

The Monthly Statistical Report on victims

May 2015

Violations Documentation Center in Syria - VDC

Introduction and Citation:

This [report includes](#) the number of victims who fell during May 2015. In Syria, claiming the lives of thousands, mainly civilian women and children, goes on using all kinds of weapons and targeting the various civilian neighborhoods. Accordingly, mass [displacement movements](#) took place, especially from the neighborhoods that are indiscriminately targeted by [barrel bombs](#). However, in 23 September 2014, when the USA and its allies represented by the so-called [National Coalition](#) started a military operation that targeted headquarters of ISIS and other organizations including al-Nusra Front in Syria, the Syrian crisis entered a new phase.

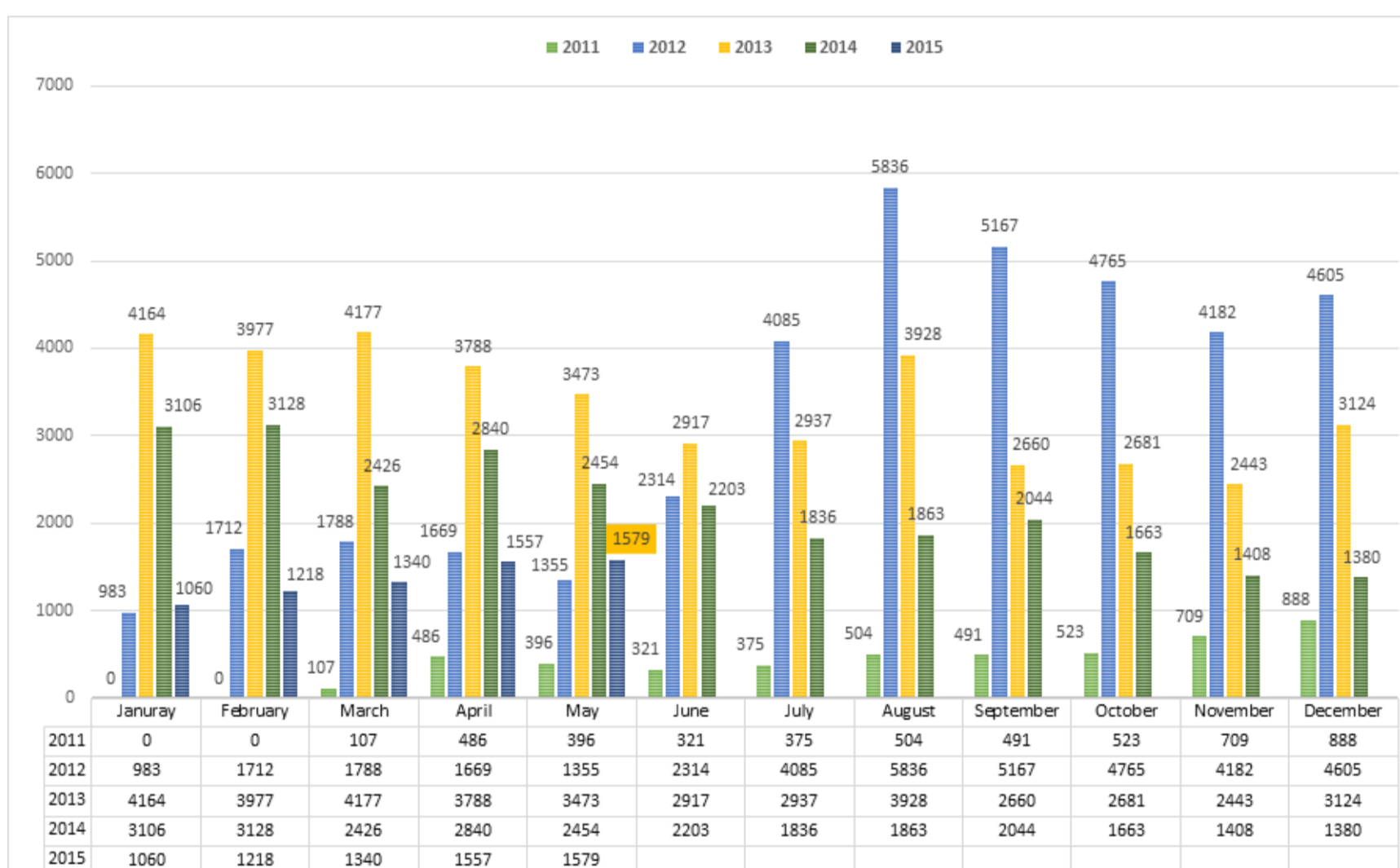
The following points should be taken into consideration before reading the report:

1. [Fatalities of the regime](#), the Army of National Defense (Shabiha), Lebanese Hizbullah, Iraqi and Iranian Militias are not included in the reported death toll. The report only includes the victims at the hands of the regime in addition to a special list of the victims who fell by the fires of either the Islamic State in Iraq and Sham (ISIS) or the coalition forces' against ISIS if there is any. It doesn't include numbers of victims at the hands of other fighting brigades.
2. These figures are not final in any way, and they are subject to continuous and periodic scrutiny by center's activists, the data base administrators and the field documentation team.
3. Figures may differ between reports, even within the same district, and this can be referred to the territorial audit that would reveal places of errors and faults, as well as the continuous follow up to identify undistinguished bodies whenever they are identified.

VDC team pays tribute to all the collaborative activists who extended a helping hand to our center as well as to the families of the victims. We also thank the Field Observation Team whose members face daily dangers executing their duties in Syria in order to document the human rights violations committed there, complete the data, and claim the rights of the distressed families from the concerned bodies and organizations.

