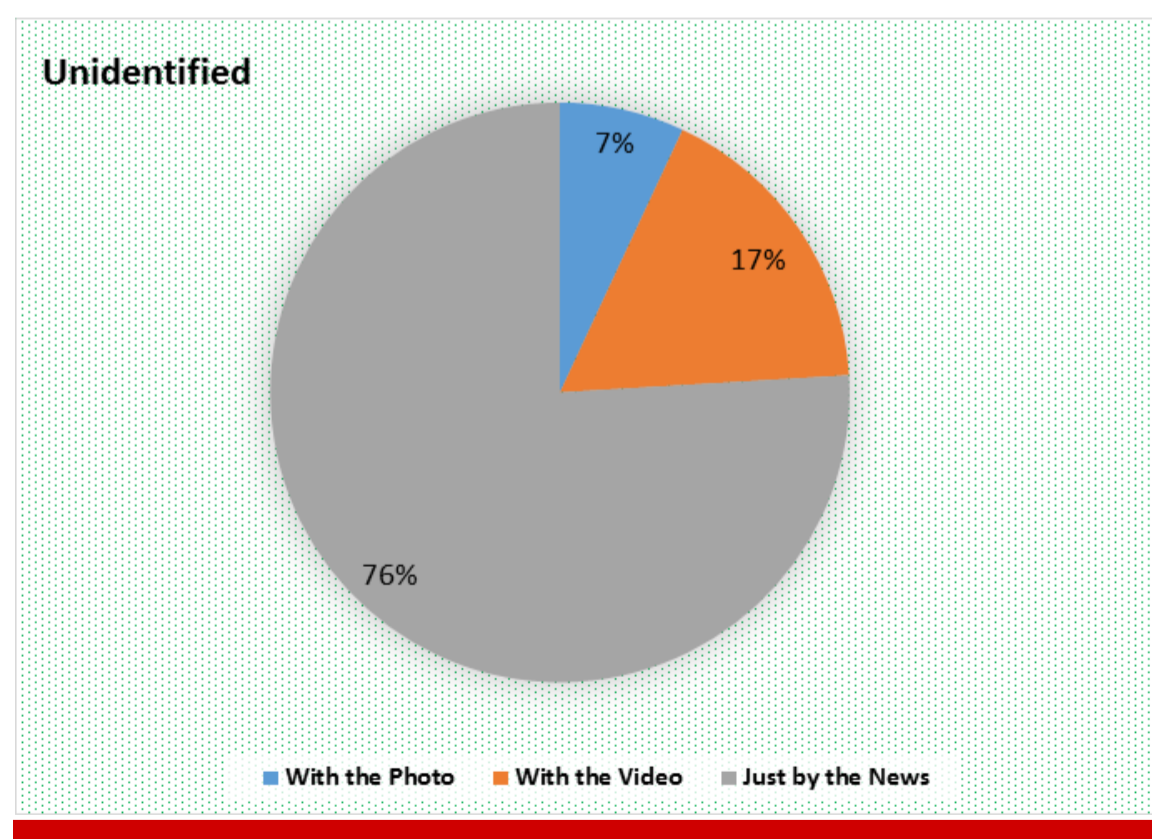
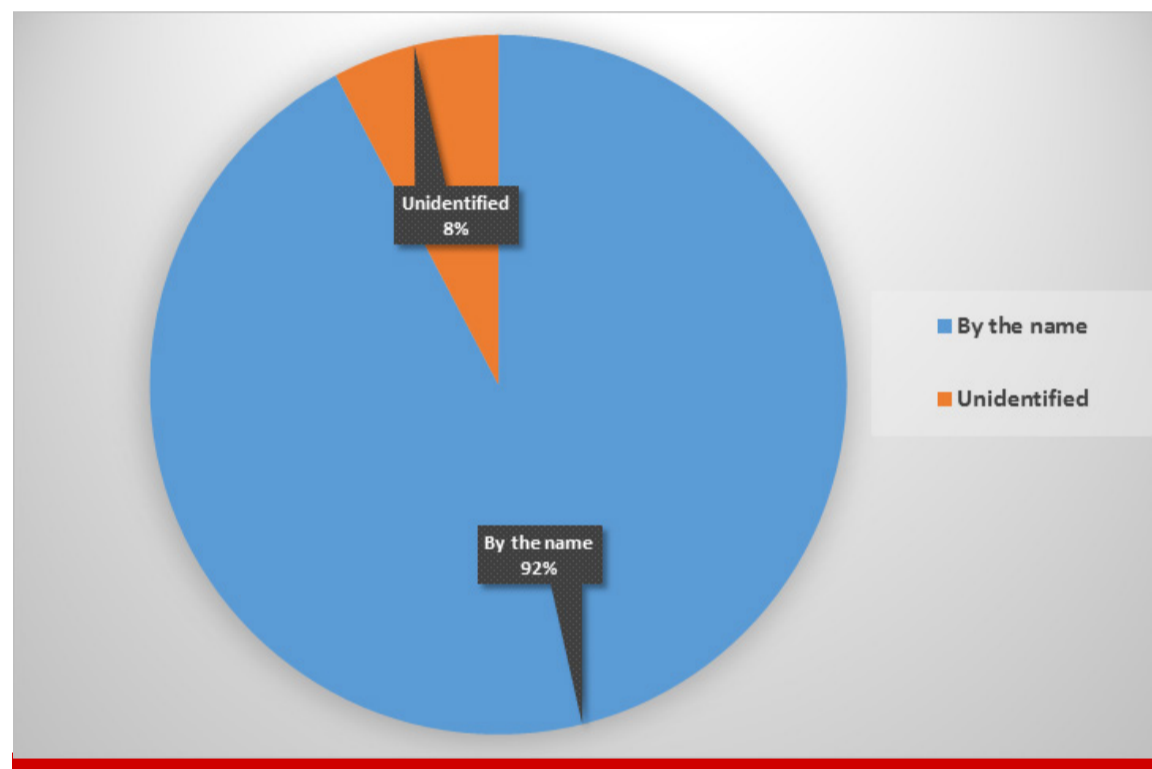
First: Martyrs of the Revolution

