

Additionally, on May 29, social media platforms circulated a [video footage](#), which Synergy could not verify, in which a person is claiming he is the victim's [al-Da'ar] brother and clarifying that his family have killed Najeeb al-Sheikh, the commander in Suqur al-Shamal Brigade to revenge the killing of his brother who died under torture in a prison run by Suqur al-Shamal after his brother was acquitted from the charges against him.

Absence of the Rule of Law

The murder and public celebration of the killing of a military faction's commander, together with chanting slogans glorifying vengeance only demonstrates the worsening security situation and the absence of the rule of law in the Turkey-occupied territories which are characterized by chaos in the proliferation and use of weapons among civilians, without control or authorization.

The SNA gave no statement concerning the murder of the commander nor the random use of weapons in which cases of summary executions took place due to disputes out of legal frameworks.

On May 31, 2023, Synergy emailed the brigadier-general Ayman Sherarah, the SNA's official spokesperson, to question about incidents of killing/assassination of commanders of the SNA's factions and the phenomena of the proliferation of weapons in the areas where the SNA is in control but received no reply. The official spokesperson's response was that it was not within his duties.

In a [report](#) released on February 26, 2023, Synergy documented 33 intra-fighting during 2022, between factions of the opposition SNA in areas of Ras al-Ayn/Serê Kaniyê and Tall Abyad, in which two civilians were killed and 20 others were injured, including two women and three children.

The report documented five cases of murder/assassination during 2022 carried out by anonymous gunmen in "Peace Spring" Strip during which four fighters of the SNA and two civilians were killed, in addition to three incidents of failed murder/assassination attempts in which four fighters of the SNA were injured. The report also documented one single case during which an armed group affiliated with al-Hamzat Division fired directly on a gathering of civilians injuring one child.

On January 5, 2023, Synergy documented the killing of the young man, Azam Anwar Jawish, at the hands of an SNA former fighter identified as Abdo Hamid Al Awad in al-Safah Village of in the south of Ras al-Ayn/Serê Kaniyê. Jawish hailed from Ras al-Ayn and belonged to the Chechen community.

Furthermore, the case of the child Yasin al-Mahmoud is recognized to be one of the most prominent crimes that were handled extrajudicially as Mustafa Salama, the man accused of raping and killing the 10-year-old child, was killed summarily by an armed group.

The story goes that the Military Police decided to hand the accused over to the Civil Police due to protests of the local people and that the case was turned to be a public opinion case. While the vehicle of the Military Police was on its way driving the accused, a group armed men stopped the vehicle and forcibly let down of the accused man near the city's al-Farouj market. The group summarily executed him by shooting him directly in the head and tens of other shots on different parts of his body.



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We work to document all human rights violations in North and East Syria, and preserve evidence, documents and testimonies in order to contribute to the processes of truth-revealing, accountability and justice. In addition to build the capacities of the victims and advocate for their issues, with the aim of building a society demanding its rights.

We are committed to the highest degrees of accuracy and integrity, including seeking multiple perspectives to develop an in-depth and analytical understanding of events. We are cognizant of our responsibility towards the victims and witnesses who share their experiences with us. We are working closely with a wide range of actors in local and international civil society to achieve the greatest possible impact.



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