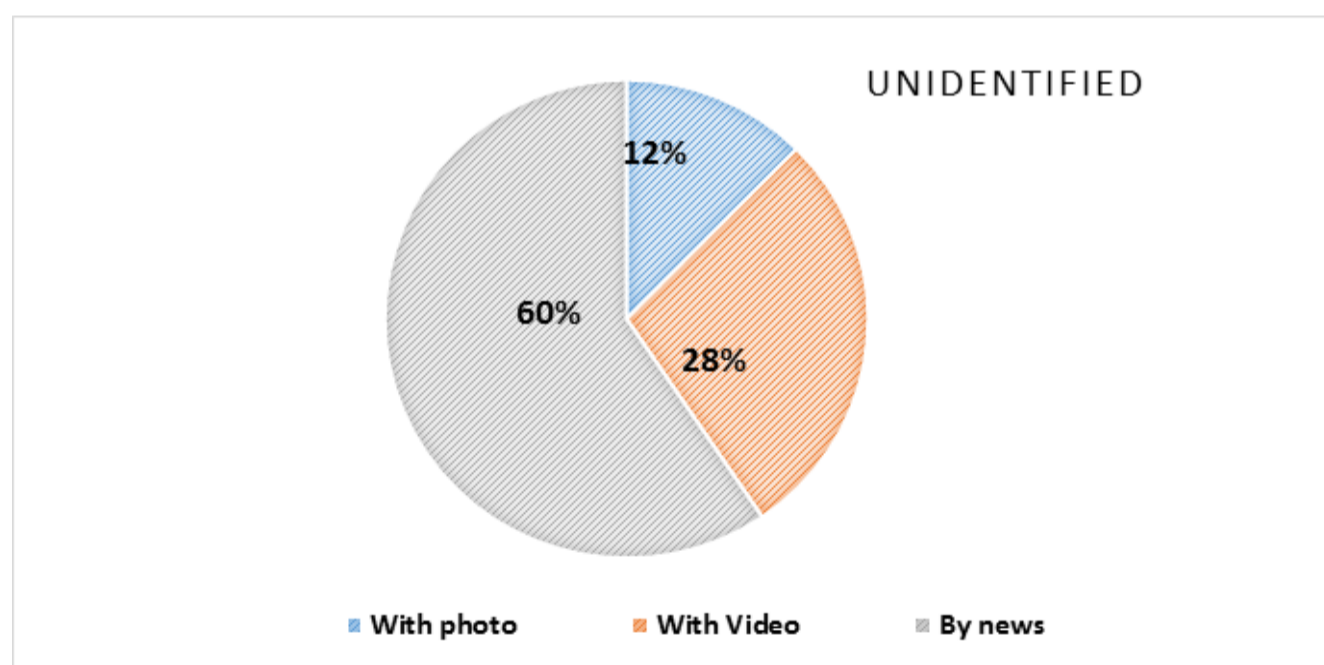
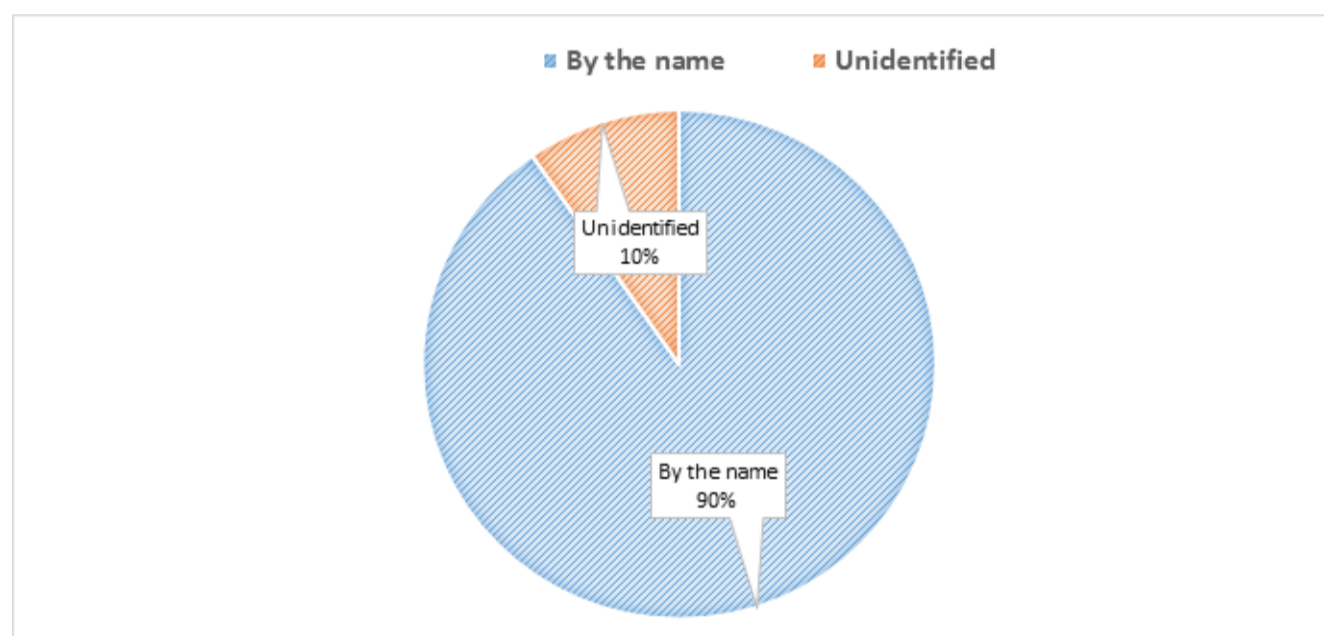
First: Victims of the Revolution

Since the beginning of the Syrian Revolution until the end of May 2015, the Violations Documentation Center in Syria-VDC managed to [document the killing of \(117785\) people, \(1579\)of whom fell in May 2015](#), while (2454) fell in May 2014, (3473) in May 2013, (1355) fell in May 2012 and (396) in May 2011.



Second: Victims of May 2015:

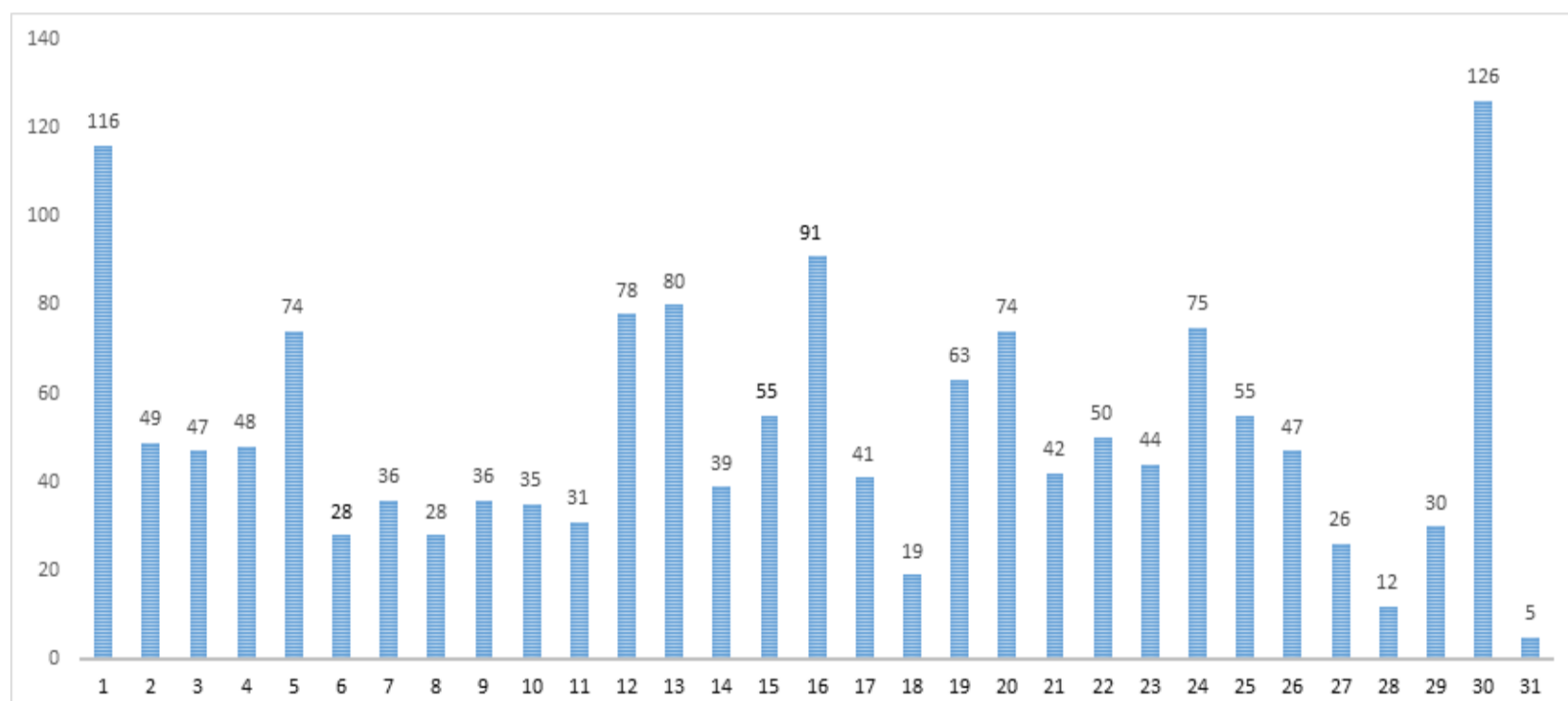
During this month, the Violations Documentation Center in Syria-VDC managed to document the death of (1579) victims, (1426) of whom were documented by names, while (153) i.e. (10%) were unidentified bodies because they had turned into carnages. Still, (19) of them were documented by photo; (43) were documented by video and (91) were documented only by witnessing.