Since the beginning of the Syrian revolution till the end of September 2014, the Violations Documentation Center in Syria (VDC) has documented the fall of (105486) persons at the hands of the regime forces and its militia. (2044) martyrs were documented in September 2014, (2660) in September 2013, (5167) in September 2012, and (491) in September 2011, were documented.



Second: Martyrs of August 2014

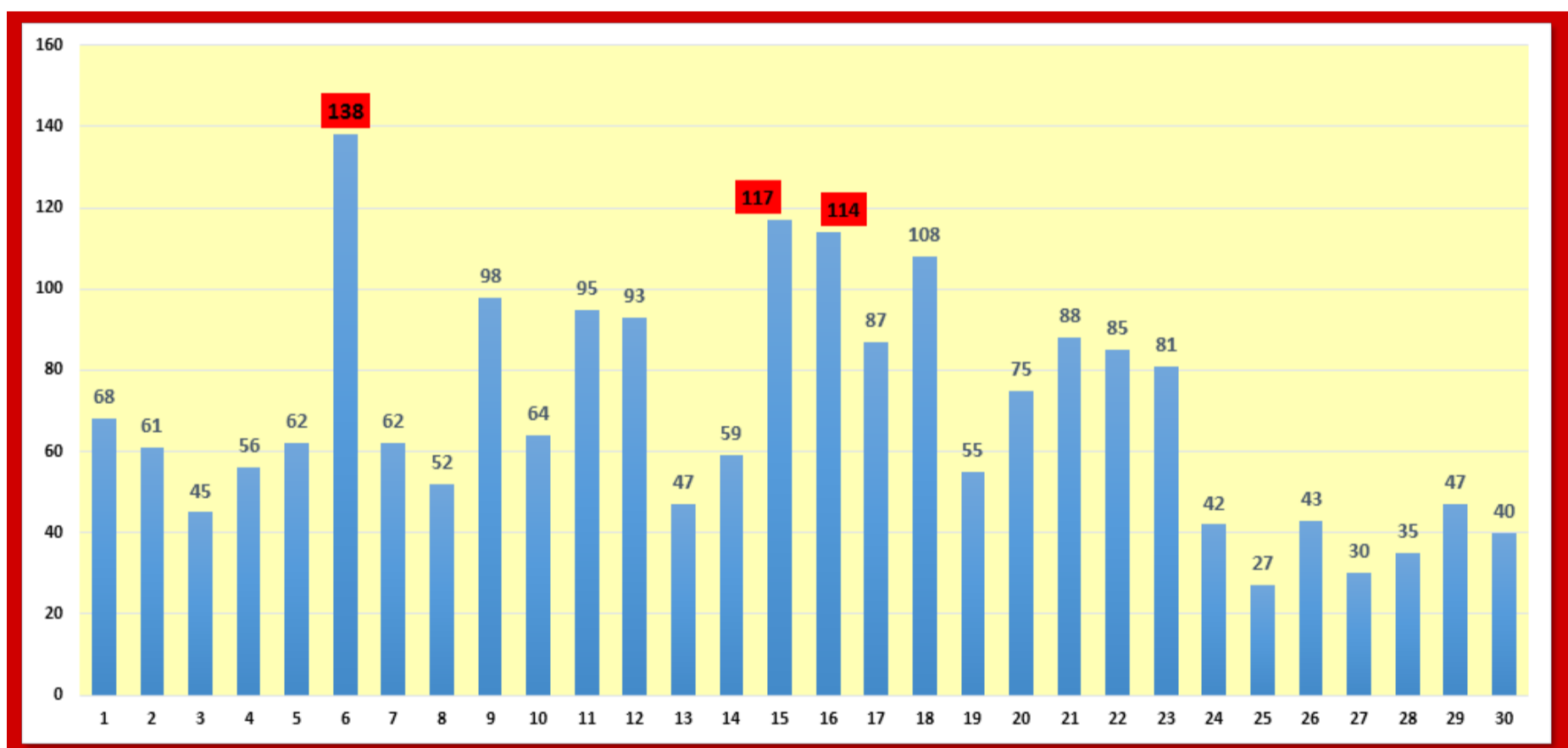
During September 2014, VDC has documented (2044) martyrs, (1886) of whom were documented by their full names, (158) were documented as unidentified because their bodies turned into carnages, still, (11) of them were documented with photos and (27) with videos, while other (120) were documented only by witnessing.



