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Iran and the IRGC *Fueling Conflict in the Middle East*

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Thank you Chairman Royce, Ranking Member Engel, and members of this committee for the opportunity to appear before you today.

Iran's regional goals remain inimical to U.S. national interests and the security of U.S. allies. The emergence of President Hassan Rouhani,¹ his promise of engaging in bilateral talks with the United States,² the nuclear agreement between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the P5+1,³ and the rise of the Islamic State have led some in the West to hope for a new alignment of strategic interests between Washington and Tehran.

To this end, Secretary of State John Kerry formally invited Foreign Minister Mohammad-Javad Zarif to participate in negotiations at the end of October in Vienna to resolve the war in Syria.⁴

President Rouhani and Foreign Minister Zarif, however, command little influence over the Islamic Republic's regional policies. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) owns this portfolio,⁵ and beyond a fleeting tactical convergence of interests, the Revolutionary Guards and Washington do not have aligning strategic goals in Syria. Washington wants to resolve conflicts in the Middle East; the IRGC benefits most by seeing these conflicts continue.

According to the recent testimony of Ambassador Anne W. Patterson, assistant secretary of state for near eastern affairs, the United States is pursuing four objectives in Syria:

“(1) defeat ISIL [Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant] militarily in both Syria and Iraq; (2) develop a political transition that gives Syria a future without Bashar al-Asad; (3) ease the suffering of the Syrian people; and (4) stabilize our regional allies and help European partners as they cope with a massive refugee crisis.”⁶

¹ Zahra Hosseinian & Yeganeh Torbati, “Moderate Rohani Wins Iran Presidential Election in Landslide,” *Reuters*, June 15, 2013. (<http://in.reuters.com/article/2013/06/15/iran-election-results-hassan-rohani-idINDEE95E00U20130615>)

² “Rouhani dar Jam-e Daneshjouyan-e Daneshgah-e Sharif: Amrika Kadkhoda Ast, Ba Amrika Bebandim Rahat-tarim (Rouhani Amongst Sharif University Students: America is the Village Head, We Are Better Off Making a Deal with America),” *Mehr News Agency* (Iran), May 13, 2013. (<http://www.mehrnews.com/news/2054218>)

³ Parisa Hafezi, Louis Charbonneau, John Irish, & Arshad Mohammed, “Iran Deal Reached, Obama Hails Step Towards ‘More Hopeful World.’” *Reuters*, July 15, 2015. (<http://in.reuters.com/article/2015/07/15/iran-nuclear-idINKC0PO0IA20150715>)

⁴ “Iran to Be Invited to Next Round of Talks on Syria: U.S. Official,” *Reuters*, October 27, 2015. (<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/10/27/us-mideast-crisis-syria-talks-idUSKCN0SL2OH20151027#MkTUSde3yAVXV4Wc.97>)

⁵ “CENTCOM in 2010: Views from General David H. Petraeus,” *Institute for the Study of War*, January 22, 2010. (<http://www.understandingwar.org/press-media/webcast/centcom-2010-views-general-david-h-petraeus>)

⁶ Ambassador Anne W. Patterson, “U.S. Policy After Russia’s Escalation in Syria,” *Testimony before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, November 4, 2015. (<http://docs.house.gov/meetings/FA/FA00/20151104/104160/HHRG-114-FA00-Wstate-PattersonA-20151104.pdf>)

If one examines the public statements of the IRGC leadership and the activities of the IRGC in Syria, it's clear that the Islamic Republic is pursuing the exact opposite goals. For the Guards, the primary objectives are to: (1) keep Assad in power by deploying IRGC forces and non-Iranian Shiite militias in Syria; (2) highlight ISIL as a worse alternative to Assad while making no serious military effort against the Islamic State; and (3) concentrate Iran's military resources against Syrian rebel forces threatening the Assad regime, including the secular opposition, which might offer an acceptable alternative to Assad.

Major General Mohammad-Ali Jafari, the Corps' chief commander,⁷ and Major General Qassem Suleimani, head of the expeditionary Quds Force (IRGC-QF),⁸ have repeatedly expressed their support for Assad and his regime. Brigadier General Hossein Hamadani, the field commander of the Iranian forces in Syria who was killed in the suburbs of Aleppo on October 7,⁹ has not only praised Assad as "more obedient to the leader of the revolution [Ayatollah Ali Khamenei] than some of our statesmen," but also recalled the supreme leader stressing the importance of the "strategic depth" Syria provides to Iran.¹⁰

In Jafari's words, Hamadani's mission had been to "transfer experiences from the sedition of 2009" to Assad. That "sedition" is a reference to the Revolutionary Guards' suppression of the anti-government, pro-democracy rallies in Tehran in the wake of the fraudulent June 2009 presidential elections.¹¹ In that capacity, Hamadani not only reorganized Syrian paramilitary forces using Iran's Basij militia as a model,¹² but he also served as the most senior field commander in charge of IRGC units and non-Iranian Shiite militias deployed in Syria.

Iranian officials often deny their military involvement in Syria and insist that IRGC forces there are volunteers guarding Shiite pilgrimage sites in Damascus.¹³ Yet this

⁷ "Kasi Ra Be Onvan-e Jaygozin-e Assad Nemishenasi (We Do Not Know Any Alternative to Assad)," Fars News Agency (Iran), November 2, 2015. (<http://www.farsnews.com/13940811000880>)

⁸ "Sardar Suleimani dar Majles-e Khobregan: Ta Akhar az Souriyeh Hemayat Mikonim (Commander Suleimani at the Assembly of Experts: We will Support Syria to the End)," Fars News Agency (Iran), September 4, 2013. (<http://www.farsnews.com/newstext.php?nn=13920613000905>)

⁹ "Shahadat-e Sardar Sartip Pasdar Hossein Hamadani (Martyrdom of Brigadier General Hossein Hamadani)," Sepah News (Iran), October 9, 2015.

(<http://www.sepahnews.com/shownews.Aspx?ID=8d6b1e99-ceec-4cf6-bdfc-1a3f9985d694>)

¹⁰ "Sardar Hamadani: Etaatpaziri-ye Bashar Assad az Rahbar-e Enghelab Bishtar az Barkhi Dowlatmardan-e Ma Ast (Commander Hamadani: Bashar Assad is More Obedient to the Leader of the Revolution than Some of Our Statesmen)," Ghatreh News (Iran), October 10, 2015.

(<http://www.ghatreh.com/news/nn27977760>)

¹¹ "Sardar Hamadani: Etaatpaziri-ye Bashar Assad az Rahbar-e Enghelab Bishtar az Barkhi Dowlatmardan-e Ma Ast (Commander Hamadani: Bashar Assad is More Obedient to the Leader of the Revolution than Some of Our Statesmen)," Ghatreh News (Iran), October 10, 2015.

(<http://www.ghatreh.com/news/nn27977760>)

¹² "Sarlashkar Jafari: 100 Hezar Nirou-ye Mardom dar Souriyeh Sazemandehi Shodand (Major General Jafari: 100 Thousand Popular Forces Were Organized in Syria)," Entekhab (Iran), October 17, 2015.

(<http://www.entekhab.ir/fa/news/230827>)

¹³ "Iran Hozour-e Nezami dar Souriyeh Nadarad (Iran Has No Military Presence in Syria)," Tasnim News Agency (Iran), October 16, 2015. (<http://www.tasnimnews.com/fa/news/1394/07/24/889637>)

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author's survey of funeral services for Iranian, Afghan, and Pakistani Shiite fighters killed in the war (since the first recorded Iranian combat fatality in Syria in January 2012) provides proof of the Islamic Republic's military engagement. (See Addenda, Tables 1-3. Iraqi and Lebanese Shiite combat fatalities in Syria since the beginning of the war in Syria are not included in this survey.)

