

Homs agreement mediated by the UN

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Drawing on our discussions since Friday 24 January 2014 and the subsequent meeting and talks regarding the situation in the old neighbourhoods of the city of Homs, and based on what we reach throughout the last few days, we confirm the following:

1. Our readiness to provide you with the required support to contribute with us in vacating the civilians (children, women, elderly people) as soon as possible. In this regard, we define women as female in general; as for children, they are all whom do not exceed 15 years in age; the elderly are those who are 60 [at later negotiations the maximum age bracket was reduced to 55] or above.
2. The first step should be evacuating the first batch of the civilians to the closest convenient place in the Old City with the participation and attendance of the United Nation representatives and the International Committee of the Red Cross, preferably. In addition to that, teamwork from our side consists of social and medical commission, representatives of the Syrian Red Crescent and civil police, with female police agents in attendance. The evacuated civilians will then be medically assisted and checked, accordingly with your collaboration. After that they will be given the choice to move into the refugee centre that was already equipped in a suitable place close to the Old City in the presence and knowledge of your representatives. This way their situation will be similar to other Syrians in the displaced centres where they can be supervised by the Ministry of Social Affairs, the organizations and the Red Crescent. Alternatively they can go to any place of their own choice, including the Waar neighbourhood in the city of Homs.
3. A meeting will be held directly after the evacuation of the first batch previously mentioned to assess the basic needs that will be sent to the Old City according to the estimations of the Relief Sub-commission, your teamwork and the Syrian Red Crescent. We confirm that this procedure will take place under collaborative supervision of Homs province authorities, United Nation representatives and the Red Cross, and they will be protected in all the areas that are under the control of the Arab Syrian Army and the specialized authorities.
4. Arms holders could benefit from this humanitarian procedure to vacate the Old City neighbourhoods, and they will be dealt with according to the governmental procedures to resolve their situation with the

specialized authorities benefiting from the presidential pardons and the issued instructions in this regard.

5. With regards to the wounded and people with special needs, they will be transported to the hospitals collaboratively with the Red Crescent and they will be provided with all required care. They can also benefit from the rights mentioned in the previous paragraph to resolve their situations according to the agreed basis.
6. It is understandable and agreed that the execution of the previous paragraphs '4-5' will take place after receiving lists of the names of people who are willing to benefit from this procedure. They should be formerly informed of the ways that their (legal) situation will be resolved. They will have the choice then to vacate the Old City or stay there.

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