Third: the Distribution of Martyrs according to the Days of the Week

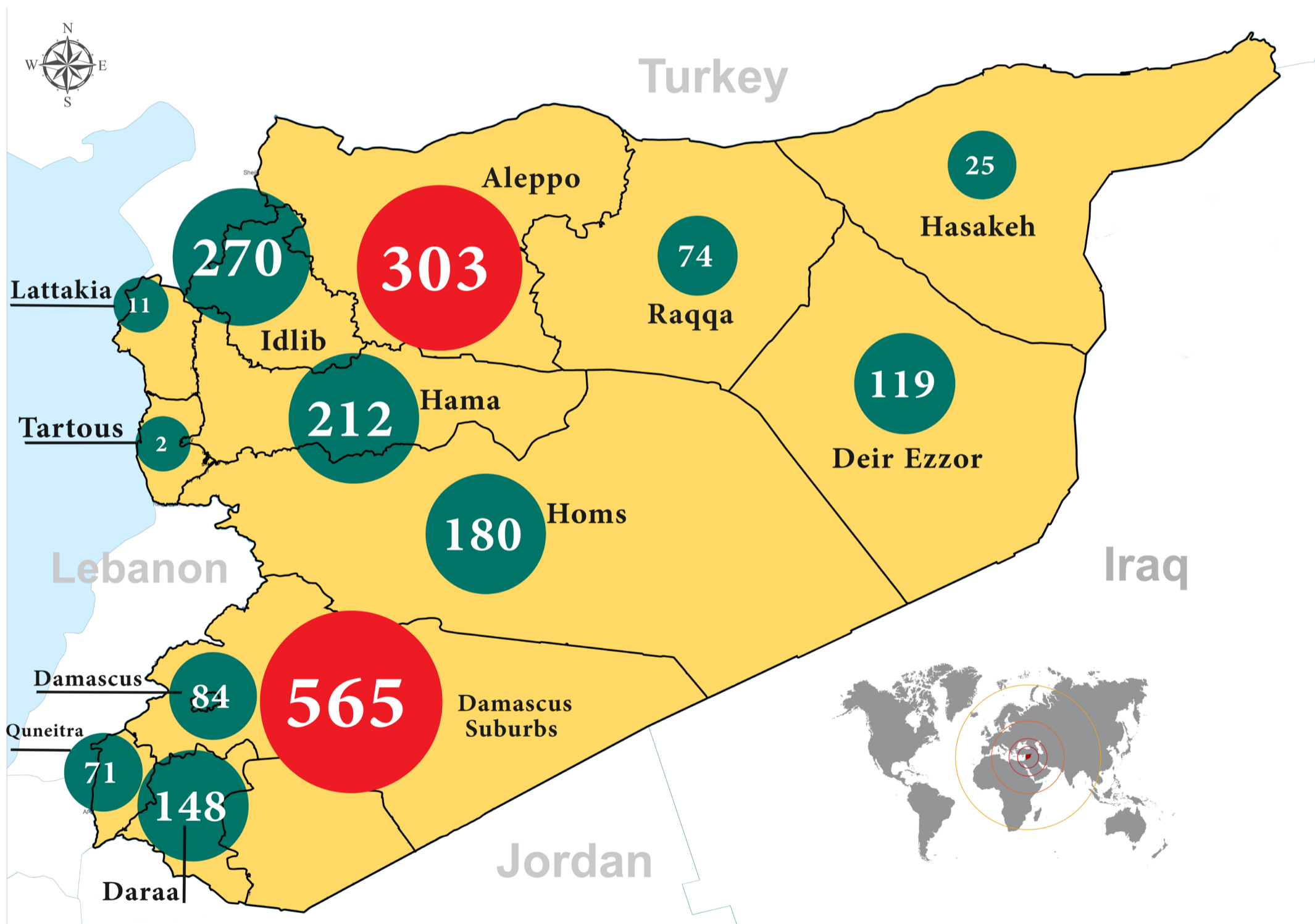
The average number of martyrs who fell during September 2014 was 68 martyrs/day, which is eight martyrs more than of August 2014, when the average number was 60 martyrs/day.

On the sixth day of September (138) martyrs fell i.e. 7 % of the death toll, while (117) fell on the fifteenth day and (114) on the 16th day.



