

Editor's Note — July 29, 2026: The PDF above is the version of the joint CPJ–SCM stakeholder submission filed with the UN Universal Periodic Review on July 17, 2026, and remains unchanged. The corrections do not alter the submission's recommendations or its overall assessment.

Consistent with the detailed assessments in Appendix 1, no recommendation is assessed as implemented, and 11 recommendations are assessed as partially implemented, not 12 as stated in paragraph 16; Recommendation 133.152 is partially implemented under Theme A41, Recommendations 133.143 and 133.214 are not implemented, and the reference to "133.71" in paragraph 16 should read 133.171. Appendix 2 covers incidents through July 2026, not July 2025 (paragraph 19). Paragraph 29 should refer to Law No. 19 of 2024, not 2022.

Under Recommendation 133.152, the Constitutional Declaration prohibits exceptional courts and provides that the Supreme Judicial Council supervises both the regular and military judiciary, but does not abolish military courts generally. The February 2022 suspension of Rudaw Media Network's licences (paragraph 40) was imposed by the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria, not by the Assad government. The list of journalists named in paragraph 53 should also include Suwayda 24 photojournalist Sari Majid Al-Shoufi, consistent with his documentation in Appendix 2.

On individual cases: Firas Al-Barjas's detention began on December 8, 2025 (paragraph 26); Atef Najib should be identified as the former head of the Political Security Branch in Daraa (paragraph 36 and Recommendation 133.143); Eva Maria Michelmann was held in Damascus before her release, and Ahmed Polad was, according to the latest information available, being held in Aleppo (paragraph 25 and Appendix 2), with the supporting citations reflecting January 18, 2026 as the date of their arrest. In Appendix 2, the Al-Araby TV camera operator in the March 10, 2025 entry is Mohammed Qurandil, and the citation for Bilal Abdul Kareem's arrest should identify him rather than Hassan Zaza.