



Violations of the Turkish  
Occupation and its  
Mercenaries in Afrin  
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The Turkish occupation and its mercenaries proceed with their savage and immoral actions in Afrin (kidnaping, killings, burning of trees and forests, taxes and demographic changes) thus violating all humanitarian and international laws and covenants.

During August, several violations committed by the Turkish occupation and its mercenaries against the people of Afrin were documented. They are kidnaping civilians and demand ransom from their families for their release. In addition, the kidnaped is threatened with death if he refuses to pay the ransom. The Turkish occupation and its mercenary also carry out demographic changes and Turkification against the population and occasionally sets fire to trees, forests and agricultural crops.

We will highlight in this file the most prominent documented violations from August 16<sup>th</sup>, to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. They are as follows:

### **Kidnapping and Ransom:**

- On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation kidnaped civilians from the village of "Naza" in Shara district, and they are:
- Mohamed Abdo Alou, 50 years old.
- Mohamed Zakaria Tamer, 47 years old.



- On August 17th, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation raided several villages in Bulbula and kidnapped a number of civilians.
- In the village of "Kastal Khodarya", 4 civilians were kidnapped. The mercenaries demanded 800 thousand Syrian pounds for their release. They are:
  - Sabri Ibish
  - Abdullah Hanan
  - Khabat Hanan
  - Farid Rasho



- In the village of "Karah", the civilian "Basil Hanan Ibish" was kidnapped on charges of joining the ranks of the former Self-Defense duty, and demanded to pay 200 thousand Syrian pounds for his release. It is noteworthy that the civilian "Basil" was kidnapped months ago and paid the amount of 150 thousand Syrian pounds until the mercenaries released him.

- In the village of "Abidana", 3 civilians were abducted:
  - Alan Ali Ibrahim
  - Muhammed Ali Ibrahim
  - Shiro Ahmed Ibrahim
- In the village of "Hayama", "Akid Mohammed Ahmed" was kidnapped.
- On August 18th, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation kidnapped 4 civilians from the village of "Omara" in Shara district:
  - Ramadan Hosseinou
  - Nuri Ali Hourri
  - Muhammed Ahmed Dado
  - Kawa Omar Ibo