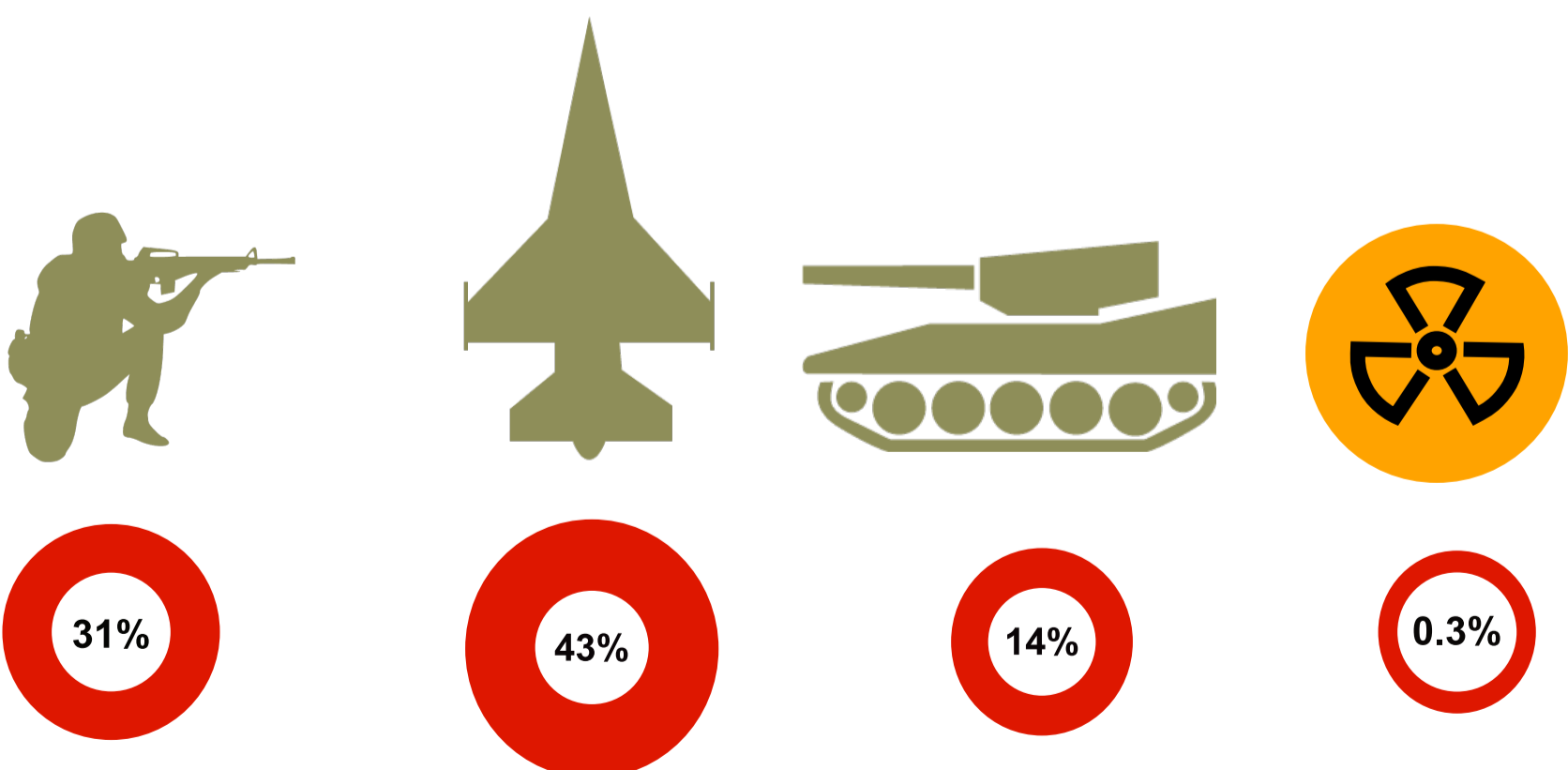
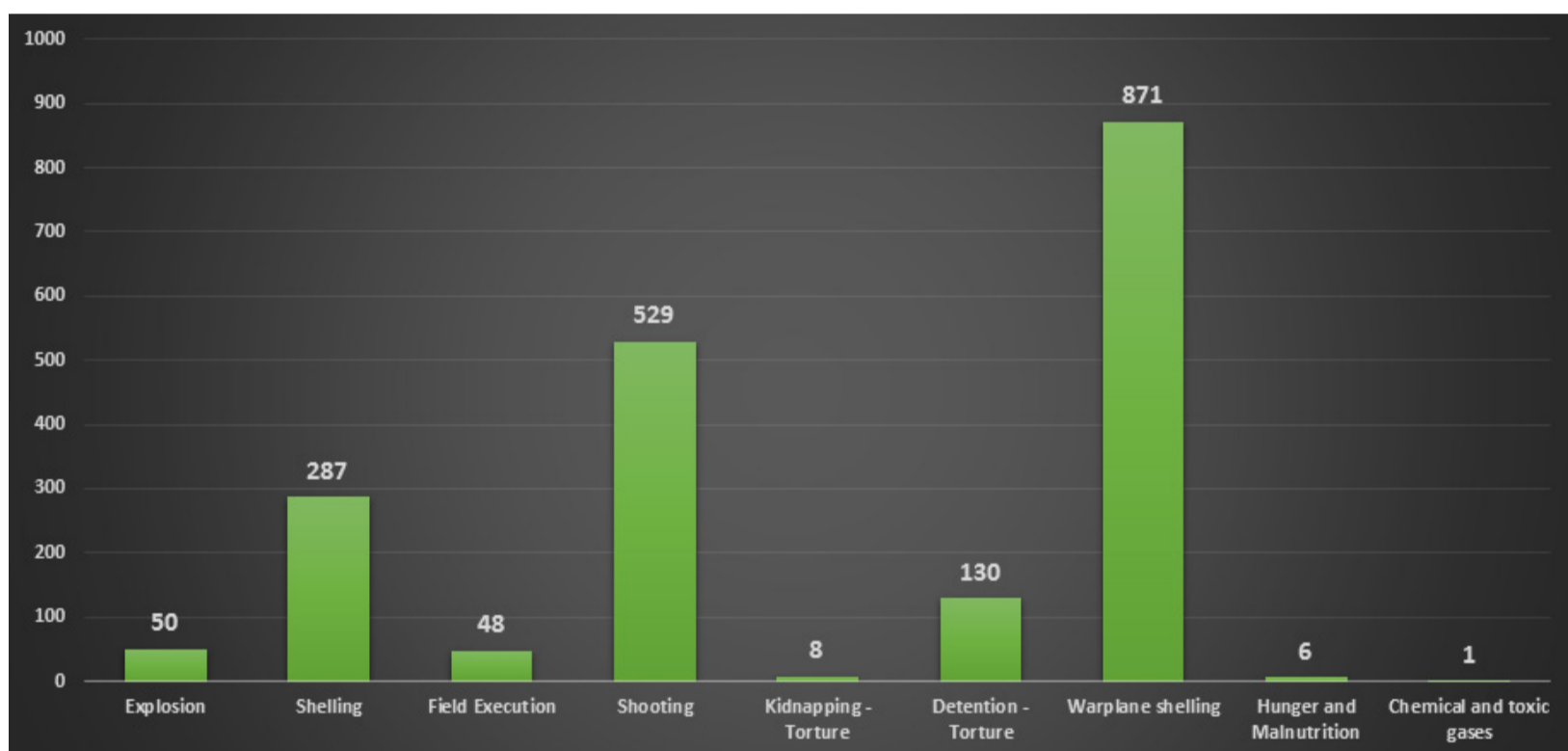
Fourth: the Distribution of Martyrs according to Governorates

Damascus Countryside witnessed the fall of the largest number of martyrs, as the total number was (565 martyrs) i.e. (28 %), followed by Aleppo (303 martyrs) i.e. (15 %), then Hama (212 martyrs) i.e. (10.5 %).