According to open-source data, 201 Iranian nationals, 178 Afghan nationals, and 33 Pakistani nationals—all Shiites, with the exception of two Iranian nationals—were killed in combat in Syria from January 2012 to November 30, 2015. (See Figure 1)

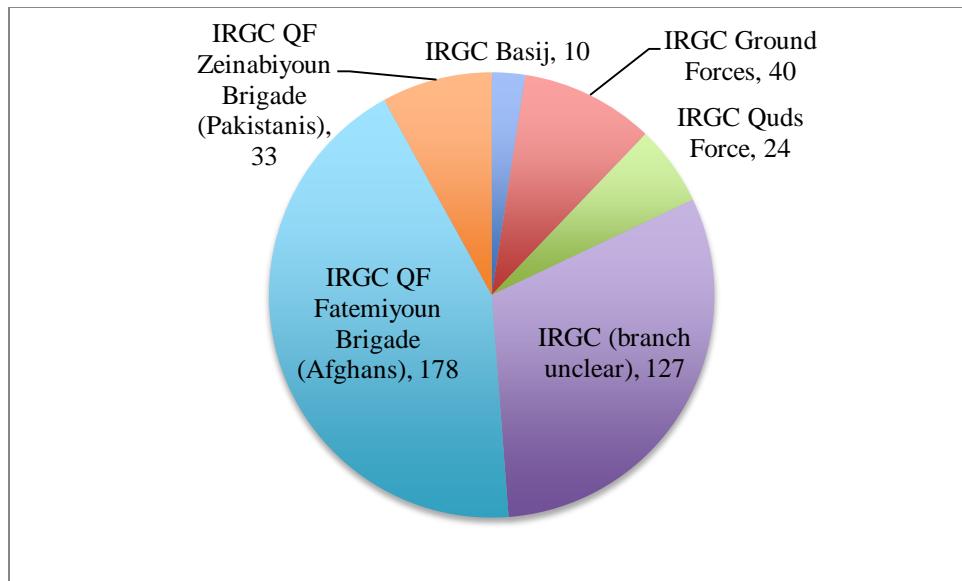


Figure 1: Breakdown by force of Afghan, Iranian, and Pakistani Shiite nationals killed in combat in Syria from January 2012 to November 30, 2015.

Public accounts indicate that all 201 Iranians served in the IRGC. Breaking down the casualties by IRGC branches, 40 served in the IRGC Ground Forces, 24 fought for the Quds Force, and 10 served in the Basij militia. Funeral photos and online biographical materials suggest that the remaining 127 were identified as generic active-duty IRGC members, though it is not known in which units they served. For some of these individuals, the lack of information may reflect the IRGC's attempt to obscure their service in the Quds Force or to cover up the deployment of IRGC Ground Forces. Deployment of the Ground Forces seems to have spiked since October 2015, in the wake of mounting casualties among the Quds Force, a relatively small unit within the Corps. This left Guard commanders with no other choice but to deploy mainline IRGC forces to Syria.

As for the Afghan and Pakistani nationals killed in action, all of the former were members of the Fatemiyoun Brigade (See Addenda, Table 2), while the latter served with the Zainabiyoun Brigade (See Addenda, Table 3). Both of these militias are reportedly organized by and report to the Quds Force. Planning for the deployment of the Fatemiyoun and Zainabiyoun Brigades likely took place as early as 2012, when Iran and Hezbollah recognized the Assad regime was in jeopardy. Maintaining the Fatemiyoun

and Zainabiyoun Brigades in Syria, despite the high casualties, may reflect a manpower shortage within the Revolutionary Guards. It certainly underscores the Assad regime's continuing need for troops. The deployment of IRGC Ground Forces in the country is fast transforming the entire Corps into an expeditionary force, which in turn increases the risk of further IRGC military adventures elsewhere in the region.

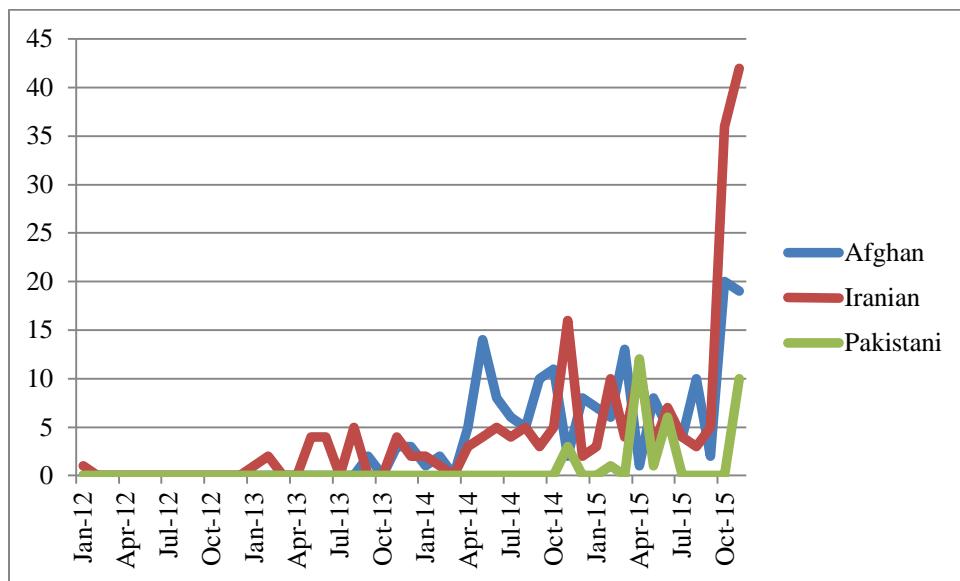


Figure 2: Burial in Iran of Afghan, Iranian, and Pakistani Shiite nationals killed in combat in Syria from January 2012 to November 30, 2015. Data excludes three Afghan nationals whose times of death are not known.

The development and use of non-Iranian Shiite militias in Syria risks the spread or rekindling of sectarian conflicts in the countries from which members of these militias hail, most notably Afghanistan, Pakistan, Lebanon, and Iraq. And last but not least, the Guard Corps' policies in Syria destabilize America's allies by exacerbating the refugee crisis in Europe and the Middle East.

The entry of Russia into the civil war appears to provide some indication of where Iran and its proxies have suffered the most casualties. Ambassador Victoria Nuland, assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian affairs, in her recent testimony before this committee, stated, "The vast majority of Russian strikes target areas where the Asad regime has lost territory to forces led by the moderate opposition, in towns like Hama, Homs, Aleppo and Idlib."¹⁴ These locations correspond to where the IRGC has suffered the greatest losses since the end of September. (See Addenda, Table 1) The Assad regime's sustained campaign against the Syrian Sunni population, which would not be possible without Tehran's financial and military support, has been the primary driver of the mass exodus from the country. Approximately half of Syria's pre-war population of

¹⁴ Ambassador Victoria Nuland, "U.S. Policy After Russia's Escalation in Syria," *Testimony before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, November 4, 2015.

(<http://docs.house.gov/meetings/FA/FA00/20151104/104160/HHRG-114-FA00-Wstate-NulandV-20151104.pdf>)

22 million people has been displaced within Syria and several millions are scattered throughout the Middle East and Europe. Since the beginning of the Russian strikes in Syria, at least 120,000 Syrians have been displaced as a result of regime, IRGC, and Shiite-militia offensives in the cities of Hama, Aleppo, and Idlib.¹⁵

Mr. Chairman, Iran's losses on the battlefield are a strong indication of how Tehran and Washington are at odds in Syria, where our stated policy is to expedite the departure of Assad.

There are steps which can be taken in order to reduce the IRGC's presence and power in Syria. These steps are intended to have an impact on the Corps' ability to destabilize Iran's neighbors.

