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**FACT SHEET on DECLARED CURFEWS BETWEEN
11 DECEMBER 2015 – 8 JANUARY 2016 and VIOLATIONS of
RIGHT TO LIFE AGAINST CIVILIANS ACCORDING to the DATA of
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Since 16 August 2015, there has been 58 officially confirmed, open-ended and round-the-clock curfews in at least **19 districts** of **7 cities** (primarily Diyarbakır, Şırnak, Mardin and Hakkâri) that approximately **1 million 377 thousand people** resides (according to the 2014 population census). During these officially declared curfews, fundamental rights of people such as Right to Life and Right to Health is violated and 162 civilians (29 women, 32 children, 24 people over the age 60) lost their lives according to the data of HRFT Documentation Center.

Between the dates 16 August 2015 and 11 December 2015, there was again curfews without any legal basis. However, beginning from 11 December 2015 the impose form of curfews, the broadness of regions that curfews are declared, *military dispatch*¹ and thoughen statements of government and State officials shows that beginning from 11 December 2015, a different step has been taken, another period has begun in especially some districts of the region.

The curfews declared on 11 December 2015 in **Sur District** of Diyarbakır (again, after 17 hours of break), **Dargeçit District** of Mardin (lifted on 29 December 2015) and on 14 December 2015 **Cizre and Silopi Districts** of Şırnak and again **Nusaybin District** of Mardin

¹Even though it's not officially declared, according to the national media almost 10 thousand members of security forces are active in operations in each district that curfews are ongoing (Cizre, Sur, Silopi). Moreover, it's known that hundreds of armored military vehicles such as tanks, panzers, cannons etc. Are dispatched to the relative districts/cities.

(lifted on 24 December 2015) are still going on and only in these last 29 days at least 79 civilians were killed (14 of them are children, 1 of them is death in the womb through gun shot, 18 of them are women and 15 of them are over the age 60).

Moreover, according to the statements of witnesses **at least 22 of these people** were killed while they were within the boundaries of their homes, due to opened fire or hitting by a missile or due to the direct stress effect of curfews on their health conditions.

Also, 4 people (3 in Sur district and 1 in Nusaybin district) were killed in the close neighbourhoods where no curfew was declared and no operation was ongoing.²

NOTE: Within the context of this fact sheet the term ‘security forces’ is implying to ‘Police Anti-terror Combat Team, Police Special Forces, Gendarmerie Special Forces, Military Forces and Riot Polices.’ Also, there are some teams which are both by themselves and publicly defined as JITEM, Esedullah, Hançer Teams etc.

² These people are: Şerdil Cengiz (21-Bağlar district), Şiyar Salman (18-Bağlar district) and Şiyar Baran (13-Seyrantepe district) in SUR and Emire Gök (39-Gırnavas Mah.) in NUSAYBİN. **Note:** In Nusaybin, the curfew was declared first in some districts. On 4th day it was broadened to whole district.