

HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN & SYRIA

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The armed conflict or the Syrian civil war has been ongoing since 2011. Since March 2011, the conflict has killed around 500,000 people. Attacks with chemical weapons and numerous massacres, war crimes and crimes against humanity have been committed. Half of the Syrian population was displaced during the conflict, and five to six million Syrians fled the country, a quarter of the population.

In July 2012, the withdrawal of the Syrian army from the Kurdish areas of the country, gave the opportunity to the Kurds to take control of their regions in northern Syria, called Rojava. Since November 12, 2013, the latter has an autonomous administration, which manages the "political, military, economic and security issues in the region and in Syria". Turkey, as a key player, does not support this de facto autonomous region. An offensive was launched on January 20, 2018 by the Turkish army and Syrian rebels of the Free Syrian Army against the Kurdish city Afrin (Avrin). We hear terrible stories of people being held in detention, tortured or disappeared by Turkish armed forces and Syrian armed groups.

The Speakers will discuss cases of human rights violations and crimes committed.

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