

## Syria Testimonies: "The White Helmets Are More Dangerous than Any Terrorist" - Retired Schoolteacher, Mesyaf

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Find out why by listening to this important testimony from the town of Mesyaf that has recently been under attack from Israel and the Israeli-backed terrorists in northern Hama and Idleb. Ali Habib, a retired schoolteacher eloquently describes the growing antagonism towards the people of Europe and the U.S after eight years of a punishing war imposed upon the Syrian people by elected governments in the West and their regional allies.

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These are the voices of Syrian people that are never heard in the West. Western statemedia has deliberately silenced them. If they had been listened to, this war might never have happened, let alone lasted eight terrible years and left Syria damaged and bleeding.

Full transcript of the interview below.

"First, my name is Ali Habib. I am from a village here, near Mesyaf but I spend most of my time in Mesyaf. I have witnessed multiple terrorist aggressions on Mesyaf, during one of them, I was only about 50 meters away when they targeted the hospital few days ago.

So, this hospital which is treating the residents of this region, despite all the pressure and siege imposed on Syria, ,nd which is treating patients and injured, was hit by three rockets. I saw that with my own eyes. What is the purpose of shelling such a place? What's the purpose of shelling a hospital? Why don't that people (the West) write about the terrorists targeting the hospital? Why don't they write about the economic siege which has affected all of us psychologically, socially and morally? Our psychological state is not normal anymore, our psychological state is not normal anymore.

Why is the whole world talking about the White Helmets and Chemical

Weapons and "They will use CW..." and "the Syrian government used CW..." Which Chemical Weapons are they are talking about? They are targeting us daily using psychological, social and economic poisons. They have burdened us in every sense and they are the ones who caused that and now they claim that now they want to protect us and to protect the Syrian people. No, that's not right. They want to destroy the Syrian people, they don't want to destroy the Syrian government, they want to destroy the country, to destroy Syria as a country. They didn't see all that.

Yesterday, they shelled (there) and I saw the injured people with my own eyes, what did these innocent civilians do wrong? Why don't al-Jazeera and al-Arabia and France 24 and American media report about these civilians who were killed? Why don't they report about the hospital that was shelled? They have been targeting the hospital for about six months, but they didn't manage to hit it directly. Of course, shells landed around it, but finally they hit the hospital and finally, they injured people and doctors who are rescuing people. But all that, unfortunately, Westerners don't see...

We used to...I am one of those who used to believe that the French and the English and Germans have some morals. We know that the Americans have no morals but the French and Germans and Europeans in general to be subordinates of the American immorality – this is a new thing for us and it is frustrating for us.

Honestly, it's seeding an internal (Syrian) antagonism towards them and we were not like that. We used to love them. When I used to see a foreigner like you herel would run to you to see what you may need. I speak good French, I would use my knowledge of French to help you. That's how we used to show our love to foreigners when they come to our country. Now we don't want to see any of them because all of them are liars and all of them are deceitful, all of them are besieging us and all of them are tightening the noose on us and all of them are suffocating the hell out of us – the citizens, and we – the citizens...or I as a civilian, I am a civilian, I am a retired teacher. What crime have I committed to be hit by a shell? Or my car to be destroyed by a shell, or to be robbed by the militants?

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I mean this matter, manipulation of peoples manipulation of peoples' thoughts, undermining peoples like that. It is absolutely abnormal. It's unacceptable. I hope our voice will reach Europeans. We used to love them a lot. We used to deal with them. I have been to Europe a lot. I have been to Europe 11 times. I have visited all the European countries and I was happy with them, but now, honestly, I don't have good feelings towards them as a result of their wrongful positions towards us. So I hope our voice will reach Europeans and that they will know the truth about what's going on in Syria.

The people are as you see...the level of security in Syria was better than any other place in the world. Billions were spent to create this and unfortunately, the Europeans and Americans participated in the destruction of this country.

## Why?

What crimes have we committed? What crimes have these people, who used to live in complete security, committed? I could sleep in the street and no one would come close to me. I have slept in the streets of Paris and no one robbed me and one could sleep in the streets here and no one would rob him. It was so

safe here but you – Europeans, came to us and did what you did to us. I hope our voice will reach to you. I hope our voice will reach the people...

The European people, I believe, are different from the governments but for them to be subordinates to the Americans like this, it is shocking. It's unfortunate. Unfortunate. European are known for their morals while Americans are known to be gangsters. Yes, I am talking from personal cultural experience. So, that is how we used to love Europeans, but unfortunately, now we don't (love them) at all.

The White Helmets are much more dangerous than militants who slaughter people. What happened regarding the militants, I didn't tell you, there is the slaughtering practice in the name of Islam, in the name of religion, while religion has nothing to do with all that but the White Helmets are more dangerous. The militants used knives and guns explicitly, while the White Helmets are working politically. I mean they are implanting narratives to bring more rockets to target us. We are fed up with rockets and fed up with killing.



White Helmet posing for shot during production of another "interventionist" narrative. (Photo: White Helmet PR archives)

The White Helmets are more dangerous than those who have slaughtered people, this is an undeniable fact. They (White Helmets) are pushing the Americans and Europeans to bombard us on the pretext that we are using Chemical Weapons against our own people. We – the people...

So, the White Helmets are much more dangerous than those (terrorists) who slaughter people in streets. The White Helmets, they are a terrorist organization, more terrorizing and more bloodsheding than those who slaughter people in streets – and this is probably a public opinion here.

We know who the White Helmets are. The White Helmets are more dangerous than any terrorist.

You are welcome.."

End of transcript.

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