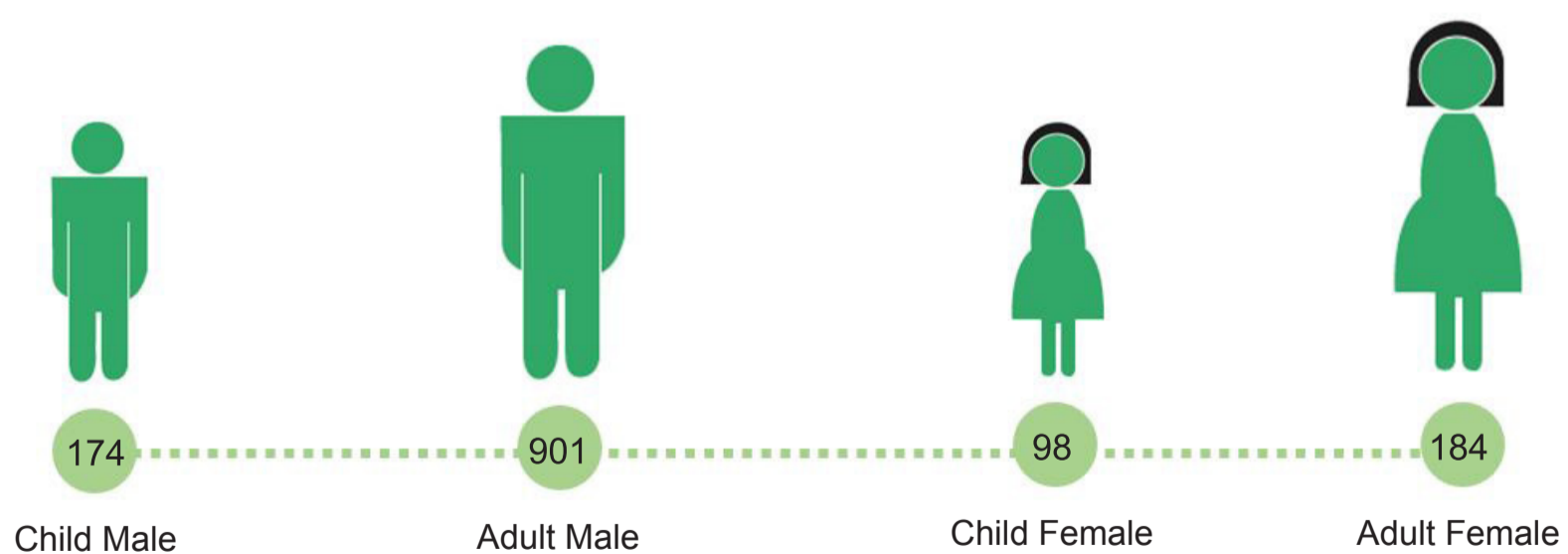
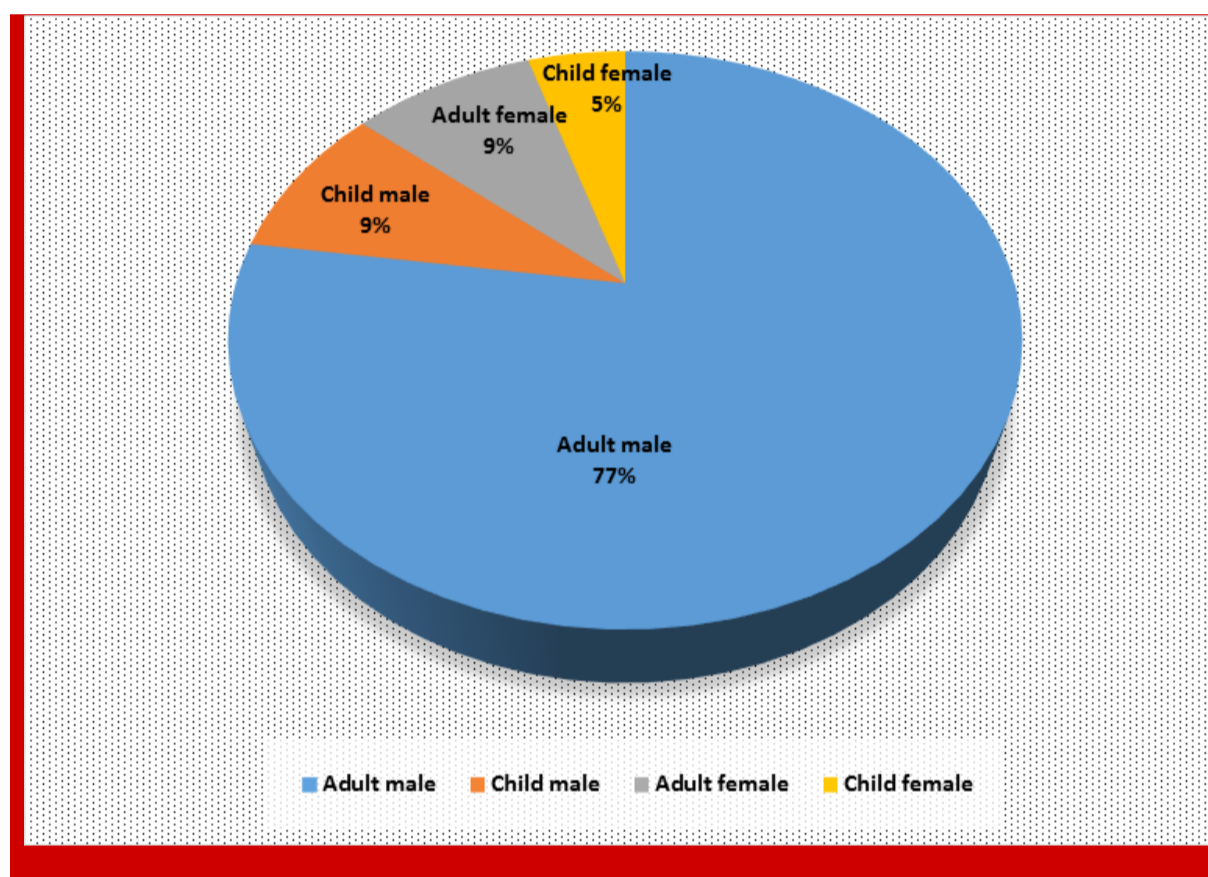
Fifth: the Distribution of Martyrs according to Death Causes

