



Weekly Report

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

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“It is of the interest of both parties in the conflict and all Syrian people to preserve the neutrality and the functionality of health infrastructure” – Joint Statement by UNICEF & WHO

War Crimes

- The United Nations Human Rights Commissioner Navi Pillay directly implicates Bashar al-Assad in war crimes during the course of the conflict. The top UN office has seen evidence resulting from the UN commission of inquiry in Syria that war crimes were authorised in Syria at the highest level, including by Assad. Furthermore, the commission stated that both sides had committed human rights violations but those committed by the government were on a much larger scale.
- Commissioner Pillay has also stated that a list of those directly responsible for violations has been compiled and will remain confidential until the ICC takes up the issue.
- Source: BBC News (in English):

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-25189834>

Humanitarian Crisis

- A joint statement from the WHO and UNICEF condemned attacks on health facilities and medical personnel in Syria. The statement also called for increased protections of workers to ensure safe access to vaccines and other vital humanitarian aid.
- EU Humanitarian Aid & Civil Protection launches “Syria-1000 Days of Crisis” calling for action to combat the developing humanitarian crisis.
- Source: United Nations (in English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?realfile/html/story.asp?NewsID=46683&Cr=Syria&Cr1=#.UqU0m5GQdSU>

Armed Conflict

- Conflict enters its 1000th day. Fighting continues between rebel factions and government forces. Rockets fired into the government controlled district of Aleppo has killed 18, including 10 government soldiers.
- It is reported that Syrian troops have seized the strategic town of Nabaak.
- Source: Al Jazeera

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2013/12/syrian-troops-seize-strategic-town-201312911493992861.html>