1. Congress should write a new Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF) to combat the global threat of ISIL:

The United States cannot count on Sunni regimes in the Middle East on the one hand, and the combined forces of Assad, the IRGC, Shiite militias, and Russia on the other to reach a cold peace in Syria. Continued war and perpetuation of the crisis in Syria increases the risk that the conflict will spread not only across the Middle East, but, as the recent attacks in Paris have illustrated, also to the West. Congress should therefore craft a new AUMF that provides resources to the Department of Defense and the intelligence community to fight, in cooperation with NATO, the global threat of ISIL in Syria. Coupled with diplomacy aiming at reaching a mutual understanding between Washington and Moscow about Syria, this approach can not only defeat ISIL in Syria, but also minimize the IRGC's presence in that country. Although Russia and Iran currently find themselves on the same side of the conflict and against the West, if NATO engages with Russia and provides its president Vladimir Putin with a way to protecting Russian prestige and interests in the Middle East—but only on the condition that he drop his Iranian partners—Putin will always choose Russian interests over Iran. It is important that Congress pass a new AUMF in order to provide the military muscle behind Washington's diplomatic engagement with Russia.

2. The United States government should insist on the resignation of Bashar al-Assad:

It is U.S. policy that Assad cannot remain the leader of Syria. In earlier negotiations, this had been a precondition for any diplomacy intended to find a peaceful solution to the conflict. Congress should consider legislation codifying this position, as well as the State Department's designation of Syria as a state sponsor of terrorism. Specifically, Congress could affirm that the Assad regime sponsors terrorism and that President Assad himself should be held accountable for crimes against humanity. The United States should insist

¹⁵ Ambassador Anne W. Patterson, "U.S. Policy After Russia's Escalation in Syria," *Testimony before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, November 4, 2015.

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that all parties in the multilateral negotiations, in particular Russia, agree that Assad will play no part in the future of Syria. Experts differ about the extent to which Russia wants to protect Assad or whether Putin could be convinced to abandon Assad if he could ensure that whatever government follows will preserve Russian interests. The Iranian supreme leader and the Revolutionary Guards, however, cannot similarly abandon Assad given the extent to which Iranian interests are intertwined with the sectarian nature of the conflict.

3. The U.S. government should halt the lifting of the UN arms embargo, set to expire in five years, and of ballistic missile restrictions, set to expire in eight, until it receives certification that Iran is no longer engaged in proxy wars and that the Quds Force and the IRGC as a whole are not engaging in international weapons sales:

Under the terms of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231 endorsing the nuclear agreement with Iran, the conventional arms embargo on Iran will be lifted after five years. This embargo dates back to 2006 when the United Nations first banned Iran from importing materials used for conventional military hardware. Exports of military equipment were then banned in 2010. The lifting of these restrictions will allow Iran to purchase weapons from Chinese, Russians, and European manufacturers. With restrictions lifted and Iran set for a massive infusion of funds, the clerical regime will be able to purchase advanced weaponry and use its sophisticated smuggling networks to arm its proxies worldwide. Furthermore, over the longer term, Iran's ballistic missile development and its acquisition of intercontinental ballistic missile capabilities put not only U.S. allies but the United States itself at risk.

Rather than lift the arms embargo after the arbitrary time limit of five years, and the ballistic missile restrictions after eight, Congress and the administration should push the P5+1 to loosen these restrictions only after Tehran reaches benchmarks of cooperation and transparency. The lifting of the arms embargo and ballistic missile restrictions should also be tied to the regime's human rights record and ceasing its support for global terrorism. Tehran should not be rewarded with additional weaponry simply by waiting out the calendar. If the P5+1 fails to do this, the United States should strengthen its own secondary sanctions on weapons sales to Iran to discourage companies from engaging in such commerce and severely punish those who have already engaged in this trade.

4. The U.S. Government should take swift action to designate IRGC units with a documented presence in Syria and vigorously enforce sanctions against the Revolutionary Guards itself:

While the U.S. government has designated the IRGC for some of its illicit activities, and the Quds Force for its engagement in global terrorism and support for the Assad regime, other IRGC units have not yet been sanctioned.

Specifically regarding the IRGC units I have identified in my testimony, Congress should encourage the administration to designate these units from the IRGC Ground Forces in

order to hold them accountable on the international stage. The Obama administration should designate these units under authorities targeting individuals and entities that support the Assad regime and authorities targeting international terrorism. These IRGC units support a state sponsor of terrorism and may fit the legal definition of Foreign Terrorist Organizations.

Finally, my colleague Jonathan Schanzer testified last month before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform that the U.S. government ought to “enforce what we have left.”¹⁶ Specifically, in the case of the IRGC’s activities in Syria, this means punishing companies like Mahan Air that facilitate the shipment of weapons and fighters to Syria and openly engage in sanctions busting. And it means enforcing U.S. and international sanctions against IRGC Commander Qassem Suleimani to ensure he cannot travel to places like Russia to coordinate Iran’s strategy.

5. Congress should require the administration to provide detailed and ongoing reports on Iran’s support for the Assad regime and the IRGC’s activities in Syria:

My FDD colleague Emanuele Ottolenghi has argued that the Treasury Department should maintain and publish an IRGC watch list to alert the international business community which Iranian entities are influenced or controlled by the Guards.¹⁷ Similarly, Congress can mandate that the U.S. government publish reports revealing which IRGC units participate in the war in Syria.

More generally, Congress can insert reporting language into legislation requiring the administration to report to Congress every 90 days on the support that the Revolutionary Guards and Iran provide to Assad, including but not limited to arms, financial support, intelligence sharing, and military strategy. Iranian financial backing of Assad comes in the form of crude oil and other energy supplies, loans, lines of credit, and cash—all of which should be documented in the administration’s report to Congress.

¹⁶ Jonathan Schanzer, “Iran’s Power Projection Capability,” *Testimony before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security*, November 5, 2015.

(<https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Schanzer-DefenseDemocracies-Statement-11-5-Iran.pdf>)

¹⁷ Emanuele Ottolenghi, “Major Beneficiaries of the Iran Deal: IRGC and Hezbollah,” *Testimony before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa*, September 17, 2015. (<http://docs.house.gov/meetings/FA/FA13/20150917/103958/HHRG-114-FA13-Wstate-OttolenghiE-20150917.pdf>)

Addenda

Table 1: Iranian nationals killed in combat in Syria in chronological order, January 2013 – November 20, 2015

	Name	Rank	Branch and Unit	Approximate date of death (on or prior to)	Place of death
1	Tork, Moharram ¹	Major	IRGC-QF	January 19, 2012	Damascus, Syria
2	Asgari Taqanaki, Ali ²		IRGC-QF Lebanon Force ³	January 28, 2013	Damascus, Syria
3	Shateri, Hassan, aka Hesam Khoshnevis	Brigadier General ⁴	IRGC-QF Lebanon Force, Khatam al-Anbia Construction Base Representation in Lebanon ⁵	February 13, 2013	Syria
4	Tabatabaei-Mehr, Hamid ⁶	Brigadier General ⁷	IRGC Ground Forces	February 22, 2013	Syria
5	Alizadeh, Amir-Reza	Lieutenant Colonel		May 1, 2013	Damascus, Syria ⁸
6	Kanani, Ali ⁹	Major	IRGC-QF	May 1, 2013	Syria
7	Kafizadeh, Rouhollah ¹⁰	Third Lieutenant	IRGC Isfahan 8 th Najaf Ashraf Armored division ¹¹	May 8, 2013	
8	Farhoud, Hassan Ali ¹²		IRGC-QF, IRGC Tehran Seyyed al-Shohada Brigade member, seconded to Iraqi Abolfazl al-Abbas Brigade ¹³	May 18, 2013	Damascus, Syria
9	Khorasani, Mehdi ¹⁴		IRGC-QF, seconded to Iraqi Abolfazl al-Abbas Brigade ¹⁵	June 4, 2013	Al-Qasr, Syria
10	Atri, Mohammad-Hossein ¹⁶	Major		June 4, 2013	Syria
11	Shenaei, Ali-Asghar ¹⁷		IRGC-QF Seconded to Iraqi Abolfazl al-Abbas Brigade ¹⁸	June 9, 2013	Syria
12	Tavali, Gholam-Ali ¹⁹	Second Lieutenant	IRGC Gonbad-e Kavous 60 th Emar Yaser Armored unit ²⁰	June 15, 2013	Damascus, Syria
13	Kargar Barzi, Reza ²¹		IRGC-QF ²²	August 2, 2013	Syria