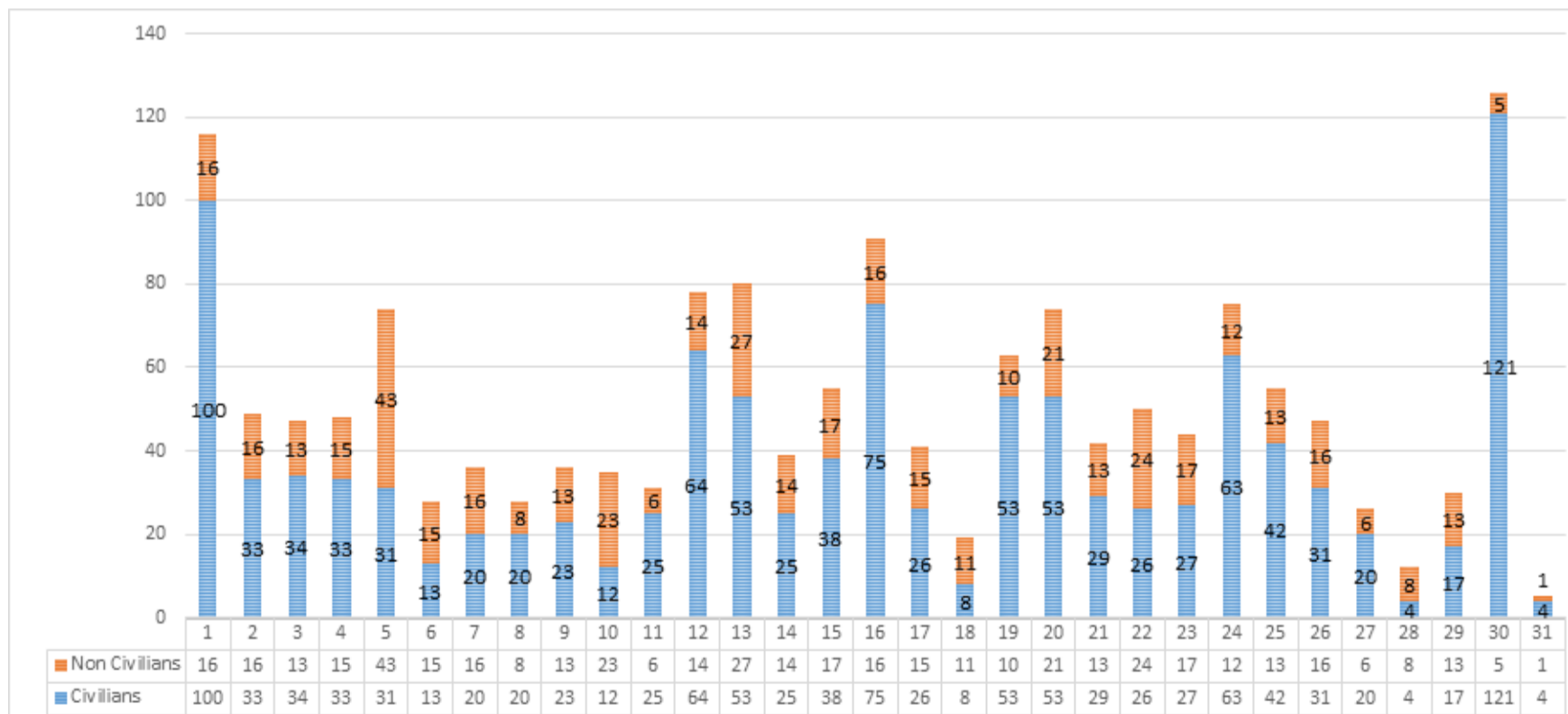
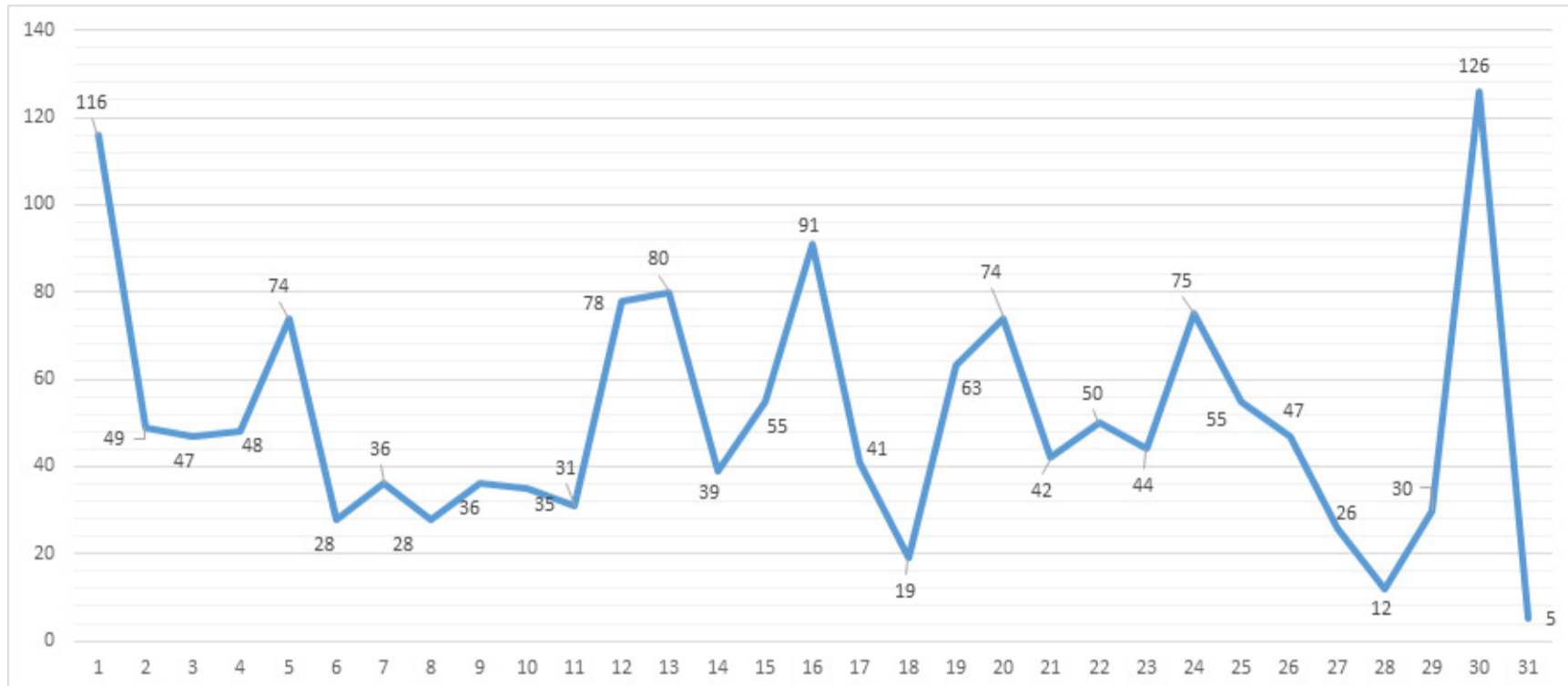


