



Syrian National Council (SNC)

Background

Since the beginning of the Syrian Revolution, the opposition has worked to unite its efforts to create an all-inclusive representative body for the nation. The goal of this body is to support the Syrian people's revolution and their struggle for freedom, dignity, and democracy. Over the course of six months, the concept of a political umbrella organization, which encompasses the youth of the revolution, the nation's political forces, and national figures emerged. This organization would deliver the message of the Syrian people in the field of international diplomacy, with the aim to overthrow the regime, its figureheads, and the pillars on which it stands in order to establish a democratic, multi-party, and civil state.

The Concept

The idea of the SNC was inspired by previous initiatives and attempts at unifying opposition groups. It has become a pressing necessity to form a council that includes competent national figures to serve as a political umbrella for the Syrian revolution in the international arenas and support the just cause of the Syrian people, who yearn to be liberated from tyranny and create a civil democratic state.

The Vision

The formation of a national body to represent the Syrian Revolution, embody its aspirations in toppling the regime, achieve democratic change, and build a modern civil state.

Basic Principles

The SNC is committed to the achievement of its objectives within the following basic principles:

- 1- Working to overthrow the regime using all legal means.
- 2- Affirming national unity among all components of Syrian society (Arabs and Kurds, as well as ethnic, religious and sectarian groups) and rejecting all calls for ethnic strife.
- 3- Safeguarding the non-violent character of the Syrian Revolution.
- 4- Protecting national independence and sovereignty, and rejecting foreign intervention.

The Goals

The SNC seeks to achieve the following goals:

- 1- To deliver the voice of the Syrian revolution and its demands to the international community.



- 2- To secure political support for the peaceful revolution.
- 3- To promote national unity during the transition phase.
- 4- To ensure there is no political vacuum.
- 5- To develop a roadmap for democratic change in Syria.

Formation of SNC

A team of experts, technocrats, and some political figures worked during the previous period to formulate a new mechanism to establish a council that includes competent national figures while considering the diversity that reflects the Syrian reality within the following steps:

- 1- Mapping of Syrian political groups that support the revolution and preparing lists of national and effective figures for nomination
- 2- Determining the qualifications required for membership to the SNC depending on their duties
- 3- Setting standards for representing the Syrian people in the council that reflects the diverse nature of Syria socially, ideologically, and politically with reasonable ratios
- 4- Proposing the formation of the council based on the outlined specifications and criteria that achieve diversity

Structure of SNC

The initial proposed structure of the SNC is based on approving a horizontal structure with executive offices that carry specialized roles expected from the SNC.

SNC Offices

- 1- Foreign Relations Bureau
- 2- Policy and Planning Bureau
- 3- Media Bureau
- 4- Logistical Support Bureau
- 5- Revolution Support Bureau
- 6- Legal Affairs and Human Rights Bureau
- 7- Finance Bureau
- 8- Relief and Development Bureau

SNC Membership

- Fifty two percent of SNC members belong to the new grassroots movements that sprouted from the revolution.
- Sixty percent of SNC members are inside Syria and forty percent are abroad.
- Damascus Declaration selected its representatives outside Syria and is in the process of selecting inside members
- Syrian Muslim Brotherhood will name its representatives to the council



- Kurdish National Bloc will name its members inside Syria
- SNC membership is open to political groups and prominent figures
- SNC currently has 140 members. The names of 71 members have been announced. Some names have not been disclosed for security reasons
- Revealed SNC members:

1. Ibrahim Al-Yusef
2. Ahmad Ramadan
3. Ahmad Shaker
4. Adib Shishakli
5. Osama Shurbaji
6. Ausama Monajed
7. Osama Kadi
8. Anas Al-Abdah
9. Anas Airout
10. Badreddin Bahro
11. Badr Jamus
12. Bassam Jaara
13. Bassma Kodmani
14. Bashar Al-Aisami
15. Bashar Hasan Al-Heraki
16. Jan Abdalla
17. Jamal Al-Wadi
18. Hosam Al-Qatlabi
19. Hassan Al-Shalabi
20. Hassan Al-Hamshi
21. Khaled Al-Haj Saleh
22. Khaled Khouja
23. Khalil Karo
24. Rami Nakhle
25. Radwan Al-Alami
26. Radwan Ziadeh
27. Riad Al-Hasan
28. Raymoun Ma'joun
29. Raymoun Yukhana
30. Rinas Sinou
31. Ziwar Al-Omar



32. Salem Al-Mosalet
33. Samer Kailani
34. Sadad Akkad
35. Shadi Junaid
36. Abdelilah Thamer Al-Melhem
37. Abdelbasit Sida
38. Abdelbaqi Yusef
39. Abdelrahman Al-Haj
40. Obaida Nahhas
41. Afra Jalabi
42. Imadedin Al-Rashid
43. Ammar Alhaddao
44. Ammar Qurabi
45. Omar Idlibi
46. Amr Al-Azm
47. Fida Al-Majthoub
48. Kamiran Hajo
49. Louay Safi
50. Mamoun Naqqar
51. Mohamad Al-Abdalla
52. Mohamad Thamer Al-Mahid
53. Mohamad Sarmini
54. Mohamad Yasser Tabbara
55. Mohamad Yasin Al-Najjar
56. Mahmoud Al-Kilani
57. Mahmoud Othman
58. Mostafa Al-Sabbagh
59. Mostafa Kayyali
60. Mostafa Mohamad
61. Moti' Al-Batin
62. Mouath Al-Sebai
63. Mona Mohamed
64. Musa Musa
65. Najib Ghadbian
66. Nazir Hakim
67. Heba Al-Fouz



68. Hesham Marwa
69. Haytham Rahma
70. Wael Merza
71. Wajdi Mostafa