



Monthly report on human rights violations by the Turkish occupation and its affiliated groups in Northeast-Syria during April 2023

Afrin:

- 28th March 2023, members of the Turkish military police arrested four citizens without providing any sound reason: Sheikho Luqman Hammo 27 years old, Muhammad Luqman Hammo 16 years old, Sheikho Farhad Hammo 15 years old, and Khalil Idris Jaafar 22 years old", and took them to the headquarters of the "Military Police" in the city of Afrin.
- 31st March 2023, the gunmen of the Sham Legion faction kidnapped Saeed Mohammed Jassem 64 years old, and his brother Jassim Muhammad Jass 53 years old.
- 2nd April 2023, the economic office of the Ahrar Al-Sharqiya faction sold and rented the lands of sons of the citizen Jahid Agha, located behind the new school Faisal Kaddou at the entrance to the city of Afrin on the road leading to Jinderis, and according to our sources, the economic officials of Ahrar Al-Sharqiya faction sold part of the land of the citizen Jahid Agha to a settler from the town of Hayyan, to establish a block factory, for an amount of 2400 US dollars. The faction cultivated the largest remaining part of the land with wheat, and rented the periphery of the land to build kiosks and tents for settlers for an amount of 500 TRY per month. A joint patrol consisted of the Turkish intelligence and the military police arrested four Kurdish citizens during a raid on the houses of the village of Katkh in Maabatli and Jindires district in the countryside of Afrin, the detainees are: Jihad Omar Haidar - Abdo Ali Haidar - Asia Ahmed Haidar - Tigris Hanif Jameel, and released them after paying 250\$.
- 5th April 2023, a masked armed group, consisted of about seven members, wearing military uniforms affiliated with the Syrian National Army kidnapped Ali Muhammad Aharsh, 40 years old, from the village of Sinara, took him between the olive fields, severely beat him, and robbed him of a sum of 3,000 US dollars and 2,000 Turkish liras, resulting in bruises on his body and rib cage, and it is worthy to note that the site from which he was kidnapped is only 450 meters from the military checkpoint of the Al-Sharqiya Army faction, one of the factions of the Syrian National Army. Members of the military police arrested Mahmoud Hussein Jassem 18 years' old.
- 7th April 2023, members of the Muhammad Al-Fateh faction kidnapped four citizens on charges of compulsory military service in the Autonomous Administration before the Turkish army occupied the city of Afrin, the detainees are: Ahmed Hussein Sammou 45 years old, Ibrahim Rifaat Jaafar 65 years old, Rifaat Hussein Osman 50 years old, Tawfiq Osman Omar 55 years old", and all of them

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were transferred to the Civil Police headquarters in the center of Rajo district and forced them to pay a ransom of 3,500 Turkish liras in exchange for their release.