Third: the Distribution of Victims according to the Days of the Month

The average number of victims in this month (May 2015) was (50) victim/day, that is (1) victims less than April 2015 when the average number was (51) victim/day.

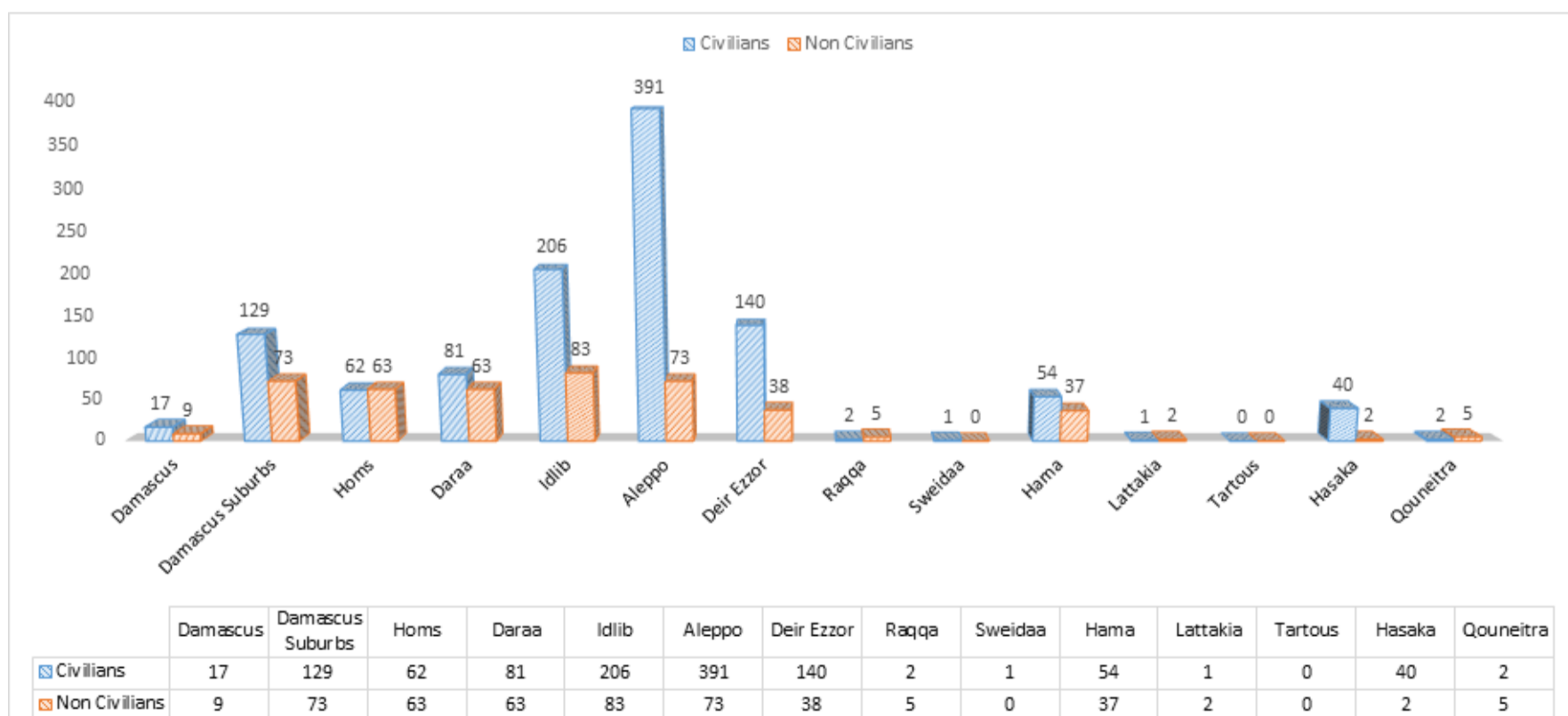
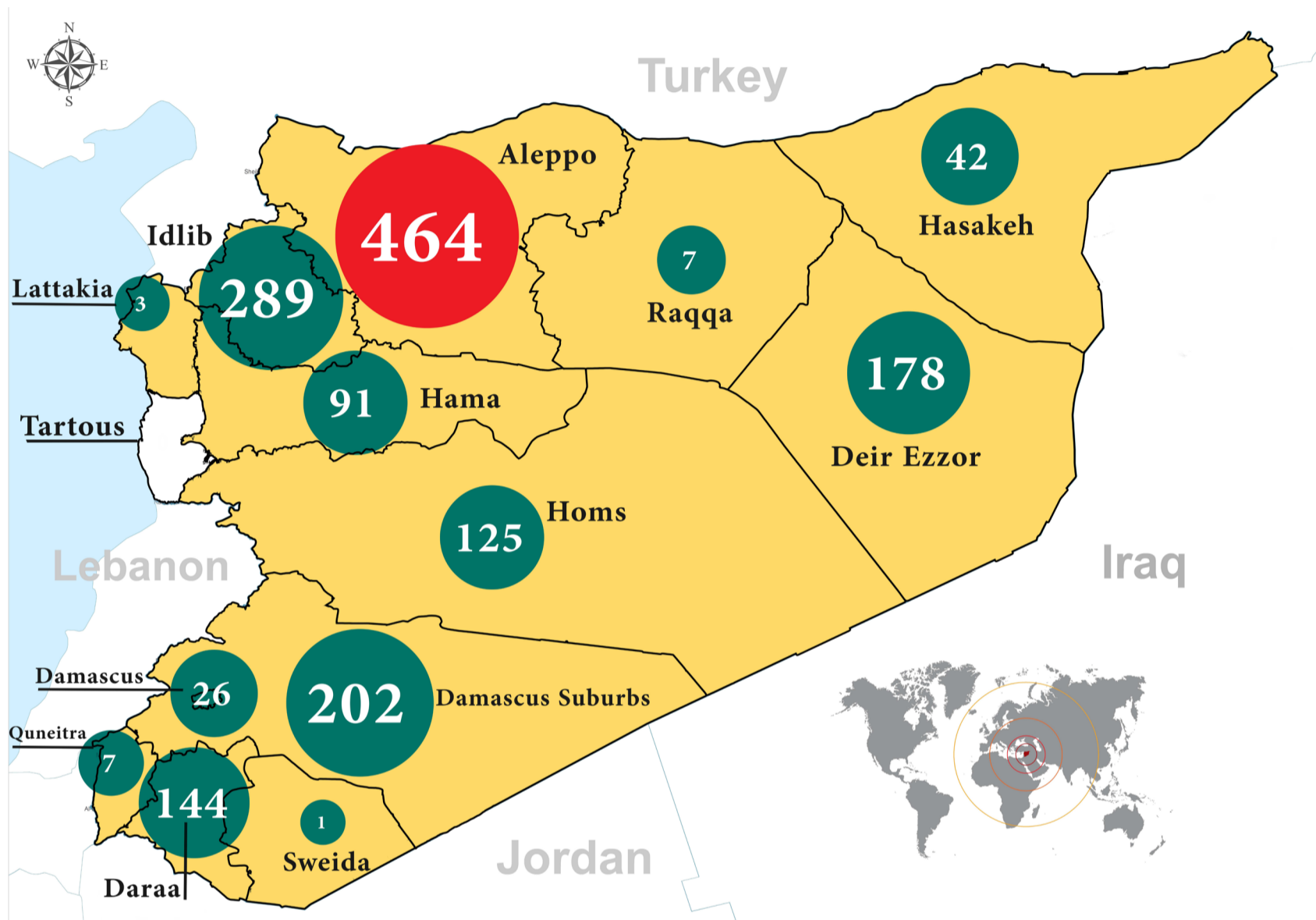
30th May 2015 witnessed the fall of the largest number of victims, when (126) of them fell i.e. (8%) of the death toll. Following was First of May 2015, which witnessed the fall of (116) victims then 6th May 2015, which witnessed the fall of (91) victims.