14	Heydari, Esmaeil ²³	Brigadier General Second Class	IRGC-QF	August 16, 2013	Syria
15	Baghbani, Hadi ²⁴		IRGC-QF, Seconded to Iraqi Abolfazl al- Abbas Brigade ²⁵	August 19, 2013	Damascus, Syria
16	Akbar, Alizadeh ²⁶	Second Lieutenant	IRGC Mashhad 21 st Imam Reza Brigade ²⁷	August 22, 2013	Damascus, Syria
17	Heydari, Mohsen ²⁸	Major ²⁹	IRGC-QF, seconded to Iraqi Abolfazl al- Abbas Brigade ³⁰	August 22, 2013	Syria
18	Jamali Paqaleh, aka Jamalizadeh, Mohammad ³¹	Brigadier General	IRGC-QF	November 5, 2013	Syria
19	Dousti-ye Kalateh Rahman, Ahmad ³²			November 11, 2013	Syria
20	Khalili, Mohammad- Hassan (aka Rasoul, aka Abou-Khalil) ³³		Basij veteran of the 2009 suppression of the anti-regime rallies ³⁴	November 18, 2013	Damascus, Syria
21	Moradi, Mohammad- Hossein ³⁵	Basij member	Najaf-e Ashraf Basij Base of the Imam Ali Mosque Basij member	November 19, 2013	Syria
22	Moslemi-Savari, Nasser (aka Mansour) ³⁶			December 8, 2013	Syria
23	Shirvanian, Abolfazl ³⁷		IRGC Tehran Seyyed al-Shohada Basij Base member ³⁸	December 18, 2013	Damascus, Syria
24	Beyzaei, Mahmoud-Reza (aka Hossein Nosrati) ³⁹		IRGC-QF ⁴⁰	January 22, 2014	Damascus, Syria
25	Shahriari, Akbar ⁴¹		IRGC-QF	January 22, 2014	Damascus, Syria
26	Sharifi, Jahanpour ⁴²	Major	IRGC Jahrom al- Mahdi Airborne Brigade	February 1, 2014	Damascus, Syria
27	Heydari, Javid ⁴³			April 10, 2014	Syria
28	Shojaee, Qassem ⁴⁴			April 17, 2014	Syria

29	Alipour, Moharram ⁴⁵	Captain		April 27, 2014 ⁴⁶	Syria
30	Alizadeh, Amir-Reza ⁴⁷	Colonel Second Class	IRGC-QF ⁴⁸	May 4, 2014	Damascus, Syria
31	Qassemi, Hassan ⁴⁹			May 14, 2014	Damascus, Syria
32	Hassani, Qorban ⁵⁰			May 25, 2014	Syria
33	Qorbani, Mirza-Hossein ⁵¹			May 31, 2014	Syria
34	Eskandari, Abdollah ⁵²	Brigadier General		June 14, 2014 ⁵³	Hama, Syria
35	Bakhtiari, Mohammad-Javad ⁵⁴			June 15, 2014	Syria
36	Hosseini, Mohammad-Amin ⁵⁵			June 15, 2014	Syria
37	Hosseini, Morteza ⁵⁶			June 18, 2014	Syria
38	Sheibani, Dad-Allah Dehqan	Brigadier General ⁵⁷		June 26, 2014	Hama, Syria
39	Mousavi, Hassan ⁵⁸			July 4, 2014	Syria
40	Mirzaei, Reza ⁵⁹			July 3, 2014	Syria
41	Mousavi, Hassan ⁶⁰			July 3, 2014	Syria
42	Alizadeh, Abbas ⁶¹			July 3, 2014	Syria
43	Azizi, Mehdi ⁶²		IRGC-QF seconded to Iraqi Abolfazl al-Abbas Brigade ⁶³	August 4, 2014	Damascus, Syria
44	Soltanzadeh, Hadi ⁶⁴		IRGC-QF	August 21, 2014	Damascus, Syria
45	Rahmati, Abdollah ⁶⁵			August 21, 2014	Syria
46	Soltannejad, Hadi ⁶⁶			August 21, 2014	Syria
47	Kazemi, Mousa ⁶⁷	Second Lieutenant	IRGC Isfahan 8 th Najaf-e Ashraf Armored Division	August 28, 2014	Syria
48	Heydari, Rahman ⁶⁸			September 3, 2014	Damascus, Syria
49	Gholami, Mohammad-Yasin ⁶⁹			September 11, 2014 ⁷⁰	Syria

50	Hosseini, Abolfazl ⁷¹			September 12, 2014	Syria
51	Tabasteh, Hossein ⁷²			September 16, 2014	Damascus, Syria
52	Afshar, Qorban-Ali ⁷³			September 18, 2014	Damascus, Syria
53	Hosseini, Mohammad-Reza ⁷⁴			October 2, 2014	Syria
54	Darisavi, Jabbar (aka Farid) ⁷⁵	Brigadier General		October 9, 2014	Damascus, Syria
55	Ahmadi, Hamed ⁷⁶			October 9, 2014	Syria
56	Qassemi, Hamid ⁷⁷			October 11, 2014	Syria
57	Zamani, Hamid-Reza ⁷⁸		IRGC Basij Organization	October 28, 2014	Damascus, Syria
58	Abtahi, Ali-Akbar ⁷⁹			November 13, 2014	Syria
59	Hosseini, Taqi ⁸⁰			November 13, 2014	Syria
60	Tabrizi, Behrouz Rahim ⁸¹			November 13, 2014	Syria
61	Akbarnejad, Hossein ⁸²			November 13, 2014	Syria
62	Zamani-Far, Masoud ⁸³			November 13, 2014	Damascus, Syria
63	Fard-Taheri, Majid ⁸⁴			November 13, 2014	Damascus, Syria
64	Younesi, Mohammad ⁸⁵			November 13, 2014	Syria
65	Ali-Naqi, Rasoul ⁸⁶			November 13, 2014	Syria
66	Erfani, Hamid-Reza ⁸⁷			November 13, 2014	Syria
67	Azhdari, Mehdi ⁸⁸			November 13, 2014	Syria
68	Jam-Manesh, Reza ⁸⁹			November 13, 2014	Syria
69	Rafiei, Ali-Asghar ⁹⁰			November 13, 2014	Syria
70	Esmaeili Sheikhani, Mohammad			November 13, 2014	Syria

