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As an organization committed to documenting human rights violations, and Syrians who are too familiar with [indiscriminate shelling](#), occupation, and forced displacement, the team at Syrians for Truth and Justice (STJ) expresses our support of, and solidarity with, the people of Ukraine in response to Russian aggression.

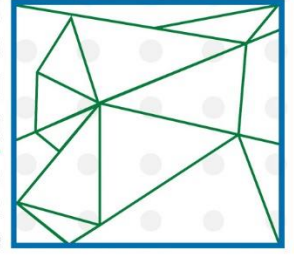
Days after Russia invaded Ukraine on 24 February 2022, it has shown a disregard for the international laws to which it is a [signatory](#) country and the lives of civilians. Russia has carried out [indiscriminate](#) attacks on civilian areas and has forced [more than a million](#) Ukrainian refugees and non-Ukrainian nationals to seek safety in neighboring countries. In Russia, Russian [journalists](#) and civilians who have challenged the regime's invasion of Ukraine have been met with [censorship](#). [Thousands](#) of anti-war protestors have been arrested across Russia.

As a Syrian human rights organization, these scenes are only too familiar. For the past several years, we have documented the impact of indiscriminate artillery strikes – including by the Russian air force – on civilian areas across Syria. We have listened to the testimonies of internally displaced civilians and refugees who have lost access to their homes and communities as well, and monitored the violations committed in Turkish-occupied territories in northern Syria, notably in the areas of Afrin, Ras al-Ayn/Serê Kaniyê, and Tal Abyad.

We call on the international community to

1. Provide support and asylum to Ukrainian refugees fleeing violence, as well as provide [equal assistance](#) to non-Ukrainian nationals who are also fleeing the country and seeking safety.
2. Unequivocally condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine and continue pressuring the Russian government to end its military actions and immediately withdraw its forces from Ukraine's territory.
3. Protect all civilians in Ukraine and pave the way for accountability for all perpetrators of human rights violations during the Ukrainian conflict.

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About Us:

Syrians for Truth and Justice (STJ) is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization monitoring human rights violations in Syria. Founded in 2015, STJ has been based in France since 2019.

STJ is an impartial and independent Syrian human rights organization operating across Syria. Our network of field researchers monitor and report human rights violations occurring on the ground in Syria, while our international team of human rights experts, lawyers, and journalists gather evidence, examine emerging patterns of violations, and analyze how violations break domestic Syrian and international law.

We are committed to documenting violations of human rights committed by all parties in the Syrian conflict and elevating the voices of all Syrians victimized by human rights violations, regardless of their ethnicity, religion, political affiliation, class, and/or gender. Our commitment to human rights monitoring is founded on the idea that professional human rights documentation meeting international standards is the first step to uncovering the truth and achieving justice in Syria.



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