

Mass hangings at Syrian military prison

The Syrian government has executed as many as 13,000 people, most of them civilian opposition supporters, in total secrecy at a military prison near Damascus, according to Amnesty International



1 Detainees brought before “military field court” in ***Qaboun district*** of Damascus for “trials” lasting between one and three minutes

2 On day of hangings victims are collected from cells and taken to basement cell of “red building” where they are beaten for two or three hours

3 Detainees blindfolded and moved at night to basement of “white building” and hanged. **Average of 20-50 people allegedly hanged each week from Sep 2011 to Dec 2015 – executions may still be ongoing**

4 Bodies loaded onto lorries, and transferred to ***Tishreen military hospital*** for registration and burial in mass graves on military land near Damascus, including in towns of Najha and Qatana



EXECUTION ROOM

One room with 20 nooses

Concrete platform

Victims pushed from behind

Second room with 10 nooses

Steel platform

Swings down, causing victims to fall downward

Cells

Entrance

Desk: Detainees ordered to stamp statement documenting execution and last wishes