71	Ziaeipour, (first name unknown) ⁹¹			November 13, 2014	Syria
72	Dorostkar, (first name unknown) ⁹²			November 13, 2014	Syria
73	Hozbavi, Hassan ⁹³	Second Lieutenant		November 30, 2014	Syria
74	Mohammadi, Nour-Mohammad ⁹⁴			December 30, 2014	Syria
75	Shojaee, Habib-Allah ⁹⁵			December 30, 2014	Damascus, Syria
76	Ahmadi, Hossein ⁹⁶		IRGC-QF	January 11, 2015	Damascus, Syria
77	Mousavi, Mehdi ⁹⁷		10 th Basij Resistance Zone deputy ⁹⁸	January 18, 2015	Damascus, Syria
78	Allahdadi, Mohammad-Ali ⁹⁹		IRGC-QF	January 18, 2015	Quneitareh, Syria
79	Heydari, Mohammad-Aziz ¹⁰⁰			February 3, 2015	Damascus, Syria
80	Heydari, Mostafa ¹⁰¹			February 3, 2015	Damascus, Syria
81	Kazemzadeh, Amir ¹⁰²		IRGC-QF	February 3, 2015	Damascus, Syria
82	Ansari, Taleb-Hossein ¹⁰³			February 6, 2015	Damascus, Syria
83	Haji-Hatmlou, Ehsan ¹⁰⁴		IRGC 45 th Javad al-Aemeh Brigade	February 8, 2015	Aleppo, Syria ¹⁰⁵
84	Abdollahi, Abbas ¹⁰⁶	Commander	IRGC 31 st Ashoura Division, ¹⁰⁷ Saberin Brigade chief	February 14, 2015	Kafr Nasij, Syria
85	Soltan-Moradi, Ali ¹⁰⁸			February 14, 2015	Kafr Nasij, Syria
86	Hosseini, Abdollah ¹⁰⁹			February 24, 2015	Syria
87	Hosseini, Noura ¹¹⁰			February 24, 2015	Syria
88	Ehsani, Hamid ¹¹¹			February 26, 2015	Syria
89	Khavari, Mohammad-Ali ¹¹²			March 4, 2015	Syria

90	Ardakani, Mohammad Saheb-Karam ¹¹³	Captain		March 4, 2015	Syria
91	Sohrabi, Heshmat- Allah ¹¹⁴			March 15, 2015	Syria
92	Taheri, Masoud ¹¹⁵			March 21, 2015	Syria
93	Kamali-Dehqan, Mohsen ¹¹⁶		IRGC Martyr Jahaziha base in Rajaee-Shahr, Alborz	April 17, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
94	Malamiri, Mohammad- Mehdi ¹¹⁷	Cleric		April 20, 2015	Deraa, Syria
95	Helisaei, Rouzbeh ¹¹⁸			April 22, 2015	Syria
96	Badpa, Hossein ¹¹⁹			April 22, 2015	Deraa, Syria
97	Mohammadi, Morteza ¹²⁰			April 22, 2015	Syria
98	Ahmadi, Ahmad ¹²¹			April 22, 2015	Syria
99	Hosseini, Abd al-Samad ¹²²			April 23, 2015	Syria
100	Habib-Allah- pour, Jalal ¹²³	Colonel	IRGC 25 th Karbala Division	April 23, 2015	Syria
101	Bakhshi, Ramezan-Ali ¹²⁴			April 23, 2015	Syria
102	Karimi, Abbas ¹²⁵			April 23, 2015	Syria
103	Naderi, Isa ¹²⁶			April 25, 2015	Syria
104	Kajbaf, Hadi ¹²⁷			May 5, 2015	Basri al- Harir, Syria ¹²⁸
105	Javani, Hamed ¹²⁹	First Lieutenant		May 13, 2015	Latakia, Syria
106	Shirdel, Ali- Asghar ¹³⁰			May 21, 2015	Syria
107	Bakhtiari, Aqil ¹³¹		IRGC Basij Organization	June 8, 2015	Syria
108	Nowrouzi, Ali- Reza ¹³²			June 12, 2015	Syria
109	Hamidi, Mohammad (aka Abou-Zeinab) ¹³³		IRGC-QF	June 24, 2015	Deraa, Syria

110	Ghaffari, Hassan ¹³⁴			June 24, 2015	Deraa, Syria
111	Amraei, Ali ¹³⁵			June 24, 2015	Deraa, Syria
112	Jafari, Nemat-Allah ¹³⁶			June 24, 2015	Deraa, Syria
113	Javani, Hamed ¹³⁷	Captain	IRGC East Azerbaijan Ashoura Division	June 26, 2015	Idlib, Syria
114	Gharib, Qassem ¹³⁸	Colonel	IRGC Golestan Neynava Force deputy	July 13, 2015	Tadmor, Syria
115	Ghavabesh, Karim ¹³⁹			July 15, 2015	Syria
116	Bakhti, Mostafa			July 30, 2015	Tadmor, Syria
117	Bkhti, Mojtaba			July 30, 2015	Tadmor, Syria
118	Hayari, Ahmad ¹⁴⁰	Captain	Basij Imam Hussein Brigade commander in Shoush	August 30, 2015	Latakia, Syria
119	Rezaei, Mohammad-Davoud			August 31, 2015	Syria
120	Baqeri, Mohammad-Taqi ¹⁴¹			August 31, 2015	Syria
121	Rezaei, Gholam-Ali ¹⁴²			September 11, 2015	Syria
122	Khalili, Mohammad ¹⁴³			September 11, 2015	Syria
123	Dinarvand, Abd al-Amir ¹⁴⁴			September 18, 2015	Syria
124	Qanavati, Ali-Reza ¹⁴⁵			October 6, 2015	Syria
125	Hosseini, Meisam ¹⁴⁶			October 8, 2015	Syria
126	Hamadani, Hossein (aka Abou-Wahab) ¹⁴⁷	Brigadier General	IRGC Greater Tehran 27 th Mohammad Rasoul-Allah Division Commander. Chief adviser to the government of Syria since 2011.	October 8, 2015	Aleppo, Syria

127	Mokhtarband, Hamid (aka Abou-Zahra) ¹⁴⁸	Colonel ¹⁴⁹	IRGC Ahwaz Hazrat-e Hojjat Armored Brigade Combat team chief	October 13, 2015	Syria
128	Hassounizadeh, Farshad (aka Abou-Nasser) ¹⁵⁰	Colonel ¹⁵¹	IRGC Ahwaz Hazrat-e Hojjat Armored Brigade Combat team deputy, Saberin Brigade member	October 13, 2015	Syria
129	Pourmorad, Rasoul ¹⁵²			October 14, 2015	Syria
130	Hamid, Nader ¹⁵³			October 14, 2015	Quneitra, Syria
131	Hakimizadeh, first name unknown ¹⁵⁴			October 15, 2015	Syria
132	Mokhtarifar, Majid ¹⁵⁵			October 15, 2015	Syria
133	Jalalzadeh, Jalal ¹⁵⁶			October 15, 2015	Syria
134	Khizab, Moslem ¹⁵⁷	Colonel	IRGC Isfahan 14 th Imam Hossein Division Ya-Zahra Brigade chief	October 19, 2015	Syria
135	Alidoust, Mehdi ¹⁵⁸		IRGC Qom 17 th Ali Ibn Abi-Taleb	October 19, 2015	Syria
136	Qorbani, Komeil ¹⁵⁹	First Lieutenant	IRGC Isfahan 8 th Najaf-e Ashraf Armored Division	October 19, 2015	Syria
137	Ahmadi, Hassan ¹⁶⁰	Second Lieutenant	IRGC Isfahan 8 th Najaf-e Ashraf Armored Division	October 19, 2015	Syria
138	Karami, Mojtaba (aka Majid) ¹⁶¹	First Lieutenant ¹⁶²	IRGC-QF, Hamadan Imam Hossein 154 th Hazrat-e Ali-Akbar special operations battalion	October 20, 2015	Syria
139	Sanei, Majid ¹⁶³		IRGC Hamadan Imam Hossein 161 st Battalion	October 20, 2015	Syria
140	Damroudi, Reza ¹⁶⁴			October 20, 2015	Al-Hasaka, Syria
141	Shojaee, Hadi ¹⁶⁵			October 23, 2015	Syria