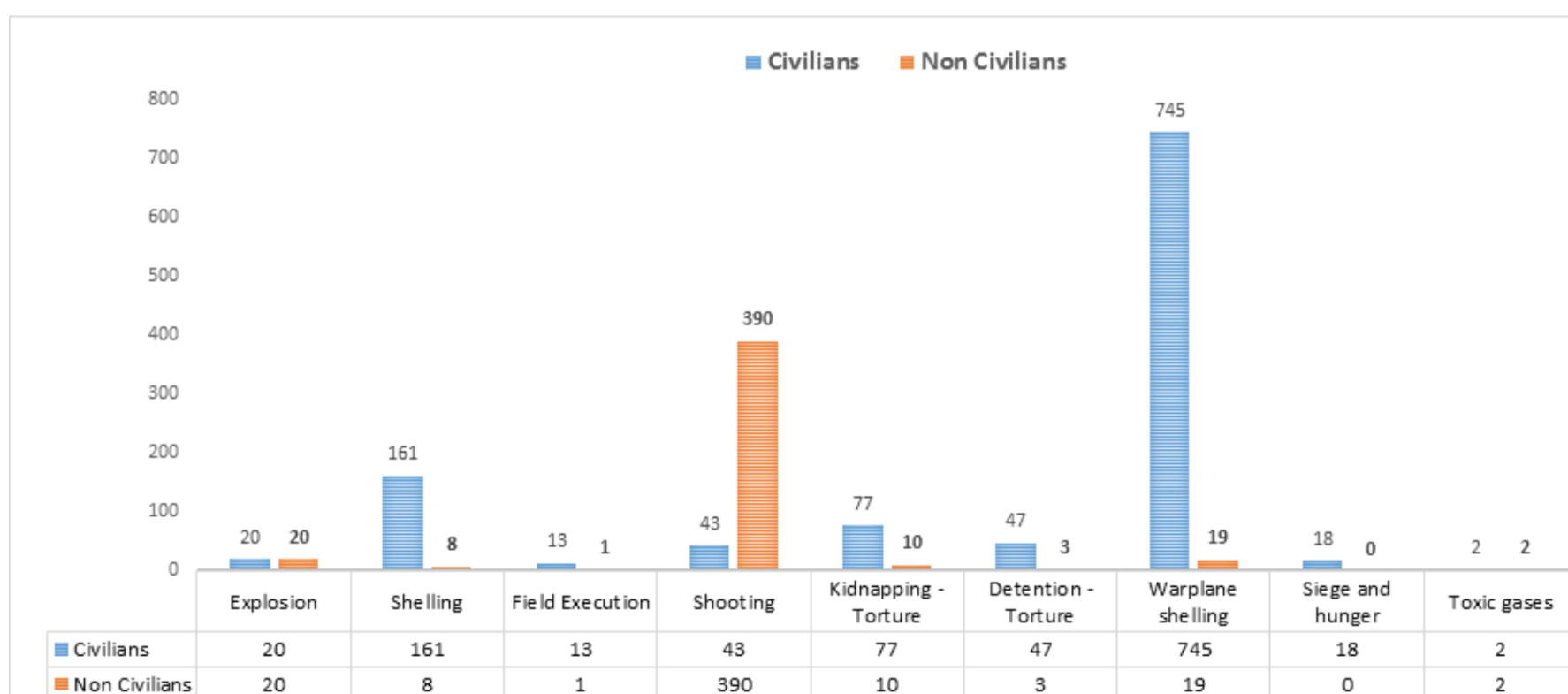
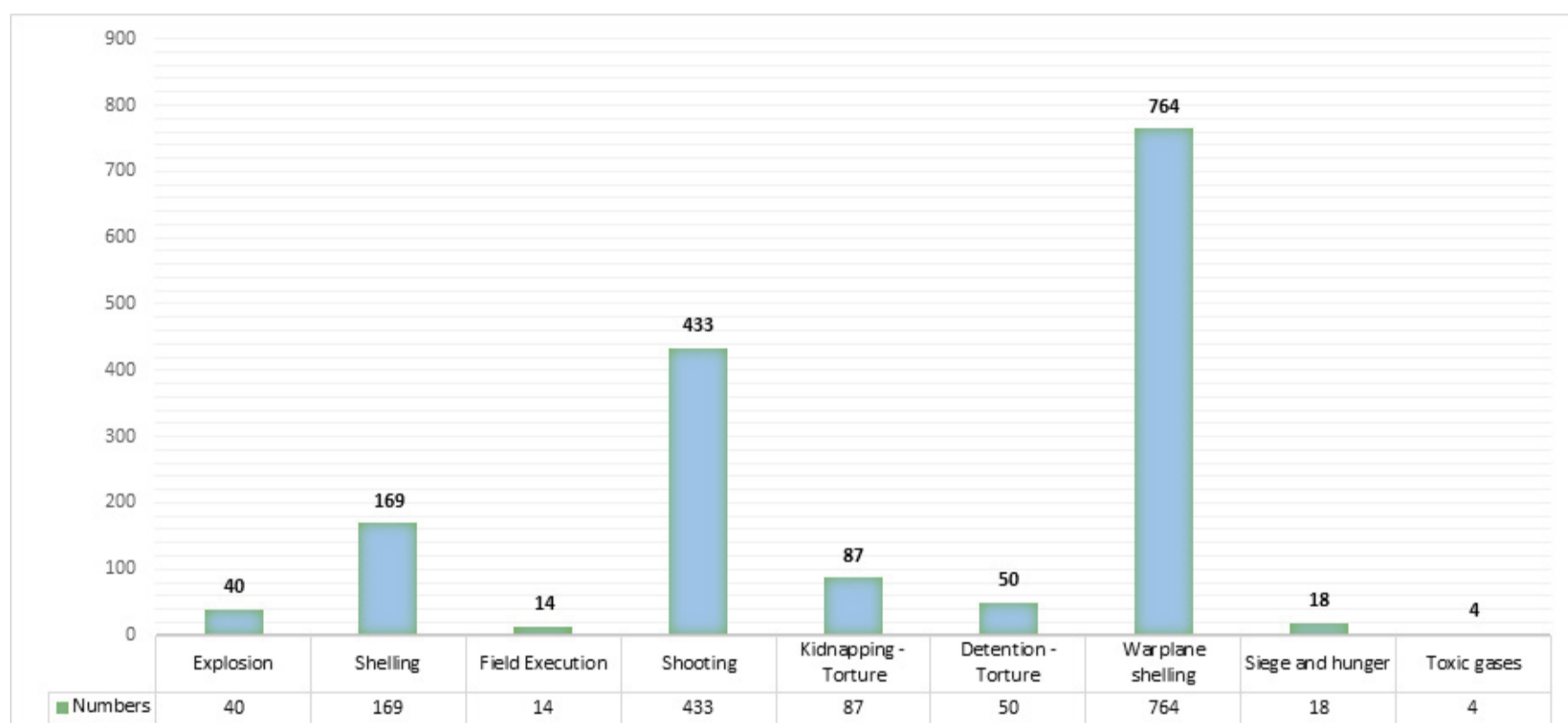
Fourth: the Distribution of Victims according to Governorates

