



Weekly Report

Syrian Arab Republic

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UN-Arab League Special Representative on Syrian crisis resigns amidst “hopelessly divided” international community

- Lakhdar Brahimi, the Joint UN-League of Arab States’ Special Representative on the Syrian crisis sought to end the brutal conflict for almost two years.
- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon stated that the envoy’s resignation was a “tragedy for the Syrian people.”
- Mr. Ban added, “That his [Lakhdar Brahimi’s] efforts have not received effective support from the United Nations body that is charged with upholding peace and security, and from countries with influence on the Syria situation, is a failure of all of us.”
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47780#.U3S67cZyVoU>

France accuses Syrian forces of using chlorine gas in 14 recent attacks

- French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius asserts that there are at least 14 indications that smaller scale chemical weapons, specifically chlorine gas, have been used by Syrian forces in recent weeks.
- Mr. Fabius said that this evidence shows “that (the) Bashar al-Assad regime in spite of its commitment [to hand over its chemical weapons] continues to be able to produce chemical weapons and to use them.”
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/14/us-syria-crisis-idUSBREA4C00720140514>

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Syrian forces have been systematically attacking healthcare systems in opposition-held areas

- Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), a US-based international NGO, has released a study that found Syrian forces to be responsible for 90% of 150 confirmed attacks on 124 healthcare facilities since the beginning of conflict in March 2011.
- PHR’s study reveals that 460 health professionals have died since March 2011 and that the public health crisis created from this conflict will haunt Syria for years.
- Source: The Guardian

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/may/14/assad-regime-targets-syrian-health-care>