142	Mostafavi, Milad ¹⁶⁶		IRGC Bahar County 165 th Imam Hossein Brigade member	October 24, 2015	Syria
143	Baqeri Niyaraki, Abdollah ¹⁶⁷		IRGC Ansar al-Mahdi Protection Unit ¹⁶⁸ Previously Ahmadinejad's bodyguard ¹⁶⁹	October 24, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
144	Estehkami, Mohammad ¹⁷⁰	Sergeant Major (Staff)		October 24, 2015	Syria
145	Karimi, Amin ¹⁷¹		IRGC Ansar al-Mahdi Protection Unit, ¹⁷² served as bodyguard in the parliament	October 25, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
146	Sadrzadeh, Mohammad (aka Mostafa, aka Seyyed Ebrahim, aka Badrzadeh, aka Seyyed Ebrahim Sa'ati) ¹⁷³		Fatemioun Division Emar Brigade chief	October 25, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
147	Tahernia, Sajjad ¹⁷⁴			October 25, 2015	Syria
148	Emadi, Rouh-Allah ¹⁷⁵	First Lieutenant		October 25, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
149	Daei-Taqi, Hamid-Reza ¹⁷⁶		Al-Mahdi Basij Base chief in Isfahan ¹⁷⁷	October 26, 2015	Syria
150	Eraqi, Jabbar ¹⁷⁸			October 26, 2015	Syria
151	Izadi, Pouya ¹⁷⁹	Second Lieutenant	Previously served in 8 th Najaf-e Ashraf Armored Division ¹⁸⁰	October 26, 2015	Syria
152	Amjadian, Abouzar (aka Raouf) ¹⁸¹			October 27, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
153	Asgari-Fard, Mohammad-Reza ¹⁸²	Colonel		October 27, 2015	Syria
154	Kaeeni, Mehdi ¹⁸³			October 28, 2015	Syria
155	Nasr, Moslem ¹⁸⁴	Second Lieutenant	IRGC 33 rd al-Mahdi Airborne Brigade	October 28, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
156	Jamali, Hossein ¹⁸⁵	Captain ¹⁸⁶	IRGC Saberin Brigade	October 29, 2015	Syria

157	Zahiri, Mohammad ¹⁸⁷	Third Lieutenant	IRGC Hazrat-e Hojjat Saberin Brigade	October 30, 2015	Syria
158	Shorbiani, Hojjat Asghar ¹⁸⁸			October 30, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
159	Mir-Dousti, Mohammad-Hossein ¹⁸⁹		IRGC Greater Tehran Mohammad Rasoul-Allah Division	October 31, 2015	Syria
160	Fatemi, Hamid Athar, ¹⁹⁰ aka Mombini ¹⁹¹			November 2, 2015	Syria
161	Hosseini, Sajjad ¹⁹²	Captain ¹⁹³	IRGC Isfahan Khordad 15 th Artillery Group ¹⁹⁴	November 2, 2015	Syria
162	Suleimani Margh-Maleki, Ezzat-Allah ¹⁹⁵	Colonel	Veteran of the IRGC Chahar-Mahal va Bakhtiari Hazrat-e Amir 44 th Qamar-e Bani-Hashem Brigade ¹⁹⁶	November 3, 2015	Syria
163	Zahedpour, Esmaeil ¹⁹⁷		IRGC Golestan Neynava Saberin Brigade member ¹⁹⁸	November 3, 2015	Syria
164	Hosseini Alemi, Ali (aka Abou-Sajjad) ¹⁹⁹		IRGC-QF Fatemiyoun Division commander	November 3, 2015	Syria
165	Fanousi, Mohammad ²⁰⁰	Second Lieutenant ²⁰¹	43 rd Malayer Corps of Engineers	November 4, 2015	Syria
166	Qorbani, Rouhollah ²⁰²		Basij	November 5, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
167	Sarlak, Qadir ²⁰³		IRGC Greater Tehran Mohammad Rasoul-Allah Division	November 5, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
168	Hiyudi, Amir-Hassan ²⁰⁴			November 5, 2015	Syria
169	Shalikar ²⁰⁵	Brigadier General, Second Class ²⁰⁶	Former IRGC Semnan province chief	November 6, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
170	Aziz-Abadi, Mohammad-Hossein ²⁰⁷	First Lieutenant		November 7, 2015	Aleppo, Syria

171	Khani, Mohammad-Hossein ²⁰⁸		Yazd Azad University Basij chief ²⁰⁹	November 7, 2015	Syria
172	Jamshidian, Mousa ²¹⁰	Major	IRGC Isfahan 8 th Najaf-e Ashraf Armored Division	November 7, 2015	Syria
173	Siratnia, Seyyed Esmaeel ²¹¹		Greater Tehran Mohammad Rasoul-Allah	November 7, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
174	Tamamzadeh, Ali (aka Abou-Hadi) ²¹²	Cleric		November 8, 2015	Syria
175	Modvari, Meisam ²¹³			November 8, 2015	Syria
176	Tahan, Mohammad ²¹⁴	Major	Semnan Qaem-e Al-e Mohammad 12 th Brigade	November 9, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
177	Ataei, Ahmad ²¹⁵			November 14, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
178	Dehqan Amiri, Mohammad-Reza ²¹⁶	Theological student		November 14, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
179	Mousavi, Mostafa ²¹⁷			November 14, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
180	Asgari, Masoud ²¹⁸			November 14, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
181	Khazaninejad, Iman ²¹⁹	First Lieutenant ²²⁰		November 15, 2015	Aleppo, Syria ²²¹
182	Qorbani, Mohammad-Javad ²²²	Second Lieutenant	Haji-Abad Basij Base chief	November 16, 2015	Syria
183	Abbasi, Sattar ²²³			November 17, 2015	Syria
184	Ebrahimi, Mohammad-Reza ²²⁴			November 18, 2015	Aleppo, Syria ²²⁵
185	Sokhandan, Mohammad ²²⁶			November 18, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
186	Doust-Hassanzadeh, Ali ²²⁷			November 18, 2015	Syria
187	Qalandari, Mahmoud ²²⁸			November 18, 2015	Syria
188	Mohamadi, Javad ²²⁹			November 23, 2015	Syria

189	Hashemi, Hossein ²³⁰			November 23, 2015	Syria
190	Rahimi, Ahmad ²³¹	Second Lieutenant		November 23, 2015	Syria
191	Majiri, Abd al-Reza ²³²	Brigadier General, Second Class	IRGC 123 rd Imam Hossein Brigade	November 27, 2015	Syria
192	Siahkali Moradi, Hamid ²³³		IRGC 82 nd Saheb al-Amr Brigade	November 28, 2015	Syria
193	Bameri, Parviz ²³⁴			November 28, 2015	Syria
194	Bameri, Asghar ²³⁵			November 28, 2015	Syria
195	Bameri, Nazar-Mohammad ²³⁶			November 28, 2015	Syria
196	Abdollahi, Morad ²³⁷			November 28, 2015	Syria
197	Bameri, Salman Barjesteh ²³⁸			November 28, 2013	Syria
198	Sajadi, Mohsen ²³⁹			November 28, 2015	Syria
199	Mollazehi, Omar ²⁴⁰			November 28, 2015	Syria
200	Ataei Farkoush, Ahmad ²⁴¹			November 28, 2015	Syria
201	Rashvand, Abd al-Rashid ²⁴²	Colonel		November 29, 2015	Syria

Table 2: Shiite Afghan nationals of the Fatemiyoun Brigade of the IRGC-QF killed in combat in Syria in chronological order, September 1, 2013 – November 20, 2015