Aleppo governorate witnessed the fall of the largest number of victims that mounted up to (464 victims) i.e. (29%), followed by Idlib (289 victims) i.e. (18%), then Damascus Suburbs (202 victims) followed by Deir Ezzor (178 victims).

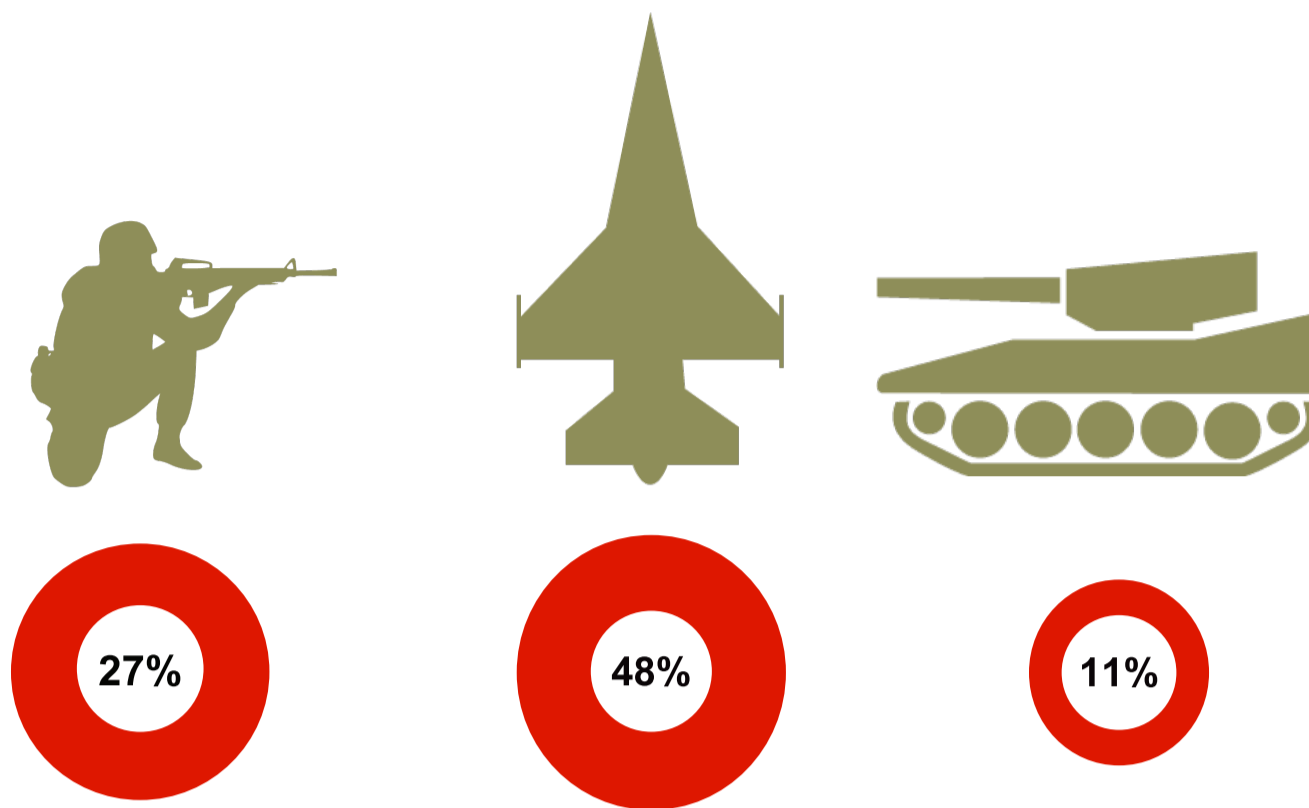


Fifth: the Distribution of Victims according to Death Causes:

The number of people killed due to strikes and shelling by barrel bombs were (764) victims i.e. (48%) of the total of victims. (433) i.e. (27%) were killed by shooting, (169) victims i.e. (11 %) of the death toll were killed by random artillery and mortar shelling. VDC has also documented (50) victims i.e. (3%) who were either tortured¹ and starved to death or executed in the regime’s detention centers. Other (18) victims died out of malnutrition, starvation and lack of medical assistance in regime-be-sieged areas, we also were able to document killing of [four people](#) due to using Chlorine gas by Syrian government

