Journalists: Assad’s worst enemy

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A statistics showing the number of the killed journalists in the world published in Addiyar newspaper says that 10 victims were killed in Aleppo by the opposition and the US-led coalition forces.

The paper, being one of the Assad regime mouthpieces, mentions journalists supposedly killed by forces other than those of Assad and ISIS. Grouping Assad and ISIS together is not coincidental as they are two sides of the same coin.

If we assume that the number the paper has mentioned is correct, one would wonder about the real number of those Assad has killed.

The Doha Centre for Media Freedom has documented 110 professional or citizen journalists who have been killed by Assad.

As journalists constitute a real danger for Assad and his gang, they have been a main target of the regime in its attempt to silence all Syrians, let alone journalists.

More than 70 journalists have been killed by Assad forces covering the conflict, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) research. The vast majority of those killed were local journalists like the three Orient TV crew who were killed in the village of Sheikh Miskeen in Daraa in December last year. CPJ research shows that the Assad regime is responsible for more journalist deaths in Syria than ISIS.

As every Syrian is targeted by Assad and as he kills indiscriminately, the actual number of those killed by Assad, be they journalists, women or children, is believed to be higher as there are people in Assad’s detention centers or concentration camps who die under torture on a daily basis and their kin are not informed of their death.

*Quora* website cited a released detainee as saying:

The detention center the detainee was held in was a complex of multi-storey buildings in Damascus containing around 600 detainees. On daily basis, between 10 and 15 corpses were disposed of from that floor, and around the same number of new detainees were brought in. That number was in one floor in one building.

Addiyar will never mention such facts about Assad and his brutality as this will put him second to none in killing, torturing, massacring and stubbornness.

When the uprising in Syria started, amateurs used simple devices like a mobile to transmit the regime’s brutality. These devices cost their holders their lives. We should think what the regime would do when there is a professional camera or journalist!