	Name	Approximate date of death (on or prior to)	Place of death
1	Vaezi, Azim ²⁴³	September 1, 2013	Syria
2	Abou-Ali, Mohammad ²⁴⁴	September 1, 2013	Syria
3	Salmani, Mehdi ²⁴⁵	November 26, 2013	Syria
4	Torabi, Ahmad ²⁴⁶	November 26, 2013	Syria
5	Jafari, Yaser ²⁴⁷	November 26, 2013	Syria
6	Hosseini, Ali ²⁴⁸	December 8, 2013	Syria
7	Mirzaei, Najib-Allah ²⁴⁹	December 8, 2013	Syria
8	Mohseni, Ali ²⁵⁰	December 9, 2013	Syria
9	Hosseini, Shir-Aqa ²⁵¹	January 15, 2014	Syria
10	Esmaeili, Reza ²⁵²	February 1, 2014	Syria
11	Hosseini, Mohammad-Qassem ²⁵³	February 13, 2014	Syria
12	Hosseini, Mohammad-Taqi ²⁵⁴	April 8, 2014	Syria
13	Salehi, Ali ²⁵⁵	April 8, 2014	Syria

14	Shojaee, Qassem ²⁵⁶	April 17, 2014	Syria
15	Mohammadian, Nasim ²⁵⁷	April 17, 2014	Syria
16	Mohammadi, Ali-Reza ²⁵⁸	April 21, 2014	Syria
17	Rasouli, Mohammad Jomeh ²⁵⁹	May 1, 2014	Syria
18	Sajadi, Javad ²⁶⁰	May 2, 2014	Syria
19	Jafari, Zaman ²⁶¹	May 8, 2014	Syria
20	Ebrahimi, Ali-Akbar ²⁶²	May 9, 2014	Syria
21	Hosseini, Ahmad ²⁶³	May 9, 2014	Syria
22	Mahmoudi, Hossein ²⁶⁴	May 9, 2014	Syria
23	Arefi, Ahmad ²⁶⁵	May 13, 2014	Syria
24	Hosseini, Jafar ²⁶⁶	May 13, 2014	Syria
25	Hamidi, Abbas-Ali ²⁶⁷	May 16, 2014	Syria
26	Hosseini, Ali ²⁶⁸	May 16, 2014	Syria
27	Hosseini, Qorban ²⁶⁹	May 16, 2014	Syria
28	Qassemi, Nour-Mohammad ²⁷⁰	May 16, 2014	Syria
29	Mousavi, Nour-Mohammad ²⁷¹	May 16, 2014	Syria
30	Vaezi, Mojtaba ²⁷²	May 19, 2014	Syria
31	Adeli, Ali ²⁷³	June 2, 2014	Syria
32	Mortazavi, Mohammad ²⁷⁴	June 15, 2014	Syria
33	Rahimi, Mohammad-Javad ²⁷⁵	June 15, 2014	Syria
34	Hosseini, Mostafa ²⁷⁶	June 16, 2014	Syria
35	Jafari, Mostafa ²⁷⁷	June 16, 2014	Aleppo, Syria
36	Karimi, Mohammad-Shafi'e ²⁷⁸	June 16, 2014	Syria
37	Sadeqi, Hamid ²⁷⁹	June 24, 2014	Syria
38	Amanollah, Shir-Ali ²⁸⁰	June 28, 2014	Syria
39	Javadi, Hossein ²⁸¹	July 1, 2014	Syria
40	Rasouli, Heydar ²⁸²	July 4, 2014	Syria
41	Qorbani, Mohammad ²⁸³	July 4, 2014	Syria
42	Sajadi, Assadollah ²⁸⁴	July 9, 2014	Syria
43	Moradi, Najib-Allah ²⁸⁵	July 27, 2014	Syria
44	Kalani, Mahmoud ²⁸⁶	August 5, 2014	Syria
45	Mousavi, Ali-Asghar ²⁸⁷	August 10, 2014 ²⁸⁸	Syria
46	Qorbani, Boustan ²⁸⁹	August 16, 2014 ²⁹⁰	Syria
47	Ganji, Gholam-Ali ²⁹¹	August 22, 2014	Syria
48	Panahi, Gholam-Ali ²⁹²	August 22, 2014	Syria
49	Mohammadi, Sadeq	September 1, 2014	Syria
50	Mousavi, Javid ²⁹³	September 11, 2014	Syria
51	Rasouli, Aziz-Allah ²⁹⁴	September 11, 2014	Syria
52	Khodapanah, Mohamma-Hossein ²⁹⁵	September 11, 2014 ²⁹⁶	Syria
53	Akbari, Mohammad-Hossein ²⁹⁷	September 12, 2014	Syria
54	Forqani, Ali ²⁹⁸	September 15, 2014	Syria
55	Khodadai, Hafiz-Allah	September 23, 2014 ²⁹⁹	Syria

56	Rezaei, Mohammad ³⁰⁰	September 24, 2014	Syria
57	Yousefi, Asghar ³⁰¹	October 4, 2014 ³⁰²	Syria
58	Hosseini, Reza ³⁰³	October 8, 2014	Syria
59	Mohammad-Ahmadi, Gholam ³⁰⁴	October 11, 2014	Syria
60	Ahmadi, Gholam-Mohammad ³⁰⁵	October 14, 2014	Syria
61	Hosseini, Isa ³⁰⁶	October 14, 2014	Syria
62	Salimi, Hadi ³⁰⁷	October 14, 2014	Syria
63	Khademi, Mostafa ³⁰⁸	October 14, 2014	Syria
64	Shabani, Raouf ³⁰⁹	October 14, 2014	Syria
65	Hosseini, Esmaeel ³¹⁰	October 17, 2014	Syria
66	Mohammadi, Sadeq ³¹¹	October 18, 2014	Syria
67	Ebrahimi, Ali-Mohammad ³¹²	October 23, 2014	Syria
68	Samir, Seyyed ³¹³	November 29, 2014	Syria
69	Amini, Mohammad-Nader ³¹⁴	November 29, 2014	Syria
70	Rezaei, Ebrahim ³¹⁵	December 8, 2014	Syria
71	Hosseini, Mohammad-Hossein ³¹⁶	December 27, 2014	Syria
72	Hosseini, Gholam Sakhi ³¹⁷	December 20, 2014	Syria
73	Qassemi, Zavarshah ³¹⁸	December 20, 2014	Syria
74	Hosseini, Mohammad-Mehdi ³¹⁹	December 26, 2014	Syria
75	Karimi, Mostafa ³²⁰	December 26, 2014	Syria
76	Hosseini, Reza	December 30, 2014	Syria
77	Mousavi, Eshaq	December 31, 2014 ³²¹	Basri al- Harir, Syria
78	Mirzaei, Ramezan ³²²	January 8, 2015	Aleppo, Syria ³²³
79	Tavasoli, Mohammad-Reza ³²⁴	January 10, 2015	Syria
80	Gholami, Javad ³²⁵	January 10, 2015	Syria
81	Hosseini, Mohammad ³²⁶	January 21, 2015 ³²⁷	Syria
82	Hosseini, Ayatollah ³²⁸	January 25, 2015	Syria
83	Yazdani, Hamid ³²⁹	January 26, 2015 ³³⁰	Syria
84	Hezareh, Naqib-Allah ³³¹	January 29, 2015 ³³²	Syria
85	Barati, Hossein ³³³	February 3, 2015	Syria
86	Hosseini, Hassan ³³⁴	February 3, 2015	Rif, East Damascus, Syria ³³⁵
87	Sharifi, Davoud ³³⁶	February 9, 2015	East Damascus, Syria
88	Ali Mousa, Reza-Mohammad ³³⁷	February 12, 2015	Rif, Aleppo, Syria
89	Bakhshi, Reza (aka Fateh) ³³⁸	February 18, 2015	Daraa, Syria
90	Tavasoli, Ali-Reza (aka Yasini, aka Abu-Hamed) ³³⁹	February 28, 2015	Daraa, Syria
91	Rezaei, Naim ³⁴⁰	March 1, 2015	Syria
92	Hakimi, Mahmoud ³⁴¹	March 2, 2015	Syria
93	Yousefi, Javid ³⁴²	March 2, 2015	Syria