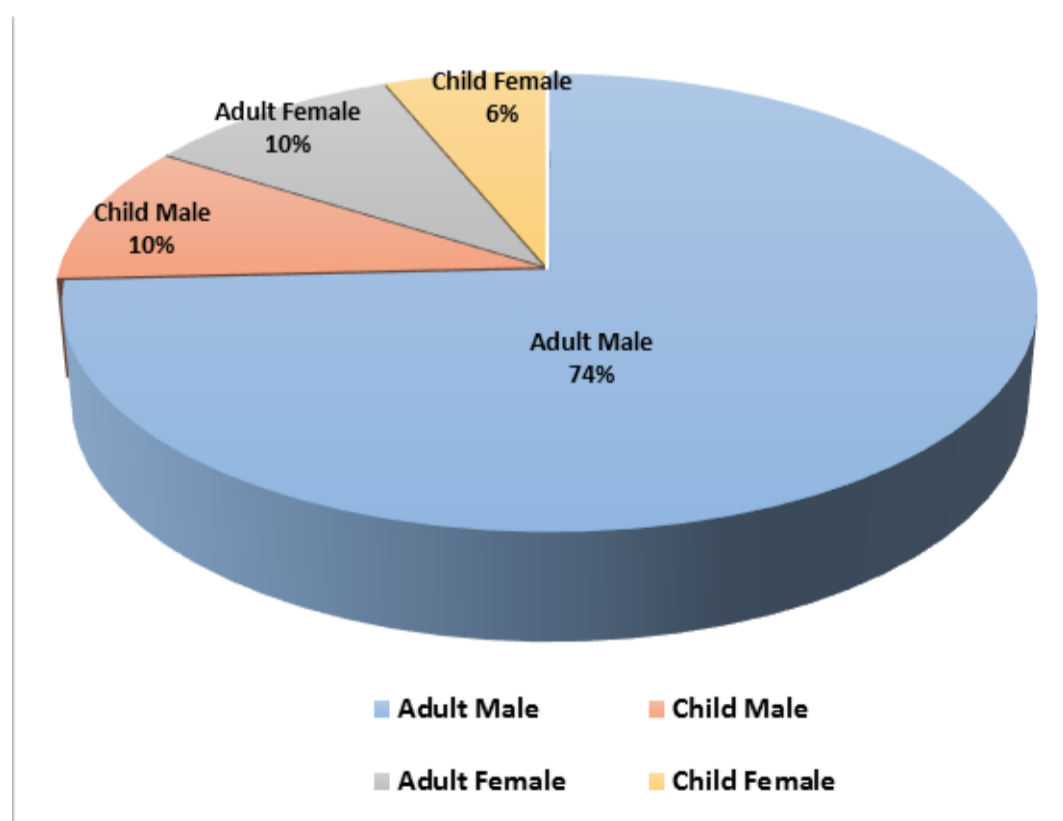


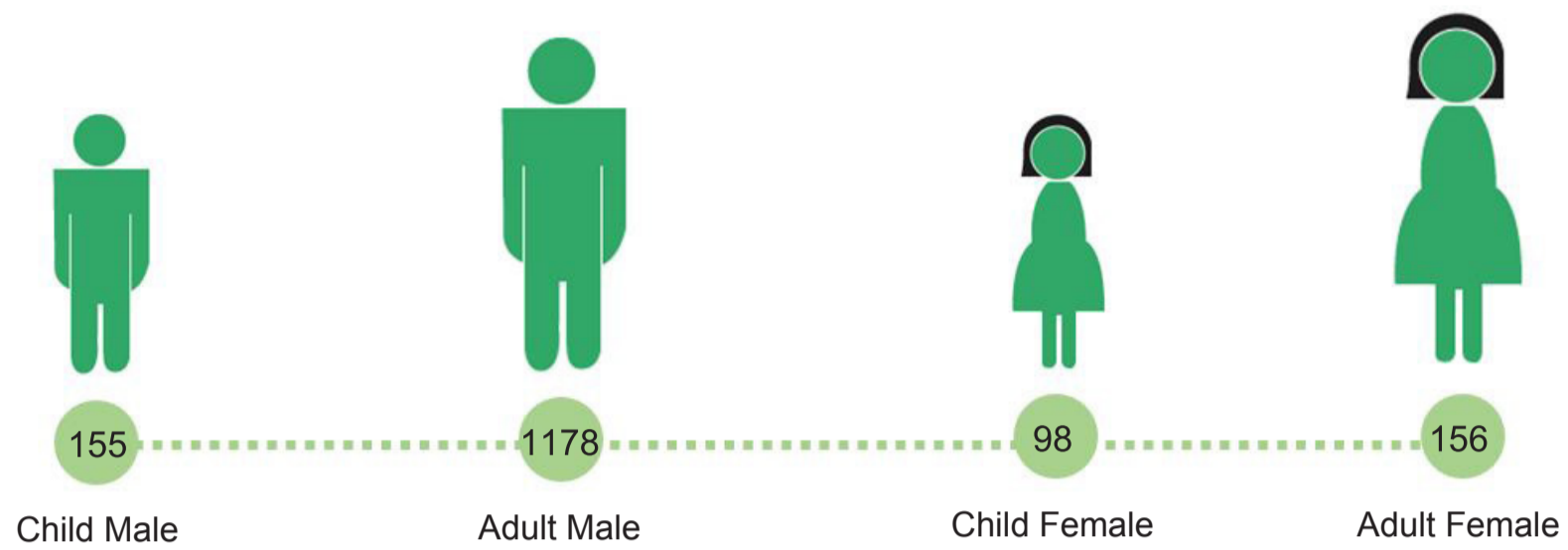
This numbers in this report doesn't include (8) were identified by victim's families or "activist" from Cesare Report.



Sixth: the Distribution of victims according to Gender:

