



Weekly Report

Syrian Arab Republic

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UN Chiefs issue urgent appeal to all parties to allow humanitarian aid to besieged civilians

- UN officials have called upon all parties to “enable unconditional humanitarian access to all people in need, using all available routes either across lines inside Syria or across its borders.”
- At least 2.5 million civilians are estimated to be in urgent need of humanitarian aid, while armed groups and forces deny humanitarian access by blocking key access roads and employing siege tactics.
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47628#.U1p5-VweFoU>

UNESCO Director-General condemns the killing of media workers in Syrian conflict

- Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO, condemned recent killings of members of the media stating that there “can be no justification for the targeting of media workers, the eyes and ears of civil society, whose work is essential in any attempt to overcome conflict and heal its wounds.”
- The Director-General has condemned five deaths of members of the media in total since January 2014.
- Source: UN News Centre

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“All too often, humanitarian access to those in need is being denied by all sides. Aerial bombardment, rockets, mortars and other indiscriminate attacks slaughter innocent men, women and children.” – Joint statement by UN officials

Air strike on crowded market kills at least 30 people

- Syrian government forces targeted a crowded market of Atareb, a town in Aleppo.
- Sources claim many civilians, including three children, were among those killed by the aerial offensive.
- Source: Al Jazeera

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/04/syrian-warplanes-target-crowded-market-201442423583080298.html>