- 8th April 2023, members of the Turkish military police who are present at the checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Rajo arrested Badrakhlan Badr Al-Din Muhammad, Maoud Faisal Sheikho 60 years old –Fayyad Ahmed Mustafa 37 years old without explaining the charge against them and taking them to an unknown destination without knowing their fate. The gunmen of the "Hamzat" faction also cut down 26 olive trees for the purpose of selling them as firewood in the city of Afrin, owned by each of the following citizens from the village of Kafr Zeit, which is under the control of the faction, Farid Abdo Jammo, Omar Abdo Shammo, and Adel Rashid Hamo.
- 10th April 2022, members of the Turkish military police arrested the citizen Abdul Rahman Mahmoud Darwish 51 years old, a resident of the village of Anqla in the Sheikh Al-Hadid district, and the citizen Abdul Rahman was arrested on charges of heading the two communes during the period of the Autonomous Administration before the Turkish forces occupation of the city of Afrin, and he was taken to an unknown destination and his fate is still unknown.
- 12th April 2023, a settler from Ghouta sold the house of the citizen Abdul Qader Muhammad from the village of Baadina, Rajo district, to the so-called Abdo Khadiro Abu Hamdi from Darkoush, for an amount of 1,500\$, and the house is located near Al-Bobna sreet in the old Afrin neighborhood. An armed settler from Aleppo and a member of the "Amshat" faction conditioned 800\$ in order to vacate the house of Abdul Rahman Mohammed, located on Termanini street in the Ashrafiah neighborhood. The gunman justified his request for the amount that he renovated the house, although when he took over the house, it was fully furnished, selling all the furniture for him, according to the residents of the neighborhood.
- 14th April 2023, the elderly citizen Yahya Shukri Hamo lost his life after being assaulted and severely beaten by the gunmen of the "Sham Legion" faction affiliated with the Turkish occupation after they learned that the elderly Yahya had received 300 dollars that had been sent to him by his son Shukri, who works in Lebanon, and has been bedridden since that time. Members of the military police also raided the house of the citizen Ariane Mahmoud Khalil, 40 years old, and arrested him. During the search, they stole several devices including cell phones, money and a car "Board" and had tried to steal the agricultural tractor, but the technical malfunction prevented them from being able to operate it. They also arrested him without bringing any clear charge against him, and took him to the military headquarters in Afrin.
- 17th April 2023, members of the military police arrested the citizen Hussein Nouri Hadak 43 years old without giving any sound and clear reason for the arrest, knowing that this is the third time that the citizen Hussein is arrested and released after paying a sum of money each time he is arrested.

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- 19th April 2023, members of the Shatt checkpoint, stationed at the entrance to the city of Azaz, arrested the citizen Abdul Rahman Kanjo 41 years old on charges of dealing with the Autonomous Administration before the Turkish forces occupied the city of Afrin, and he was handed over to the headquarters of the so-called "anti-terrorism" in the city of Azaz.
- 21st April 2023, a group of the members of the Agricultural Office in the "Ahrar Al-Sharqiya" faction raided the house of the citizen Ramadan Abdel Rahman, who lives in the house of his travelled uncle Jamil Haj Khalil, who resides in Germany, with the aim of expelling him and settling the so-called Abu Ahmed, who is in charge of the office, and threatening him with imprisonment if the house is not emptied within 24 hours.
- 24th April 2023, an armed group from the "Ahrar al-Sharqiya" faction broke into the headquarter of the local council in the town of Rajo during the working hours and threatened the administrator assistant of the council, Abdul-Qader Othman, with death in front of all employees and citizens visiting the council's departments, under the pretext of criticizing the leaders and gunmen of the faction in front of the United Nations International Committee that visited the town earlier.
- 25th April 2023, members of the military police kidnapped the citizen Mustafa Ibrahim Shaabo and demanded his family to pay 5000 dollars, and his fate is still unknown.
- 26th April 2023, the Turkish Intelligence arrested both Hussein Matar 32 years old, Issa Matar 30 years old on charges of performing compulsory service during the period of the Autonomous Administration before of the Turkish occupation of the city of Afrin. The Turkish intelligence released the citizen Ahmed Rasul 34 years old, who was arrested earlier after paying a fine of 300 dollars.

Kobani:

- 25th April 2023, a Turkish drone targeted a car south of the city of Kobani, killing one person.

Hasakah "Zirkan and Tel-Tamr":

- 24th April 2023, the Turkish forces targeted the village of Ain al-Abed in the countryside of Tel-Tamr district in Al-Hasakah governorate, resulting in the death of two sister children: Maryam Khader Owais 10 years old – Etidal Owais 9 years old, and the injury of two brothers and a sister. The children were transferred to the Shahida Lycrine hospital in Tel-Tamr, and the injured children are Abdul Aziz, Diaa and Zahra Khader Owais, and they are receiving treatment at the Shahida Lycrin Hospital.

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Qamishli:

- 14th April 2023, a Turkish drone targeted a car at the Nusaybin-Qamishli border, killing one person and injuring another.
- 27th April 2023, two shells from Turkish territory landed near the village of Shourk in Amuda district, and the damage was limited to material items only without causing human casualties.

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