94	Najafi, Nemat-Allah ³⁴³	March 2, 2015	Syria
95	Sadat, Qassem ³⁴⁴	March 2, 2015	Syria
96	Hosseini, Hossein ³⁴⁵	March 2, 2015	Syria
97	Ghaznavi, Abouzar ³⁴⁶	March 8, 2015	Syria
98	Qorbani, Hossein ³⁴⁷	March 8, 2015	Syria
99	Nazari, Nemat ³⁴⁸	March 8, 2015	Syria
100	Shojaei, Mohammad ³⁴⁹	March 8, 2015	Syria
101	Saberi, Mehdi ³⁵⁰	March 10, 2015	Syria
102	Ahmadi, Mostafa ³⁵¹	March 12, 2015	Syria
103	Alizadeh, Ali ³⁵²	March 12, 2015	Syria
104	Mohammadi, Mohammad-Javad ³⁵³	April 15, 2015	Syria
105	Eqlabi, Salim ³⁵⁴	May 4, 2015	Syria
106	Mazloum, Qambar-Ali ³⁵⁵	May 5, 2015	Syria
107	Mohammadi, Gholam-Reza ³⁵⁶	May 8, 2015	Syria
108	Mahmoudi, Hassan	May 8, 2015	Syria
109	Hosseini, Ahmad	May 8, 2015	Syria
110	Qorbani, Taher	May 8, 2015	Syria
111	Qassemi-Dana, Hassan (aka Hassan Qassempour) ³⁵⁷	May 9, 2015	Syria
112	Sajadi, Esmaeel ³⁵⁸	May 14, 2015	Syria
113	Mirzaei, Mojtaba ³⁵⁹	June 25, 2015	Syria
114	Hosseini, Mojtaba ³⁶⁰	June 25, 2015	Syria
115	Hashemi, Mohammad-Hadi ³⁶¹	June 25, 2015	Syria
116	Farahani, Hassan ³⁶²	June 25, 2015	Syria
117	Hashemi, Sarvar ³⁶³	June 25, 2015	Syria
118	Zafardoust, Hossein ³⁶⁴	July 7, 2015	Syria
119	Hosseini, Ahmad-Ali ³⁶⁵	July 16, 2015	Syria
120	Mousavi, Rouhollah ³⁶⁶	July 17, 2015	Syria
121	Ebrahimi, Mohammad ³⁶⁷	July 23, 2015	Syria
122	Mousavi, Rouhollah (aka Peyman) ³⁶⁸	July 25, 2015	Syria
123	Amiri, Mojtaba ³⁶⁹	August 7, 2015	Syria
124	Hosseini, Kazem ³⁷⁰	August 7, 2015	Syria
125	Javadi, First name unknown ³⁷¹	August 7, 2015	Syria
126	Hosseini, Mohammad (aka Heshmat) ³⁷²	August 8, 2015	Deraa, Syria
127	Ahmadi, Mehdi ³⁷³	August 23, 2015	Syria
128	Qalandari, Salman ³⁷⁴	August 24, 2015	Syria
129	Ahmadi, Mehdi ³⁷⁵	August 24, 2015	Syria
130	Didari, Abdollah ³⁷⁶	August 24, 2015	Syria
131	Heydari, Esmaeil ³⁷⁷	August 24, 2015	Syria
132	Alizadeh, Mousa ³⁷⁸	August 27, 2015	Syria
133	Jafari, Mohammad	September 22, 2015	Syria
134	Heydari, Gholam-Hossein ³⁷⁹	September 23, 2015	Syria
135	Mousavi, Esmaeil ³⁸⁰	September 28, 2015	Syria
136	Hosseini, Nazer ³⁸¹	September 28, 2015	Syria
137	Hosseini, Sajed ³⁸²	October 8, 2015	Syria
138	Dad, Ali ³⁸³	October 8, 2015	Syria

139	Rahimi, Reza ³⁸⁴	October 8, 2015	Syria
140	Alizadeh, Ali-Asghar ³⁸⁵	October 8, 2015	Syria
141	Bakhshi, Amir ³⁸⁶	October 8, 2015	Syria
142	Beygi, Ali-Doust ³⁸⁷	October 8, 2015	Syria
143	Qorbani, Reza ³⁸⁸	October 8, 2015	Syria
144	Hosseini, Aref ³⁸⁹	October 12, 2015	Syria
145	Mardani, Yar-Mohammad ³⁹⁰	October 12, 2015	
146	Rahimi, Mohammad-Rahim ³⁹¹	October 14, 2015	Syria
147	Khademi, Mohammad-Ali ³⁹²	October 15, 2015	Syria
148	Rahim, Karbalaei-Mohammad-Rahim ³⁹³	October 15, 2015	Syria
149	Hezareh, Ali-Mohammad ³⁹⁴	October 19, 2015	Syria
150	Hosseini, Mojtaba ³⁹⁵	October 21, 2015	Syria
151	Hosseini, Seyyed-Zia ³⁹⁶	October 21, 2015	Syria
152	Gholami, Ali ³⁹⁷	October 21, 2015	Syria
153	Khavari, Reza (aka Hojjat) ³⁹⁸	October 24, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
154	Hosseini, Mohammad-Ali ³⁹⁹	October 26, 2015	Syria
155	Anvari, Heydar (aka Rostami) ⁴⁰⁰	October 27, 2015	Syria
156	Yousefi, Khan-Ali ⁴⁰¹	October 28, 2015	Aleppo, Syria
157	Karimi, Esmat-Allah ⁴⁰²	November 4, 2015	Syria
158	Hosseini, Hamid ⁴⁰³	November 4, 2015	Syria
159	Alemi, Ali ⁴⁰⁴	November 12, 2015	Syria
160	Rahimi, Ali ⁴⁰⁵	November 12, 2015	Syria
161	Yaqoubi, Ebrahim ⁴⁰⁶	November 12, 2015	Syria
162	Barati, Mohammad ⁴⁰⁷	November 12, 2015	Syria
163	Ahmadi, Mohammad-Reza ⁴⁰⁸	November 12, 2015	Syria
164	Akbari, Javad ⁴⁰⁹	November 12, 2015	Syria
165	Hosseini, Morteza ⁴¹⁰	November 20, 2015	Syria
166	Moqaddam, Sardar	November 23, 2015	Syria
167	Hashemi, Hossein ⁴¹¹	November 24, 2015	Syria
168	Rahimi, Zaher ⁴¹²	November 24, 2015	Syria
169	Modaber, Hossein ⁴¹³	November 24, 2015	Syria
170	Abbasi, Nour-Mohammad ⁴¹⁴	November 25, 2015	Syria
171	Babaei, Zabih-Allah ⁴¹⁵	November 27, 2015	Syria
172	Heydari, Zaker ⁴¹⁶	November 30, 2015	Syria
173	Shah-Rezaei, Habib ⁴¹⁷	November 30, 2015	Syria
174	Akbari, Fakhr al-Din ⁴¹⁸	November 30, 2015	Syria
175	Jomeh-Mohammadi, Mohammad ⁴¹⁹	November 30, 2015	Syria
176	Heydari, Habib-Allah ⁴²⁰		Syria
177	Hakimi, Mohammad ⁴²¹		Syria
178	Hosseini, Seyyed Zia ⁴²²		Syria

Table 3: Shiite Pakistani nationals of the Zeinabiyoun Brigade of the IRGC-QF killed in combat in Iraq and Syria in chronological order, June 14, 2014 – November 20, 2015

	Name	Approximate date of death (on or prior to)	Place of death
1	Hossein, Javid ⁴²³	June 27, 2014	Samarra, Iraq
2	Ali, Vejhat ⁴²⁴	November 1, 2014	Samarra, