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Panorama

**Syrian Political prisoners
2006**

Arbitrary detention, the most common violation of human rights in Syria for decades, remains the most acute issue in 2006 for the Syrian human rights organizations.

The arrests among the opposition and civil society activists are almost always documented. However, the arrests that take place in the context of what has become known as the war against terrorism, or against the backdrop of "reports of security oversights", remain mostly unknown. Only a small percentage of them are being documented. It is confirmed that the trials at the Supreme State Security Court have included new names of detainees at each meeting during the past three years, whose cases have not been previously documented by the various organizations.

Increase in numbers of detainees

The reasons for arrests can usually be divided into three basic categories:

- 1) affiliations with opposition or civil society activities, or with different forms of peaceful expressions of opinion,
- 2) affiliations with Kurdish opposition and activities,
- 3) For Islamic background.

In 2006 the Syrian human rights organizations documented about **300** arrests. We have collected and classified them to draw the following figures, with the assurance that these figures do not represent the real numbers of detainees, especially in the case detainees with Islamic background as already mentioned:

- About **80** detainees on the background of activity in the public domain or the peaceful expression of opinion.
- About **150** detainees among the Kurdish of whom more than one hundred arrested on the eve of peaceful demonstrations in Aleppo to celebrate Nairouz in March 2006.
- About **a hundred** prisoners on Muslim background.

The number of released in 2006 was about **150** people. 14 activists out of which six tried in the judicial courts, eight in the military court.

The number of those who are still arrested or their fate is unknown (because of the lack of information about them after their arrest, or lack of follow-up files by

organizations announced the arrest) is about **150**. 15 of them were transferred to the ordinary or military or state security courts.

Comparing with figures in 2005

In 2005 there were about 335 arrests, more than 150 of them on the Islamic background and most of them have been documented during 2006 after a number of them were referred to the Supreme State Security Court. The number of detained activists or the ones detained for peaceful expression of opinion was about 30, most of them were released after being detained for different periods of time. The rest of the arrested were Kurdish or for reasons unknown for they have not been published by the organizations wish monitored the cases.

In these lists:

- General amnesty, means the amnesty was issued by the president number 85 date 29-12-2006.
- "=" the same
- SSSC : Supreme State Security Court
- We claim that these list include more than 90% of arrested people were monitored by all Syrian human rights organizations, but we remind again that these lists don't represent the real number of arbitrary detention in Syria.

List of prisoners of 2006 who were released in the same year

	name	City & date of birth	Date of arrest	Reason of arrest	trial	Date of release
1	Hasan Nizar	Banias	21-1-2006	Insulting the president	Has a trial before military court.	He should be free on June 2006
2	Adel Tawfeq Mahfod	Tartos	7-2-2006	Writing an article in a website – he is a political activist-	his trial continued before normal court accused with insulting religious feeling (it was canceled by the general amnesty)	12-3-2006
3	Hasan Abdulgani Ahmad	Qamishli	11-2-2006	Distributing a calendar of Kurdish band	without	He was released days later
4	Majdal Aziz Jamel	Qamishli	11-2-2006	=	=	=
5	Ruzain Maania	Al-Tal	19-2-2006	Brother of the detainee Baraa Mania who was detained on Islamic background and has trial	=	31-3-2006

