

Martyrs of Dignity Revolution in Tasil, Deraa
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Tasil

Tasil is located 37km to the north east of Deraa in south Syria.

The name of Tasil is of Syriac origin, Ateel, which means the Temple of the God of Sun. The temple was built on the site of the ruins of a Roman church which was replaced by al-Omari mosque. The old hans and ancient buildings are still in town.

Tasil is 5000 km², with a population of 23,000, who are all Sunnis and of conservative traditions.

There is a high rate of expatriates from the town - mainly in Gulf countries.

The town enjoys a high education rate; with an exceptional number of university graduates of all specialties such as medical doctors, engineers and teachers.

The main income in Tasil comes from agriculture. Crops varies between wheat, olives, citrus, beans, and seasonal fruits and vegetables.



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The first demonstration in town was on 20 March 2011. People of Tasil kept on demonstrating even after the armed rebellion started in November 2011.

During the last 21 months, about 1000 persons were detained, of whom, 40 persons are still detained by the Syrian regime.



The regime ordered five crackdowns and military operations against the town, on 2 July 2011, 14 September 2011, 16 September 2011, 8 February 2012, and 1 June 2012.

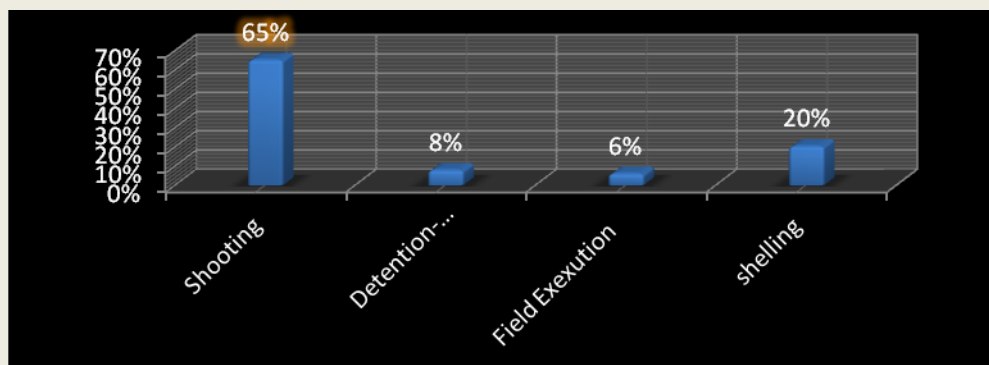
On 8 February 2012, the army forces attacked the town with tanks and BMP's, armored vehicles, and randomly shot civilians.

On 1 June 2012, the regime's forces burnt, destroyed, and severely damaged public and private properties in town, and suppressed and tortured civilians.

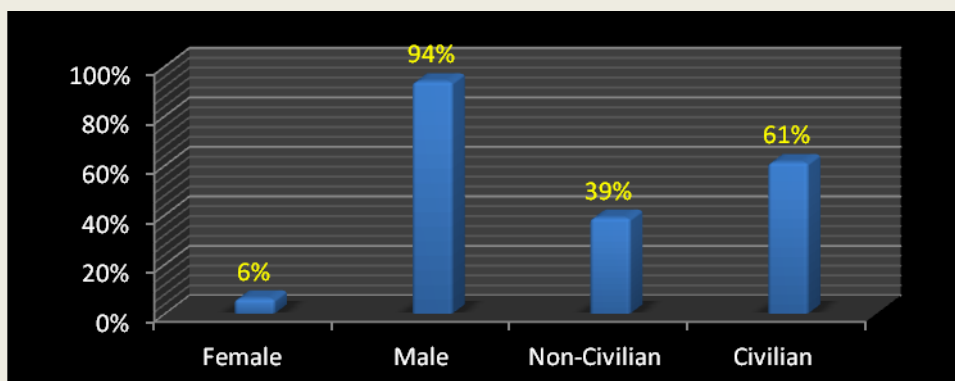
200 families were displaced from the town.

