An Open Letter to the EU Leaders
Pressure Rouhani to Withdraw Fighting
Iranian Militias from Syria

Sending Iranian militias to fight in Syria have not stopped since the inauguration of President Hassan Rouhani on 4 August 2013. Those sectarian militias supported the Syrian regime in committing crimes against humanity and war crimes, which were discussed in earlier reports; "Shiite Fighting Militias in Syria" and "Unseen Massacres". Therefore, according to the International Humanitarian Law, The Syrian regime along with the current Iranian regime, are involved in the crimes against humanity and war crimes in Syria.

The Iranian regime's support was not restricted to sending fighting militias to Syria, but it was accompanied with public and sectarian incitement. Iraqi and Lebanese Shiite militias were encouraged to head to Syria, support the Assad regime in several ways, and ignite sectarian grudges in the region.
The Iranian regime also supported the Syrian regime financially, politically and economically. All these factors effectively motivated the Syrian regime to decline any political solution and pushed it commit more massacres, arrests, destruction and displacement against its own residents.

Since Hassan Rouhani was elected as a president, the Syrian regime collaborated with the Iraqi and Lebanese militias and killed more than 147,061 Syrian citizens, including 7,987 children and 6,031 women (where women and children constitute 10% of the total number of victims. Additionally, 4,068 individuals were killed under torture.
The Syrian Network for Human Rights calls the EU leaders to pressure the Iranian regime to withdraw its militias and put an end to its criminal intervention in Syria. The EU leaders should perceive the Iranian regime as an accomplice in widespread war crimes and massacres against the Syrian people. Iran should build good relations with its neighboring countries and respect its ethnic and religious diversity instead of igniting sectarian grudges and fighting innocent civilians.