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## Syria: Unlawful Missile Attacks Kill More Than 140



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Human Rights Watch was on the ground in Syria this week, after government-launched missiles struck populated areas in and around the city of Aleppo, killing more than 141 people, including 71 children.

The extent of the damage from a single strike, the lack of aircraft in the area at the time, and reports of ballistic missiles being launched from a military base near Damascus overwhelmingly suggest that government forces struck these areas with ballistic missiles.

Human Rights Watch visited attack sites in residential neighborhoods and found no signs of any military targets in the vicinity.

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Credible sources in Sudan have reported that government doctors amputated a man's right hand and left foot by court order in Khartoum on February 14, 2013, in violation of the absolute prohibition on torture and cruel, inhuman, or degrading punishments.

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