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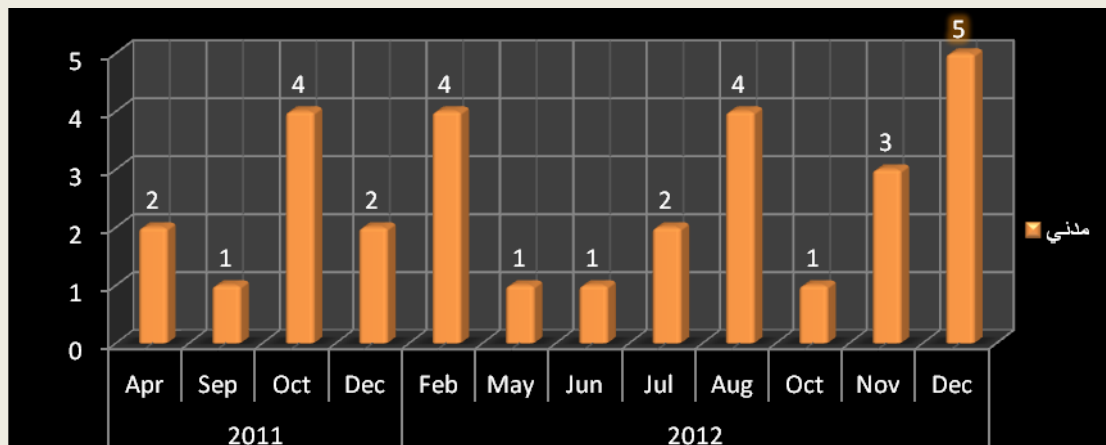
- During the course of the revolution, there was a variance in the number of martyrs, which peaked during August and October of 2012.
- Most of the civilian casualties were killed with direct fire. 65% were killed by direct shooting, and 20% were killed as a result of random bombardment.
- 8% of the civilian casualties were killed under torture.
- 6% of the civilian casualties were killed in summary executions.



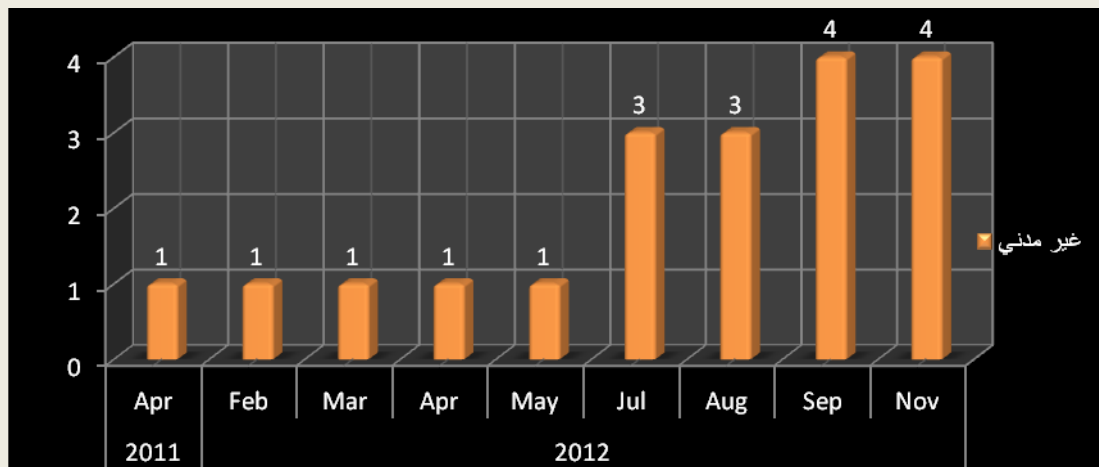
- Martyrs to the town population rate is 0.002
- 61% of the martyrs are civilians, 39% are rebels and FSA fighters.
- 94% of the martyrs are males, 6% are females.



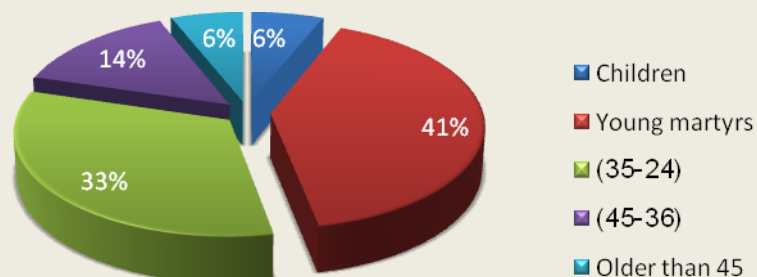
Graph: Civilian casualties' ratio for each month of the revolution