				before SSSC		
6	Ibrahim Mohamad ALi	Qamishli 1985	February 2006	His coming back to Syrian from visiting to Iraq Kurdistan	=	He was released later
7	Shaaban Abbod		5-3-2006	Writing a report in Al-Nahar newspaper	=	He was released 2 days later
8	Muhammad Riad Drar	Der Al-zor – 22 years old	5-3-2006	Distributing a press release in front of SSSC in the day of trial of his father Riad Drar	=	9-3-2006
9	Shawkat Garzeldeen	Al-Suaidaa	9-3-2006	Participating in peaceful demonstration in the anniversary day of emergency law	His trial continued in front of military court in Damascus charging with making riot (it was canceled by the general amnesty)	29-3-2006
10	Ayham Baddor	AL-Salamia	9-3-2006	=	=	=
11	Adnan Abo Asi	Al-Suaidaa	9-3-2006	=	Without trial	2 weeks later
12	Ismael Malla Rasheed	Qamishli	12-3-2006	Participating in peaceful demonstration in the anniversary of 2004 events in Qamishli	=	Few days later
13	Asaad Shekho	Qamishli	12-3-2006	=	=	=
14	Raj Altamr Mustafa	Qamishli	12-3-2006	=	=	=
15	Zubair Abdelrahman Rajab	Qamishli 1985	12-3-2006	=	He has sentenced by military court in Damascus for 20 days in prison accused with making riot	20 days later
16	Mahmoud Muhamad Ali Muhamad	Qamishli 1985	12-3-2006	=	=	=
17	Ammar Qurabi	Aleppo	12-3-2006	Human rights activist	without	2 days later
18	Ali Al-Abdullah	Der Al-Zour	23-3-2006	Activist and journalist	He was sentenced by military court for 6 months in prison	5-10-2006
19	Muhammad Al-Abdullah	1983	23-3-2006	Activist – son of Ali al-Abdullah	=	=
20	Muhammad Najati Tayyara	Hums	22-3-2006	Activist and writer	without	Next day
21	Serbest Sheik Zada	Aleppo	20-3-2006	Participating in peaceful demonstration in Aleppo in the occasion of Nairoz	=	Few days later

22	Samer Nashar	Aleppo	25-3-2006	Political activist	=	27-3-2006
23	Fayez al-Hallaq	Damascus	26-3-2006	Writing a novel	He had a trial before military court	April 2006
24	Muhammad Ghanem	Al-Raqqa	31-3-2006	Journalist- writing a critical articles	He was sentenced by military court for 6 months in prison charged with insulting the president	30-9-2006
25	Najat Paper		24-3-2006	Kurdish activist	without	Few days later
26	Hilal Rajab	Lattakia	27-3-2006	activist	without	midnight of the same day
27	75-100 Kurdish citizens were arrested on 20-3-2006 after participating in peaceful demonstration in the occasion of Nairouz. 75 of them were released on 4-9-2006. According to Kurdish human rights organizations some of them are still arrested in the security branches. None of these organizations could provide the names of those who still in detention.					
28	Sami AL-Abbas	Tartous	3-4-2006	writer	without	Next day
29	Faroq Hammad	Tartous	3-4-2006	poet	=	=
30	Haytham AL-Qatreeb	Al-Salamia	10-4-2006	Printing articles about opposition in the library where he works	without	Next day
31	Shihab Ahmad Shahhoud	Al-Salamia	10-4-2006	=	=	=
32	Nizam Thabet	Palestinian	March 2006	Journalist works for ALhayat newspaper- he was arrested after arriving Syrian coming from Palestine	=	56 days later
33	Ahmad Al-Salfiti	=	=	=	=	=
34	Muteea Mansour	87 years old	19-4-2006	Distributing press released in the anniversary of independence day	=	Few days later
35	Saeed Mahmoud Al-Barghouthi		14-4-2006	activist	=	Few days later
36	Fateh Jamous		1-5-2006	Syrian opponent – arrested from Damascus airport	His trial continued before normal court (it was canceled with the general amnesty)	12-10-2006
37	Mahmoud Muree		16-5-2006	Human rights activist- on the background of Damascus – Beirut declaration	His trial was canceled after he denied his signing on the declaration	16-7-2006
38	Nidal Darwish	Hasaka	16-5-2006	=	=	=
39	Safwan Tayfour	Homs	16-5-2006	=	=	=