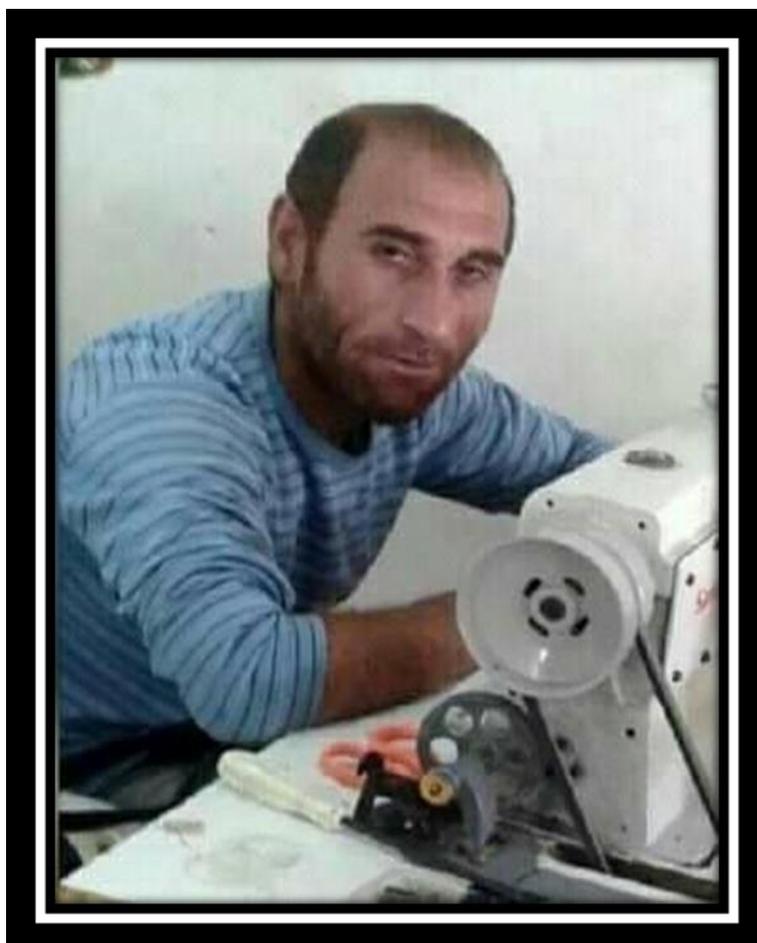


- In "Jaqli" village in Jendrisa district, a civilian called "Mustafa Aslan Abdo" was kidnapped.
- On August 20th, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation kidnapped 4 civilians from the village of Quta in Bulbula district. Three of them are:
  - Abdelkader Seydo
  - Bashir Mohammed Seydo
  - The Wife of Bashir Mohamed Seydo
- On August 21st, 2019, the Turkish occupation mercenaries kidnapped 5 civilians from "Kuliku" village in Mobata District, they are:
  - Mohamed Ali Hamou
  - Luqman Mohammed Hamo
  - Rifai Hikmat Hamo
  - Hassan Rashad Hamo
  - Fawzi Abdel Qader Hamou
- On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation kidnapped the civilian "Mohammed Ahmed Khidr" from "Basuta" village in Shirawa district. It is noteworthy that the civilian is a member of the party "ENKS", a supporter of the so-called Free Army.
- On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation kidnapped the civilian "Hanan Amin Ibo" from his house located on the road to the village of Basuta.
- On August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the Turkish occupation arrested one of its agents in Afrin called "Salah" from the village of "Deir Sawan" in Shara district.

It is noteworthy that the agent "Salah" led to the abduction of many Kurdish civilians, in addition to his frequent harassment of the people. According to the Afrin Activists Network that unknown mercenaries have arrested him with three other members of the terrorist group ISIS.

## **Second: Killing and Torture**

- On August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the civilian "Hussein Hamo" from "Jaqla" village in Shiah district died under brutal beatings and torture by the mercenaries of "Al-Hamzat" of the Turkish occupation, after he was kidnapped for a year.



- On August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation killed "Mohieddin Osu", 70 years old, from the village of "Qutma" in Shara district, after the mercenaries raided his house in the neighborhood of Ashrafieh in order to steal, the mercenaries strangled him to death after "Osu" showed resistance.

### **Third: Fires and Cutting down Trees:**

- On August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation cut down trees in the village of "Ruta" in Mobata district.

#### [Footage documenting cutting of trees in the village of Ruta](#)

- On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation cut down 300 trees in the village of "Hayat" in Mobata district. The trees are the property of "Mohammed Hanif Seydo".
- On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation cut down olive trees over the age of 70 years in each of the following areas:  
"Mobata, Shara, Jandrisa, Raju"  
Some of the civilians whose trees have been cut down are:
  - Jafar Mustafa
  - Fathi Judy Ali
  - Ismat Jaafar

### **Fourth: Demographic Change:**

- On August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Turkish occupation built a mosque in the village of "Avraz" in Mobata district, in order to open a religious course on the method of Naqshbandi.  
The occupation entrusted the task of teaching the course to two individuals:  
"Abdulmutallab Mohiuddin Sheikh Naasan" and "Zahrudin Mohammed Noor Hamo".
- On August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the Turkish occupation brought several heavy machineries to destroy the houses of civilians in the village of "Bilelko" in Raju district under the pretext of opening the road, but the main reason is the displacement of people and establishing a headquarters for the Turkish tanks. The demolished houses are the property of the Habash family.

#### [Demolishing houses in Bulbula district](#)

- On August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the Turkish occupation resettled thousands of families of mercenaries coming from Idlib in Afrin, especially in Shara. The villages in which mercenary families were settled are as follows:
  - The village of "Mersawa" has been resettled with (1800) people.
  - The villages of "Mariamin - Kafr Mezze" were resettled with large numbers in both villages, we did not receive accurate statistics of their numbers.
- On August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation resettled their families in the villages of "Haftaru, Za'arah, Obaidan and Kurdo" in Bulbula district.

Mercenaries of "Faylaq Al-Sham" resettled their families in the villages of Jendrisa district "Qiyla", in addition to the establishment of a camp in the village of "Mohammedia."

### **Fifth: Stealing, Looting and Appropriation:**

- On August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the Turkish occupation excavated digged in the archaeological hill of "Jernas" located in the village of "Sinara" in Shiah district, with the aim of looting and transporting antiquities to Turkey within the framework of erasing the historical and cultural identity of Afrin.
- On August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the mercenaries of the Turkish occupation dug the hill of "Alka" village in Shara district, in order to loot and steal antiquities.

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