



# Weekly Report

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*“More than 5.5 million Syrian children now see their future besieged by war. It is estimated there are up to one million children who live under siege and in hard-to-reach areas that UNICEF and other humanitarian partners cannot access on a regular basis.”*  
– UNICEF Report on Syria – March 2014

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## Syrian Arab Republic

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### ***Syrian Observatory for Human Rights: Death toll exceeds 146,000 as conflict enters fourth year***

- UK-based Observatory estimates over 146,000 people have been killed since the conflict began 3 years ago, one third of which have been civilian fatalities.
- This number includes approximately 56,000 pro-Assad fatalities and 36,000 rebel fatalities.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/13/us-syria-crisis-toll-idUSBREA2C1ZR20140313>

### ***UNICEF Report: Syria most dangerous place on earth to be a child***

- Since March 2013 the number of children affected by the crisis has double from 2.3 million to 5.5 million while the number of displaced children inside Syria has more than tripled from 920,000 to approximately 3 million.
- The number of child refugees has quadrupled from 260,000 to more than 1.2 million, with 425,000 under the age of five.
- There have been more than 10,000 child fatalities, with 1 million living under siege.
- Nearly 3 million children are unable to attend school regularly.
- Source: UNICEF Report on Syria - March 2014

[http://www.unicef.org/publications/index\\_72815.html](http://www.unicef.org/publications/index_72815.html)

### ***Syria is deadliest country for the press: two Journalists killed in two days***

- Two journalists were killed recently, including a Canadian photographer, while covering the conflict in Syria, the deadliest country in the world for the press.
- Source: Committee for Protecting Journalists

<http://cpj.org/2014/03/two-journalists-killed-in-past-two-days-in-syria.php>

### ***Siege tactics lead to Damascus ceasefires***

- “Starvation until submission” campaigns in Damascus suburbs result in fragile ceasefires that leave fates of rebel gunmen and demands for the release of detainees unresolved.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/14/us-syria-crisis-truce-insight-idUSBREA2D0CX20140314>