

CAESAR PHOTOS

INSIDE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES' PRISONS

This exhibit displays photos of detainees from the prisons run by Syrian authorities that were taken by a defector from the Syrian army who is known by the pseudonym Caesar. Upon thorough analysis by a first-rate legal and forensic team, it was concluded that the over 55,000 photos Caesar smuggled out of Syria documented at least 11,000 deaths under detainment.

The Coalition for a Democratic Syria (CDS), a non-governmental organization, works closely with Caesar and the Caesar team to coordinate exhibitions of the Caesar photos. CDS has helped ensure that the Caesar photos of detainees have been displayed at prominent institutions such as the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C., the United States Congress and the United Nations.

The majority of these photos were taken between 2011 and 2013 at Syrian military hospitals. The Syrian authorities used Hospitals 607 and 601 as processing centers for tortured prisoners.

Victims were tortured by 24 disparate security branches operating around the Damascus suburbs, most notably branch 215 and Air Force intelligence, and then transferred to 607 and 601. These individuals are still missing and believed to be alive by their loved ones. The victims include men, women, children and the elderly.

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