Air strikes and barrel bombs shelling were the main reasons for the fall of the largest number of victims during September 2014. The figure mounted up to (871) martyrs i.e.(43%) of the death toll, (238) of whom were martyred because of the barrel bombs shelling, while (629) i.e. (31%) were martyred as a result of the shooting and snipers' fire during armed clashes with the regime forces. (546) of the latter were fighters of the opposition armed battalions. Other (287) martyrs i.e. (14%) fell as a result of indiscriminate shelling with mortars, artillery and tanks. VDC has also documented one person who fell as a result of the use of chemical and toxic weapons by the regime forces, while other (6) died as a result of malnutrition and the lack of medical supplies in areas besieged by the regime forces. Moreover, (130) people were tortured to death in the detention centers of the security services.



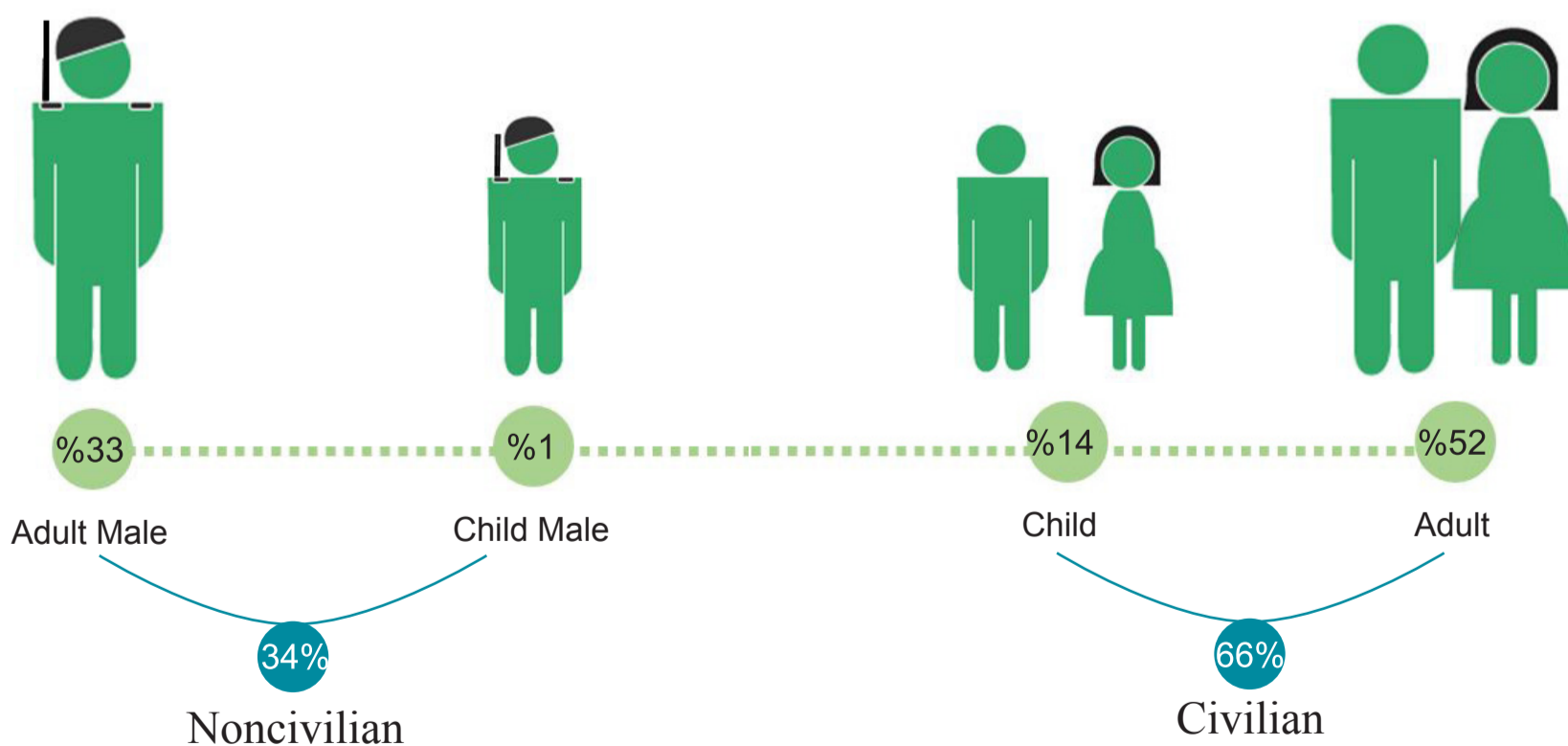
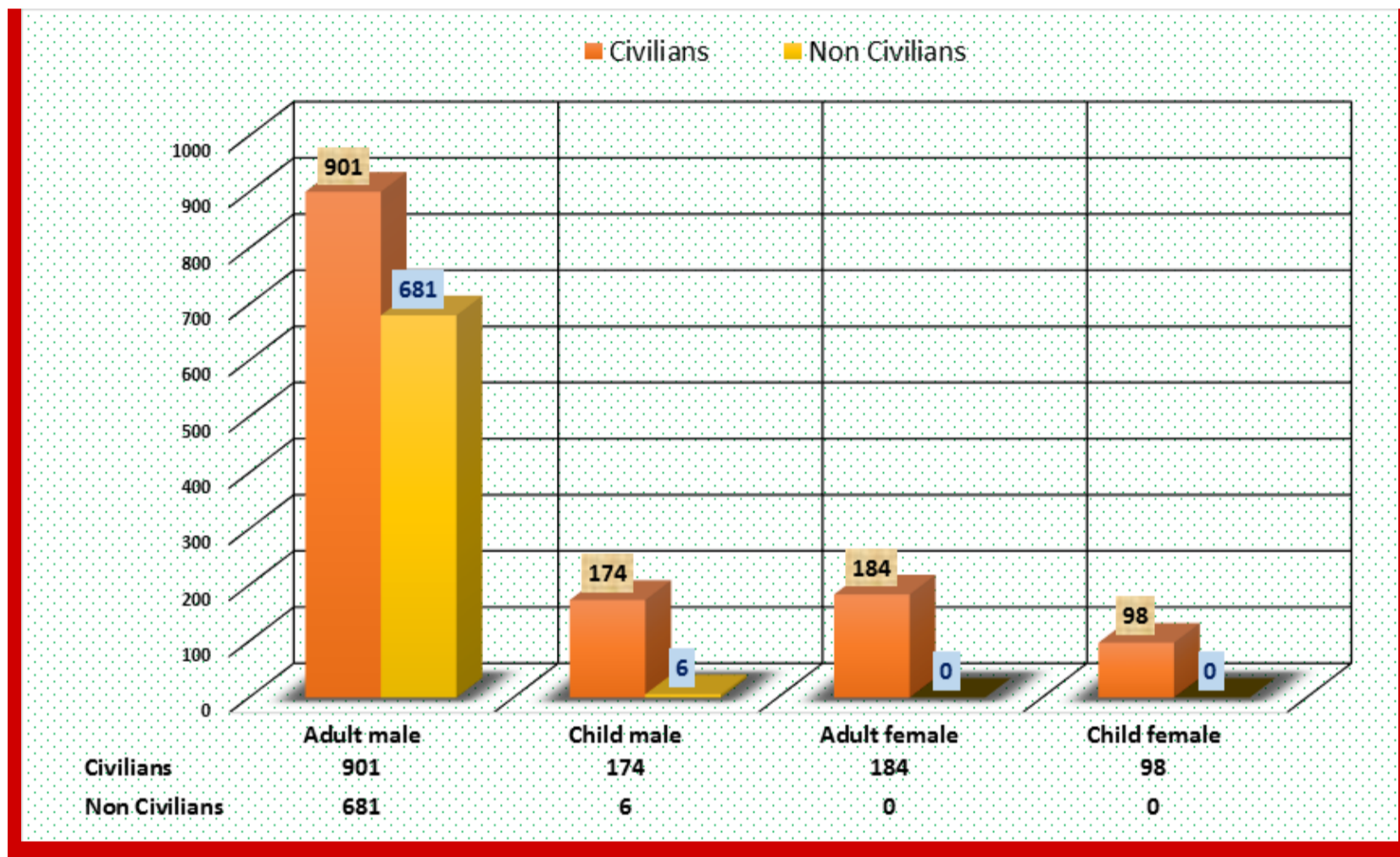
Sixth: the Distribution of Martyrs according to Gender

The number of male adult martyrs is (1582 martyrs), i.e. (77%) of the death toll, the number of male children is (180 children), i.e. (9 %), the number of adult females is (184 martyrs), i.e. (9 %), and the number of female children is (98 martyrs) i.e. (5%).