40	Ghaleb Amer		17-5-2006	=	=	=
41	Abbas Abbas	Musiaf	17-5-2006	on the background of Damascus – Beirut declaration	without	The same day
42	Khalid Khalefa		17-5-2006	=	=	=
43	Muhammad Mahfouz		17-5-2006	=	His trial is continuing before normal judiciary	25-9-2006
44	Yaser Mulhim	Hums	30-5-2006	An activist	=	The same day
45	Omar Idlibi	Hums	30-5-2006	An activist	=	The same day
46	Habib AL-Daadaee		1-5-2006	Distributing a press release of the union of communist in the firs of May	=	31-5-2006
47	Hani Khayzaran		1-5-2006	=	=	18-5-2006
48	Muree Omran	Qatana	4-6-2006	He was arrested during the trial of his arrested brother before SSSC while he was trying to take photo of his brother	=	10-6-2006
49	Rasheed AL-Hajja		June 2006	Making an interview with Syrian refugees 10 years ago	=	10 days later
50	Ali Al-Shekh Haydar	Musiaf	24-6-2006	Activist-on the background of phone call with his friend	=	The same day
51	Jamel Issa and his son Dara	Qamishli	July 2006	Kurdish citizen	=	Few days later
52	Ibrahim Mallah Haji	=	=	=	=	=
53	Abdelzez Haj Ali Abdi	=	=	=	=	=
54	Wajdi Batti	=	=	=	=	=
55	Farhan Tishi	=	=	=	=	=
56	Kilal Hamodi Khalaf	=	=	=	=	=
57	Dallo Khalaf	=	=	=	=	=
58	Sabri Muhammad	=	=	=	=	=
59	Bassam Badra	Tatos 1955	4-7-2006	Political activist	Has a trial before military court accused with insulting president of the state (the case was canceled by the general amnesty)	29 December 2006
60	Nizar Badra	Tartous	31-7-2006	Brother of Bassam Badra-on the background of phone call with a friends	=	One week later

				about his brother case		
61	Ibrahim Khalil Khalil	Ifreen 1948	4-8-2006	Kurdish activist- Kurdish language teacher	=	September 2006
62	Salah Mohammad Bilal	Ifreen 1971	4-8-2006	=	=	=
63	Mohammad Abdo Khalil	Ifreen 1964	4-8-2006	=	=	=
64	Izzat Othman	Ifreen 1973	4-8-2006	=	=	=
65	Ahmad Khalaf al-Romi	Raqqa 1967	23-8-2006	Unknown		4-9-2006
66	Hasan Al-Ashour	Raqqa	23-8-2006	=		=
67	Ramadan Ramadan	=	23-8-2006	=		=
68	Saleh Al-Rahhal	=	23-8-2006	=		=
69	Muhammad Hajji Darwish		14-9-2006	Human rights activist	without	20-9-2006
70	Muhannad Abdelrahman		7-9-2006	Journalist working for an opposing website	=	23-9-2006
71	Sahar Ali AL-Saleh		24-9-2006	(female)-Palestinian activist member of "Rased" organization	Released after she was forced to sign obligation not to practice any activities on Syrian land	19-10-2006
72	Samer Yousef Bakour		24-9-2006	Palestinian activist member of "Rased" organization	=	=
73	Abdelrahman Khalaf Wallo	Hasaka	19-6-2006	Kurdish activist	=	26-9-2006
74	Rokana Hamour	Damascus	14-10-2006	(female) her criticizing of the corruption in Syria	=	12 hours later
75	Hashem Baberli	Homs	12-11-2006	Was arrested among group of persons accused with belonging to Liberal Islamic party	=	24-12-2006
76	Musher Abo allaban	Homs	12-11-2006	=	=	=
77	Murad Mashouq al-Khaznawi	Qamishli	13-11-2006	Son of Shek Mashouq Khaznawi	=	Next day
	Husein Al-Nabils		17-11-2006	After arriving Syrian coming back from Libya where he was arrested accused of belonging to "Al-sofia"	=	20 days later
78	Mahmoud Hasan Shuheber		17-11-2006	=	=	=
79	Fathalla Hasan Shuhaibar		17-11-2006	=	=	=
80	Shaaban Muhammad Maamo	Ifreen 1968	20-12-2006	Kurdish singer	=	2 days later

