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Syria's Kurdish-majority district of Afrin saw an increase in arrests in June 2021. STJ documented 55 cases of detentions against civilians, among them four children and two women, conducted by the opposition's Syrian National Army (SNA), supported by Turkey. Only one of the detainees was released, the fate of the other 54 remaining unknown as of the completion of this report on 5 June 2021.

As of the end of June, 289 people have been arrested in Afrin in 2021. Only 76 detainees have been released. STJ obtained these numbers from its researchers in the area as well as from witnesses, relatives of the detainees and sources from within the SNA itself.

Arrests in Afrin

Afrin district witnessed the arrests of six people, among them a woman and two children, by the Military Police.

1. Zakaria Diab Safar, 28, was arrested on 8 June from the village of Akbiya by members of the Military Police, on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
2. Hanan Manan Battal, 15, was arrested on 17 June from the city of Afrin by members of the Military Police, on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
3. Manan Manan Battal, 14, was arrested on 17 June from the city of Afrin by members of the Military Police, on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
4. Hussein Kalou was arrested on 17 June from the city of Afrin by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
5. Jihan Muhammed Olachli was arrested on 17 June from the city of Afrin by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. Her fate remains unknown.
6. Zeinab Abdin Olashli was arrested on 17 June from the city of Afrin by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. Her fate remains unknown.

Arrests in Rajo District

Rajo district witnessed the arrests of 18 people by the Military Police. None of them were released.

1. Masoud Ahmed Othman was arrested on 1 June from the village of Haj Khalil by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
2. Ali Hamza, 65, was arrested on 1 June from the village of Haj Khalil by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.

3. Hassan Horo Hamid, 40, was arrested on 7 June, from the village of Bilbilko by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
4. Faisal Rashid was arrested on 7 June from the village of Haj Khalil by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
5. Mohi El-Din Abdullah Daoud, 35, was arrested on 13 June from the village of Atmana by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
6. Zakaria Khello was arrested on 16 June from the village of Haj Khalil by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
7. Othman Zakaria Khallo was arrested on 16 June from the village of Haj Khalil by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
8. Khalil Ali Hamza was arrested on 19 June from the city of Rajo by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
9. Hozan Muhammad Tobo, 32, was arrested on 21 June from the village Qareh Baba by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
10. Fahim Nazmi Hassan was arrested on 28 June from the village of Hasan Kalkawi by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
11. Izzat Hameed Hassan was arrested on 28 June from the village of Hasan Kalkawi by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate is still unknown.
12. Sabri Ali Abdeen, was arrested on 28 June from the village of Hasan Kalkawi, by members of the Military Police, on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
13. Khalil Ali Ali was arrested on 28 June from the village of Hasan Kalkawi by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
14. Khalil Ibrahim Bilal, 65, was arrested on 29 June from Kuliyaat village by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
15. Mustafa Muhammad Youssef, 60, was arrested on 29 June from Kuliyaat village by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
16. Ali Muhammad Aref was arrested on 29 June from Kuliyaat village by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.

17. Khalil Sheikh Ismat was arrested on 29 June from Rajo village by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
18. Sha'ban Sheikho was arrested on 29 June from Rajo village by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.

Arrests in Shaykh Al-Hadid District

Shaykh Al-Hadid District witnessed the arrests of seven people by the Military Police. None of them were released.

1. Ali Issa was arrested on 26 June from the village of al-Ghazawiya by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
2. Barakat Hamo Ziad was arrested on 26 June from the village of al-Ghazawiya by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
3. Omar Hamo Ziad was arrested on 26 June from the village of al-Ghazawiya by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
4. Jameel Mustafa Ali was arrested on 26 June from the village of al-Ghazawiya by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
5. Youssef Youssef al-Hussein was arrested on 26 June from the village of al-Ghazawiya by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
6. Ahmed Youssef al-Hussein was arrested on 26 June from the village of al-Ghazawiya by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
7. Farmand Dashti Ham was arrested on 26 June from the village of al-Ghazawiya by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.

Arrests in Jindires District

Jindires District witnessed the arrests of 17 people by the Military Police. None of them were released.

1. Ali al-Ali was arrested on 2 June from the village of Hekja by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
2. Ali Safar was arrested on 2 June from the village of Hekja by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.

3. Muhammad Hanif Mahou was arrested on 2 June from the village of Hekja by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
4. Rifai Walid Mahou was arrested on 2 June from the village of Hekja by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
5. Muhammad Hadlah was arrested on 2 June from the village of Hekja by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
6. Sha'ban Ramadan was arrested on 2 June from the village of Hekja by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
7. Salah Muhammad Tanah was arrested on 2 June from the village of Hekja by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
8. Muhammad Ali Nabi was arrested on 2 June from the village of Hekja by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
9. Sheikh Malani was arrested on 2 June from the village of Hekja by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
10. Shukri Ibrahim was arrested on 2 June from the village of Hekja by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
11. Yasser Said Ali was arrested on 2 June from the village of Hekja by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
12. Ali Fareed al-Ali was arrested on 2 June from the village of Hekja by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
13. Mustafa Sheikh Mustafa Hanan was arrested on 17 June from the village of Hekja by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
14. Subhi Jameel Surani was arrested on 17 June from the village of Hekja by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
15. Hamdan Hussein, 56, was arrested on 18 June from the village of Aghjalah by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
16. Mustafa Hamdan Hussein, 30, was arrested on 18 June from the village of Aghjalah by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.

17. Ja'far Ali Merza was arrested on 28 June from the village of Shadera by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.

Arrests in Bulbul District

Bulbul district witnessed the arrest of two men, both of whom remain detained.

1. Ahmed Ibrahim Muhammad, 35 years old, was arrested on 15 June from the village of Khalilaka in Bulbul district by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
2. Rasheed Kakaj Muhammad was arrested on 28 June from the village of Qizilbash in Bulbul district by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.

Arrests in Sharran District

Sharran district witnessed the arrest of two men. One of them was released.

1. Housni Muhammad Sheikh Muhammad was arrested on 15 June from the village of Midankey in Sharran district by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. He was later released.
2. Muhammad Rashou was arrested on 29 June from the village of Darwish in Sharran district by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.

Arrests in Maabatli/Mabeta District

Maabatli/Mabeta district witnessed the arrest of three people, including two children, by the Military Police. None were released.

1. Ahmed Rashid Daoud, 52, was arrested on 8 June from the village of Afrazieh by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
2. Juan Muhammad Abdullah, 15, was arrested on 21 June from the village of Kurka Tahtani by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.
3. Firhad Muhammad Abdullah, 13, was arrested on 21 June from the village of Kurka Tahtani by members of the Military Police on charges of having links with the Autonomous Administration. His fate remains unknown.

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History

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Convinced that the diversity that has historically defined Syria is a wealth, our team of researchers and volunteers works with dedication at uncovering human rights violations committed in Syria, in order to promote inclusiveness and ensure that all Syrians are represented, and their rights fulfilled.

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