

Name: **Yara (Civilian)**

Date killed: **May 2013**

Age: **18**



Yara, a high school student, was killed by a missile, from terrorists, that fell inside her bedroom. Her mother, Rana, was in the next room when the wall destroyed by the impact, fell on her and seriously injured her. Rana was taken to the hospital soon after and still does not remember anything after that explosion. The doctor did not think she would be able to walk again due to the injuries she sustained. Rana, one week later, while still in the hospital, was informed of her daughter's death and funeral. Yara's father who was out of the country could not attend Yara's funeral.

Yara is survived by her parents, one brother and one sister.



Name: **Johnny**
Date killed: **April 11, 2015**
Age: **26**



“I spoke with Johnny two days before he was killed. He called me and told me that he could not talk for long because his battery on his cell phone was running low, and that he was going to recharge it before calling me back. He said ‘don’t worry, I will call you back’. He did not call back as he had promised; so two days later, I called him and there was no answer. Later that evening my other son, Sammy, came back from work and I told him that I called Johnny and there was no answer. So Sammy dialed his phone and someone answered the phone but it was not Johnny. It was then that we learned that Johnny had been killed and we also learned the horrible details of his death.” – Milad (Johnny’s Mother)

Johnny is survived by his parents and two brothers.



Name: **Rami**
Date killed: **July, 27, 2017**
Age: **34**



Rami had been married for four years when he was killed by terrorists. Concerned about the inroads ISIS was making in Syria, Rami volunteered to join the National Defense to fight ISIS. On the day he was killed, he was leading his unit to liberate a besieged arena in the outskirts of Damascus. As he entered the arena, he was shot and killed by a sniper. His body was recovered after two days.

Rami is survived by his parents, one brother and three sisters.
His widow has since remarried.



Name: **Khalil**
Date killed: **October 31, 2015**
Age: **33**



In 2015 ISIS captured the town of Quarayten and the neighboring Christian town of Sadad was their next target. A volunteer militia was formed in Sadad to defend it from impending capture. As such, the first line of defense was set up 5 kilometers from the town. Khalil volunteered to be at this frontline. On the day he was killed, two car bombers were headed into Sadad. The first car bomber was shot; and it exploded in the desert and Khalil shot down the second car bomber. Consequently, ISIS called for a backup of 2000 soldiers to attack this frontline. Within a short period of time, Khalil and his unit were flanked by terrorists who killed him along with 12 other men in his unit. Prior to his death Khalil had recorded a message to his family members. To his Mother he said, “Don’t be sad. I am happy because I am a martyr.” To his brother and sister he said, “Don’t be sad. Live your lives.”

Khalil is survived by his mother, one brother and one sister.



Name: **Tarek (Civilian)**

Date killed: **November 28, 2012**

Age: **28**



During the war, Tarek frequently volunteered his services as a doctor to assist the wounded during missile attacks and car bombings. One tactic that the terrorists used was to deploy one car bomber in a crowded civilian area to detonate it. After the explosion when people have congregated to help the survivors from this first car bomb, a second car bomber would detonate his bomb and in that way killing more people. On the day he was killed, Tarek, was helping the wounded from a first car bomb when the second car bomb detonated and killed him.

“I called him on his phone and I did not get an answer. I went to the site of the car bomb and I saw him on the ground. We can't forget our son. We always celebrate the anniversary of his martyrdom.” – Reyad (Tarek's Dad)

Tarek is survived by his parents, one brother and one sister.



Name: **Nayiri**
Age: **21**



Nayiri and her family fled Aleppo in 2012 when it was captured by ISIS. During that time, her brother, Levon, joined a local militia to defeat ISIS. On March 17, 2014 Nayiri along with her parents came back to Aleppo to survey their house. Upon seeing how damaged the house was and that their personal property had been looted, Nayiri's mother had a heart attack and died on the spot. Less than one month later, on April 24, 2014, her brother, Levon was killed by terrorists. "I stopped going to school to take care of my Dad who developed high blood pressure not too long after that. On April 10, 2019, my Dad was diagnosed with parotid gland cancer and one week later on April 17, 2019, he died" said Nayiri. Two months after her father's sudden death, Nayiri got engaged and her fiancée emigrated to Canada in September 2019. "I have nothing. I am alone. I don't have friends. I can't work. I stay home all day. I just want to be with my fiancée. My faith in God is strong but I always ask God, why? Why don't I have a family? The only time I leave the house is to go to church and to go and visit my parents' tombs every Friday and Saturday. Nayiri has one sister who is married and lives in a different town. They talk everyday but they don't see each other. She survives on her brother's death benefits which is \$27/month.



Name: **Zeyad (Civilian)**

Date killed: **December 26, 2012**

Age: **41**



“Zeyad is considered one of the first martyrs of Mhardeh. The terrorists were closing in on Mhardeh and were in the neighboring town of Helfaya. Zeyad was walking eastward to ascertain how far East was safe. He realized too late that there were terrorists close by; and they took him hostage and put him in a cave for several hours. The members of the volunteer militia tried to free him during an ensuing battle. During the exchange of fire, the terrorists used him as a human shield and he was killed. He bled to death and his body was recovered after three hours. “Zeyad was nice and kind. He loved his country. He loved his land. Life without him is difficult. It is very difficult. “I still can’t believe that he died at the hands of terrorist. Perhaps it would have been easier to believe if he died of an illness. I believe that if he had had a gun on him when he was taken hostage, he would have taken his own life rather than let the terrorist kill him.” – Fadia (Zeyad’s Wife)

Zeyad is survived by his wife and daughter.
The daughter was 2 years and 1 month when her Dad was killed.



Name: **Ibrahim (Civilian)**

Date killed: **April 2014**

Age: **40**



“Ibrahim was killed during the Easter season. We were going to the mall with the children when a missile fell on our car. Our car caught fire and burned down. The children were injured and so was Ibrahim. I tried to save him but I could not. Life is difficult without him but we must go on.” – Fadia (Ibrahim’s Widow)

Ibrahim is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters.



Name: **Amer**
Date killed: **July 27, 2012**
Age: **22**



Amer was in the military barracks repairing his superior's car when he was taken hostage with three other soldiers. He was killed by a bullet to his chest; and his body was dumped near the hospital in the town where he was stationed. He was the only hostage killed because he was Christian. The other three hostages were Muslims.

Amer is survived by his parents, one brother and one sister.



Name: **Hapse Najjar (Civilian)**

Date killed: **October 26, 2013**

Age: **70**



When the Christian town of Sadad was besieged by ISIS in October 2013, Hapse Najjar and her daughter, Siam, sought refuge in another house because their home was not in a safe area. They first sought refuge in a home in a safer part of town; but there were many families sheltering there, so they left and went to a second home for refuge. While at this home, terrorist came and threatened them and took pictures of them for propaganda. They also tried to take Siam hostage and her mother told her to flee saying, “You can go. You will be safe. Don’t come back for me.” When Siam left the house to seek refuge as her mother had told her, a missile fell and killed her mother and three others in the house.