List of those who are still arrested or their fate is unknown

	name	City & date of birth	Date of arrest	reason	trail
1	Jad Tayseer Subhi	Bahraini an	7-1-2006	Islamic background	
2	Hadi Ibrahim Ameen	Hsaka 1945	7-1-2006	unknown	
3	Fahd Daadosh	Idleb	14-1-2006	Unknown-governmental employee- was arrested by state security	
4	Bashar Adnan Halabia	Hama	14-1-2006	Unknown- taxi driver	
5	Zainab Habib	Aleppo	15-1-2006	(female)-Kurdish activist PKK	
6	Ayham AL-Saied	Damascus 1985	20-1-2006	Islamic background- university student- arrested by air force service	Has trial before SSSC
7	Mutasem Matto	Damascus 1981	17-1-2006	Islamic background - arrested by air force service	=
8	Hamada Mustafa	Aleppo	January 2006	unknown	
9	Muhammad Bakor Shehan		January 2006	Unknown - was arrested by state security service	
10	Husam Ali Mulhem	Drekesh 1984	24-1-2006	Democratic youth movement- was arrested by air force service	Has a trial before SSSC
11	Ali Nazer Ali	Musiaf 1984	24-1-2006	=	=
12	Tareq Al-Gorani	Damascus 1985	18-2-2006	=	=
13	Maher Isber	Salamia 1980	23-2-2006	=	=
14	Ayham Saqer	Salamia 1975	23-2-2006	=	=
15	Allam Fakhour	Salamia 1979	23-2-2006	=	=
16	Omar AL-Abdullah	Damascus 1985	19-3-2006	=	=
17	Diab Seriah	Damasucs	19-3-2006	=	=
18	Faheem Sheko	Derbasia 1975	16-2-2006	Arrested from the airport after his deportation from Germany	
19	Mustafa Shawesh	Tartous	22-2-2006	Ship captain in Tartus - insulting public authorities- he was referred to a civil prison in Tartous	According to his charges he had to be released last August

20	Muhannad Al-Bunni	Aleppo 1984	February 2006	Islamic background	Has a trial before SSSC
21	Habash Sedo Iabesh	Ifreen	12-3-2006	Participation in anniversary of 2004 events in Qamishli	
22	Abdulqader Husein	Ifreen	=	=	
23	Muhammad Waleed Al-Kabeer AL-Husaini	65years old	14-3-2006	Insulting the president and telling false news. Was arrested after a conversation with his friends in a coffee shop (security report)	Has a trial before SSSC
24	Abdeljabbar Ahmad AlAllawi	Idleb 30 years old	March 2006	Coming back from exile in Iraq	
25	Muhammad Khaled AL-Jadaan	Idleb	25-3-2006	Unknown- university student	
26	Ahmad Ali Nouri		16-3-2006	Unknown- photographer	
27	Waddah Mahmoud Nasri	Aleppo	27-3-2006	Unknown	
28	Abduallah al-Hallaq	Salamia 1982	8-4-2006	Unknown- university student	
29	Muhammad Basher AL-Saleh	Hama	19-4-2006	Distributing press release in the anniversary of independence day	Probably he was released
30	Musaab al-Jahmani	Daraa 40 years old	18-4-2006	Islamic background- was arrested with another 15 persons	
31	Jihan Muhammad ali	Ifreen	19-4-2006	(female) Kurdish activist PKK	
32	Adnan Khalil Rasheed	Aleppo	19-4-2006	Kurdish activist	
33	Fawzi Ali Kahwa	=	=	=	
34	Waheed Jihad Mustafa	=	=	=	
35	Muhammad Aboalnaser Jawad Ajam	Aleppo	26-3-2006	Unknown- governmental employee	
36	Marwan Qastalani	Qatana	23-4-2006	It might be on Islamic background	
37	Gassan Makkawi	Damascus	21-4-2006	Liberal Islamic party - teacher	
38	Tayseer Al-Naasan	=	=	Liberal Islamic party- engineer	
39	Kamel Horani	=	=	Liberal Islamic party	
40	Mechel Kelo	Lattakia	14-5-2006	Journalist and activist- on the back ground of Damascus Beirut declaration	Has a trial before a criminal court
41	Mahmoud Issa	Homs	16-5-2006	An activist- on the back ground of Damascus	=