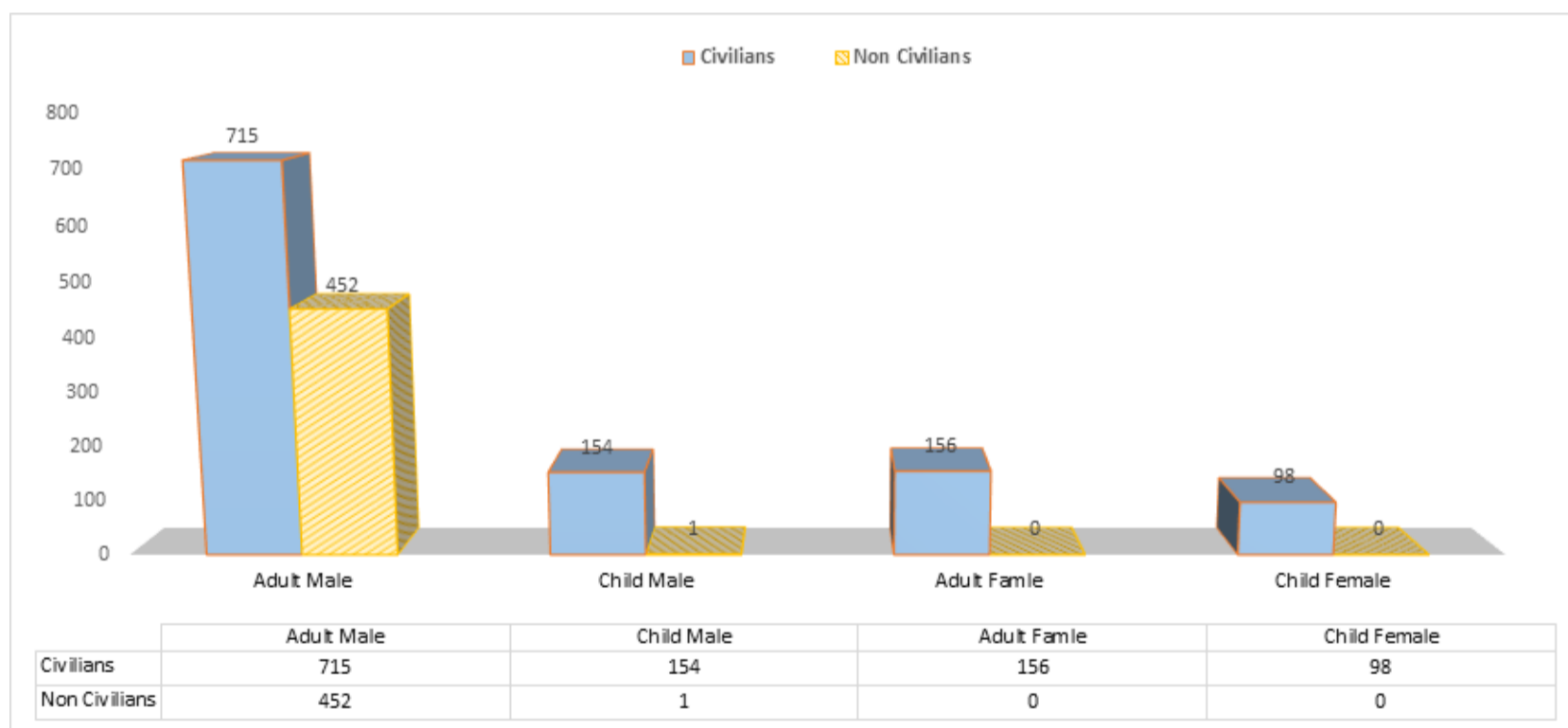
The number of male adult victims is (1178), i.e. (74%) of the death toll, the number of male children is (155), i.e. (10%), the number of adult females is (156), i.e. (10%) and the number of female children is (98) i.e. (6%).

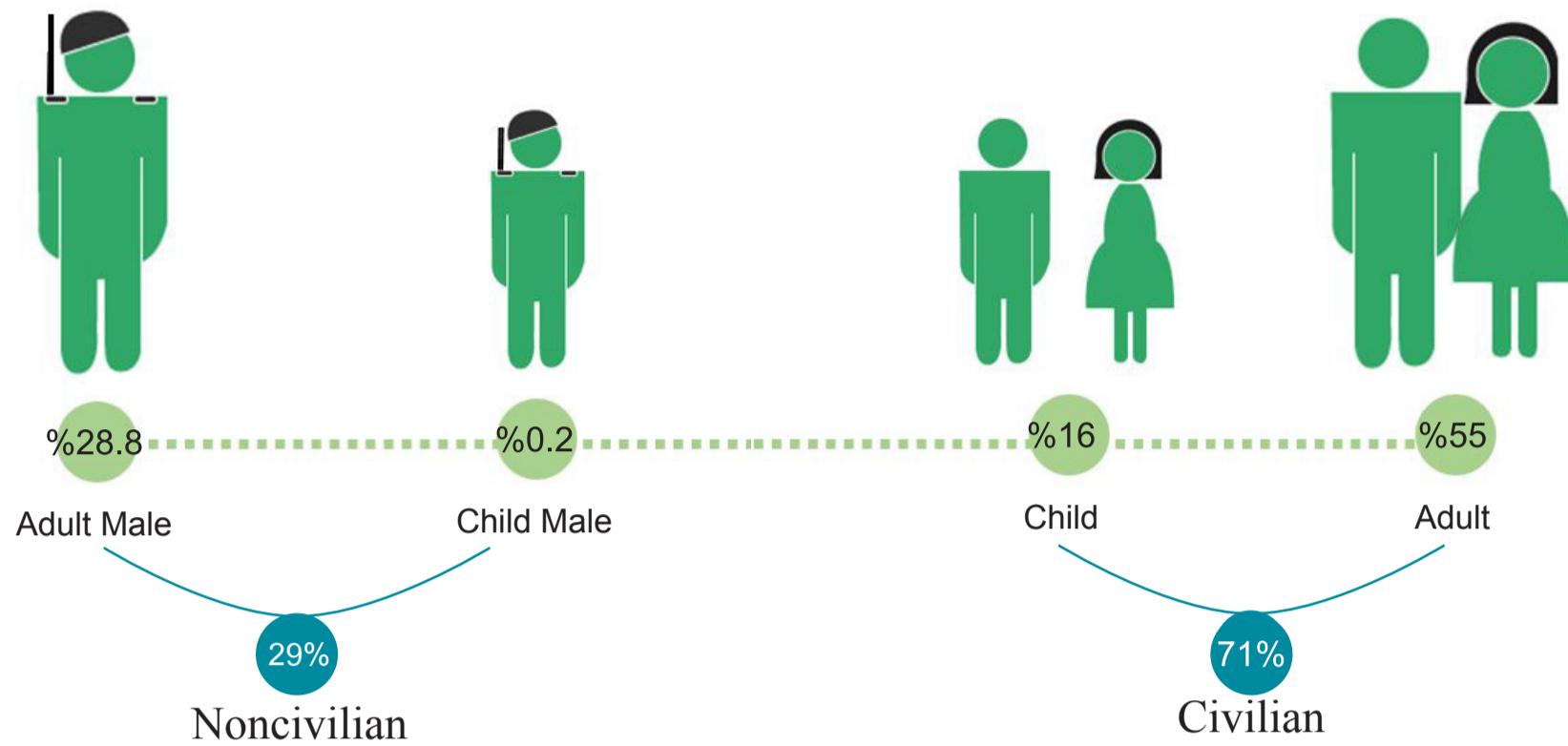




Seventh: the Distribution of Victims according to the Category (Civilian/ Non-civilian)

(1126) civilian victims were reported i.e. (71 %) of the total, while (453) fighters i.e. (29%) among them a child under eighteen were fighting with Antigovernment forces.





Eighth: By the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)

In May 2015, VDC has documented more than (187) victims who were killed by ISIS, more than 82 of them were civilians.



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