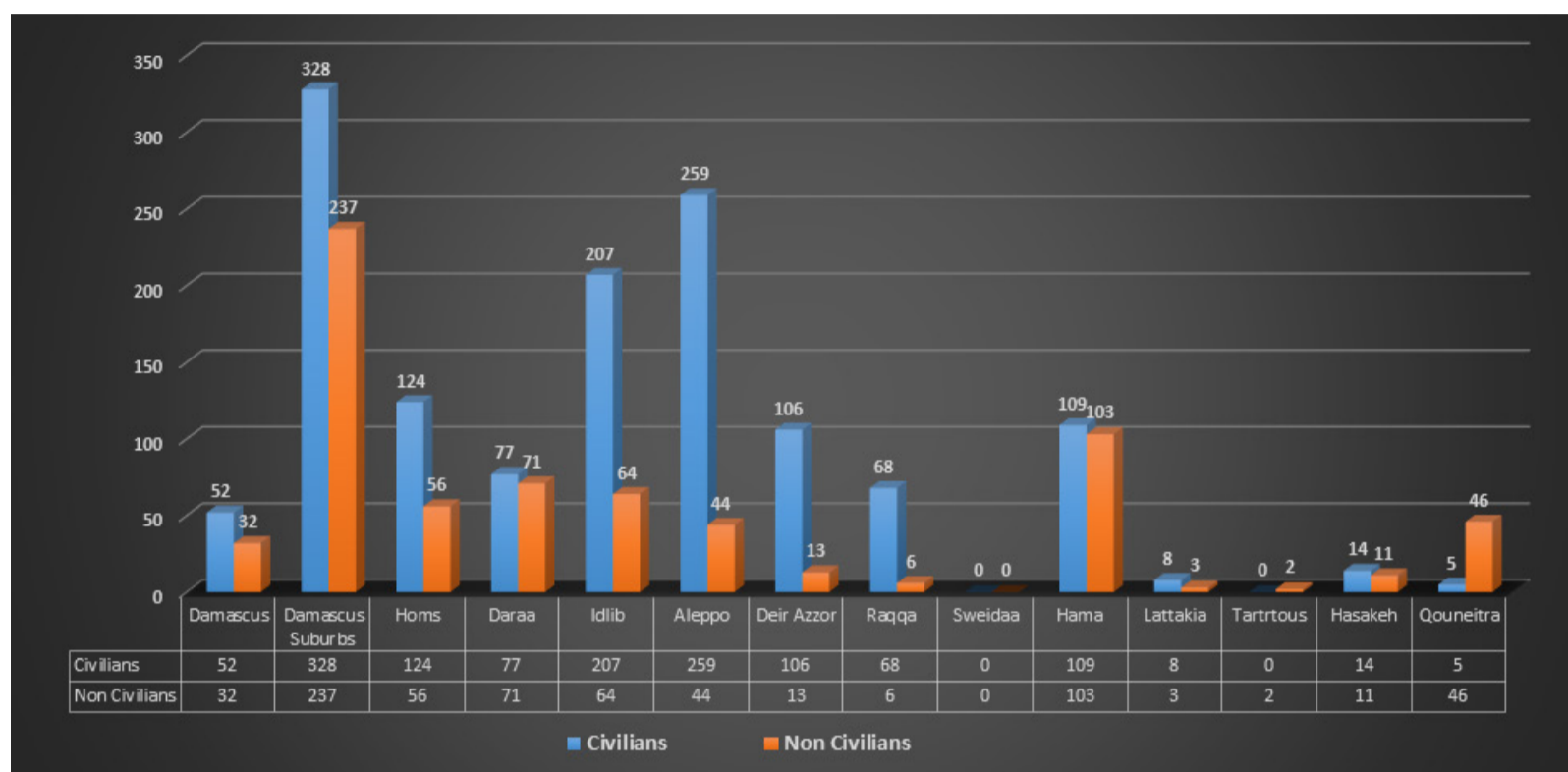


Seventh: the Distribution of Martyrs according to the Category (Civilian/ Non - civilian)

(1357) civilian martyrs fell i.e. (66 %) of the death toll, while only (867) fighters fell i.e. (34 %) including six children under 18.



Eighth: the Distribution of Martyrs according to the Category and Governorate:



Ninth: the Martyrs Who Were Killed by the Islamic State

VDC has documented (69) martyrs who were killed by the Islamic State of Iraq and Sham (ISIS/ Daash), (35) of who were civilians and (34) were members of the opposition armed groups. Among the martyrs were 10 male children, and 7 girls.

Tenth: Victims of International Coalition against ISIS:

In the date of 09/24/2014, the Violations Documentation Center in Syria has issued a [press release](#) about the recent air strikes in Syria, and affirms that the military operations carried out by the countries participating in the “International Coalition against ISIS” must uphold international humanitarian law concerning international armed conflicts, including the Geneva Convention of 1949, as well as the Additional Geneva Protocols I and II of 1977, which all codify customary international humanitarian law. In particular, VDC stresses that countries participating in the “International Coalition against ISIS” must abide by their international obligations to refrain from targeting civilians; to avoid indiscriminate attacks, and to refrain from using weapons that cause superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering. VDC further affirms that these forces must abide by their duties to take every precaution to avoid targeting civilians.

Since the beginning of the military operations, the Violations Documentation Center in Syria was able to document the death of (48) victims -28 of them were civilians, including 9 children and 5 women- in addition to document the death of 20 fighters from different factions, including Nusra Front. The Center (VDC) was unable to document or know the exact numbers of the fighters of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Sham (Daash) killed during these strikes.

Eleventh: Other Statistical:

September 2014 witnessed the fall of four media activists and one doctor. Moreover, three nurses, two field paramedics, and (14) students also killed.

Twelfth: Martyrs of vaccination:

On 15/9/2014, fourteen children died in Ma'arrat al-Nu'man in Idlib governorate due to what is called a "medical error" during an immunization campaign in Idlib, seven of them were baby boys and seven baby girls.



Photo of martyr: [Muhammad Kheir Ali Qaddour](#), 50 years old, married with children, died as a result of hunger and lack of treatment in Abbadeh area in Damascus country side in East Ghouta.



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