				Beirut declaration	
42	Anwar Al-Bunni	Hama	17-5-2006	=	=
43	Jihad Darwish	Tartous	18-5-2006	Unknown- school student	
44	Hazem Darwish	=	=	=	
45	Ahmad Shekho	Ien ALarab	22-5-2006	Unknown – his car was confiscated	
46	Abdalla AL-Zubi	Daraa	June 2006	Unknown- his residency in Kuwait- was arrested on Syrian Jordanian border	
47	Ahmad Abo Shawareb	Irbeen	3-6-2006	After what the authority has called it "terrorism operation" in al-Omaween square	
48	Ahmad Ghazal	=	=	=	
49	Ahmad Younes	=	=	=	
50	Muhammad Al-Kahhala	=	=	=	
51	Sameer AL-Jandali	=	=	=	
52	Feras AL-Jandali	=	=	=	
53	Muhammad AL-Habet	=	=	=	
54	Osama AL-Shareef	=	=	=	
55	Zaher Hueshan	=	=	=	
56	Sameer al-Gareeb	=	=	=	
57	Khaled AL-Sayed Hasan	=	=	=	
58	2 young persons from Al-Shekh family & 1 person from Abonab family & another persons from ALSino family	=	=	=	
59	Jalal AlAbras	=	=	=	
60	Hasan Abdulfattah	=	=	=	
61	Muhammad AL-Qalesh	=	=	=	
62	Muhammad AL-Naheef	=	=	=	
63	Muhammad Zaiat	Aleppo 55 years old	23-6-2006	It might be on Islamic background	
64	Muhammad Mahmoud Qatreeb	Idleb	25-6-2006	(security report) working in port of Tartous	
65	Muhammad Rageh	Raqqah	11-6-2006	Islamic background – university student	
66	Muhannad Al-Munekher	=	=	Islamic background	

67	Abdelrazzaq Al-Bayram	=	=	Islamic background	
68	Feras AL-Mudaweh	=	=	Islamic background-school student	
69	Alaa Asef Shaweesh	=	=	Islamic background – university student	
70	Abdelrahman Al-Shannan	=	=	Islamic background	
71	Hasan Ismael Bakeer	Musiaf	24-6-2006	On the background of phone call with his friend	Has a trial before military court (he supposed to be released)
72	Fedan Abdelrahman Qunbur	Ifreen 1982	July 2006	(female) Kurdish activist - PKK	
73	Omar Jamal Al-Tillawi	Homs 18 years old	5-7-2006	Islamic background	
74	Muhammad Salahaldeen Abdellateef	Aleppo 20 years old	12-7-2006	Was arrested when he came Syria from Yaman where he lives	
75	Mustafa Ahmad Ead	Idleb 1968	26-4-2006	Islamic background – x- prisoner for 9 months- has bad health situation	
76	Omran Aolewi	Ean alarab 34 years old	30-7-2006	(Security report)	
77	Samer Abdelfattah Koka	Irbeen	July 2006	On the background of alomaween square incident	
78	Ali Saeed AL-Shihabi	1955	10-8-2006	Political activist- x prisoner for 9 years – charged with trying to establish political party	Was referred to the interrogation judge of normal court
79	Yaser Husein Al-Ahmad	Raqqa 1977	23-8-2006	It might be on Islamic background	
80	Abdullah al-shawakh al-Garanb	Raqqa 1988	=	=	
81	Ibrahim AL-Mallah	Raqqa	=	=	
82	Khalid Sultan	Raqqa	=	=	
83	Maher sulaiman Najmen	Phalistinian	17-8-2006	=	
84	Yamen Al-Taweel	Idleb	25-8-2006	=	
85	Muhammad Al-Asaad	Idleb	23-8-2006	=	
86	Akram Ahmad Watti	Idleb	27-8-2006	=	
87	Yaser Husein Al-Ahmad	Raqqa 1977	23-8-2006	=	
88	Naeema Muhammad Abdo	Ifreen 1966	August 2006	(female) Kurdish activist in PKK	
89	Issa Al-Tarrad	Raqqa	23-8-2006	It might be on Islamic background	