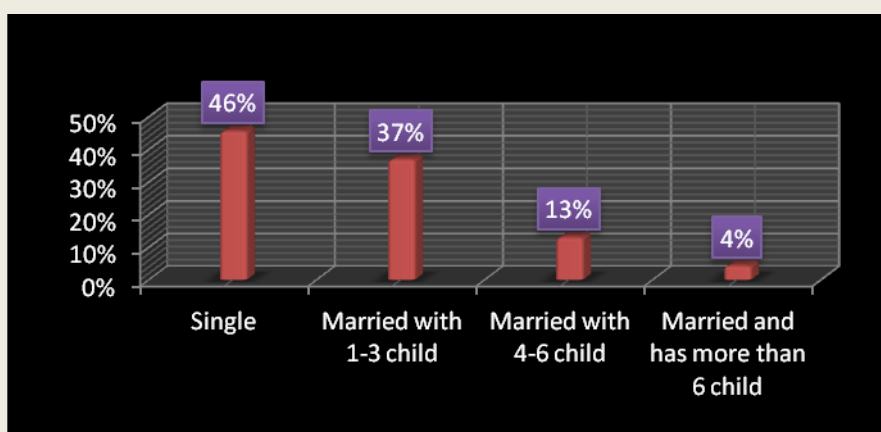
Graph: Fighters martyrs ratio for each month of the revolution



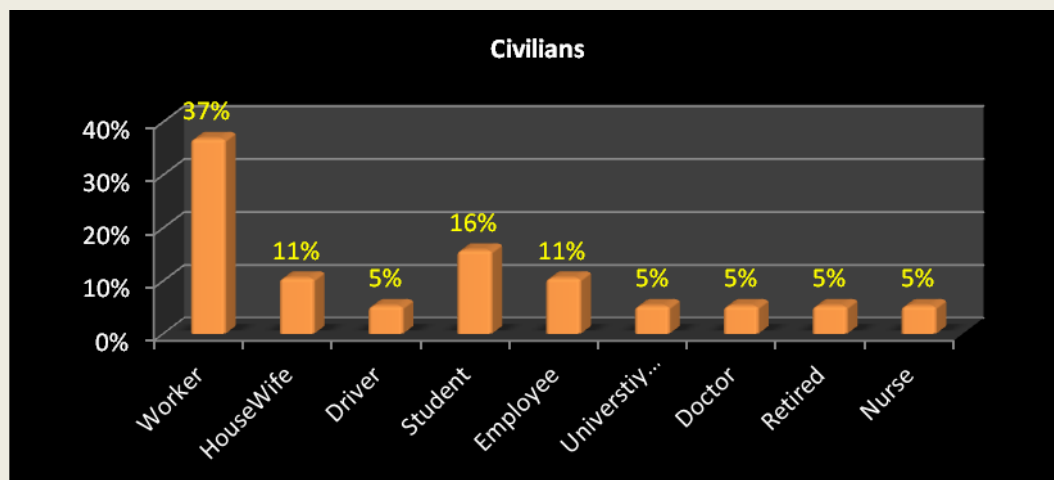
- 6% of Tasil's martyrs were children under the age of 18, none of whom were FSA fighters.
- 41% of the civilian casualties ranged between 18-24 years of age.
- FSA fighters' martyrs ranged between 20-27 years of age.



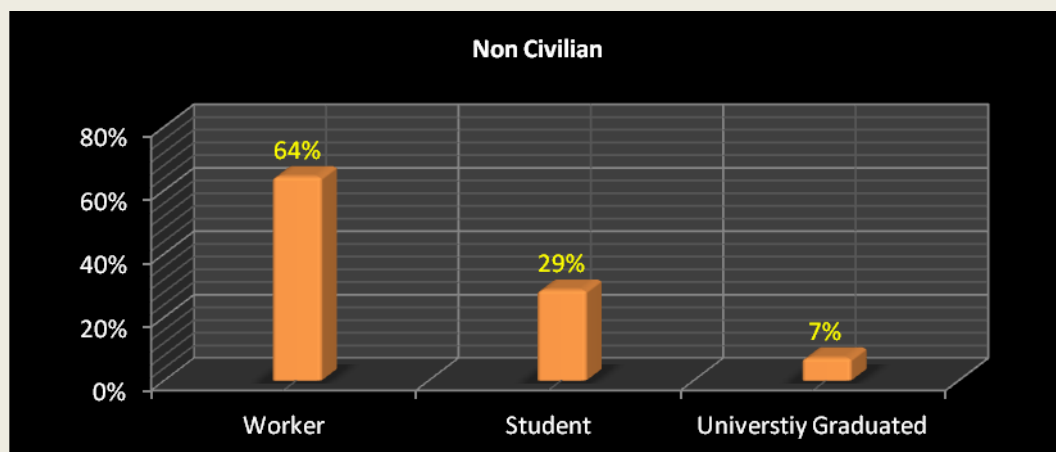
- 46% of the martyrs were unmarried, and 37% were married with 1-3 children



- Most of the civilian casualties were workers with a percentage of 37%, while 11% were housewives. 16% of adult martyrs were school and university students, and 5% were university graduates.



- 64% of the martyred fighters were workers, 29% were students, and 7% were university graduates.



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