90	Abdelhasan al-Rahlan	=	=	=	
91	Abdelfattah Shehada	=	=	=	
92	Mustafa Al-Mustafa	=	=	=	
93	Issa AL-Saleh	=	=	=	
94	Khalefa Al-Hwish	=	=		
95	Khalid Issa Al-Musa	Raqqaq	February 2006	Islamic background	Has a trial before SSSC
96	Abdelsalam Issa Al-Musa	=	=	=	=
97	Abdelnaser Al-Hmaidi	Aleppo 1964	26-1-2006	=	
98	Sameer Al-Bahr	Jableh 1953	24-9-2006	Islamic background- has very bad health situation	
99	Feras AL-Refaee	Homs	16-9-2006	Conversation with his friends in the university about corruption in Syria	
100	Ghassan Ismaeel	Tartos	3-10-2006	A teacher was arrested after (Security report)from his student	
101	Muhammad Omar Hawoot	Aleppo 45 years old	3-10-2006	It might be Islamic background	
102	Ahmad Al-Ali AL-Saleh	Raqqa	12-7-2006	The case of Al-Raqqa properties- hi is arrested in civil prison in Raqqa	
103	Shebon AL-Zubair Ibrahim	Lattakia 1965	18-2-2006	It might be Islamic background- teacher	
104	Hisham Husni Haikal	Tartus	12-7-2006	x-prisoner for 12 years on background of Muslim brother hood	
105	Rezan Adel Ahmad	Amoda	16-10-2006	Islamic background	
106	Osama Muhammad Ali Al-Alo		4-9-2006	He was arrested when he came back from UAI where he lives	
107	Ghazwan Al-SHawa	Homs	11-11-2006	Liberal Islamic party	
108	Gihad AL-Kayal	=	=	=	
109	Basheer Abo Allaban	=	=	=	
110	Iyad AL-Kharraz	=	=	=	
111	Luqman Muhammad Muhammad	Derbasia	2-11-2006	Unknown- Kurdish citizen	
112	Ahmad Mahmud Farhou	=	4-11-2006	Unknown- he was arrested the first time 3 months ago when he came back from Iraq Kurdistan	

113	Omar Muhammad Al-Dughem	Idleb 26 years old	August	(Security report)	
114	Muhammad Ali Issa	Aleppo 1977	15-11-2006	It might be Islamic background	
115	Yousef Ali Issa	Aleppo	15-11-2006	Brother of detainee Yousef Issa	
116	AbdelAzeez Rafeaa	Qamishli	20-11-2006	Islamic background	
117	Abdelrahman Rafeaa	=	=	=	
118	Abdelraman Yousfan	=	=	=	
119	Abdelzaeez yousfan	=	=	=	
120	Adel Mahlami	=	=	=	
121	Abdelzeez Mhalami	=	=	=	
122	Muslim Mustafa Qoto	Ifreen	19-11-2006	Kurdish citizen	
123	Khalid Rashed Rashed	Aleppo	16-11-2006	=	
124	Muhammad Musa Hamko	=	=	=	
125	Othman Musa Hamko	=	=	=	
126	Jamal Aba Zeid	Daraa	26-11-2006	Political activist-expressing of his opinion about the "resistance" during lecture in the cultural Arabic center in Daraa	
127	Yaseen Hadid	Homs	11-11-2006	Liberal Islamic party	
128	Fatemah Mamo Kenjo	Aleppo	November 2006	(female) Kurdish activist in PKK	
129	Muhammad Rashed	=	=	Kurdish activist in PKK	
130	Nidal Husein	=	=	=	
131	Obaid Salhab		May 2006	Islamic background	Has trial before SSSC
132	Asmahan Minan	Ifreen	28-11-2006	(female) Kurdish activist in PKK	
133	Faeq Ali Al-Meer Asaad	Qadmous 1952	13-12-2006	Leader member of democratic people party- charged with relation with 14 March movement in Lebanon	Referred to normal court in Damascus
134	Muheeldeen Shekh Ali	Aleppo	20-12-2006	Leader member of Al-wehda Kurdish party	
135	Jefan ALi	1986	20-12-2006	Kurdish university	

				student	
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Special cases

Mosa Swari	Ahwazi	11-5-2006	There was contradictory information whether he was released or not
Ahmad Abdeljabbar	=	=	=
Issa Al-Mosawi	=	=	=
Rasoul Ali Mazraa			He was deported to Iran
Jamal Obaidawi			=
Taher Ali Mazraa			=
Faleh Abdullah Al-Mansori			=
Khalil Husien	Qamishli-55 years old	17-5-2006	He has released on 25-9-2006 but there was another judicial order to rearrest him again, he is hidden now. His trial is continuing before normal court
Sulaiman Shummar		17-5-2006	=

Best wishes
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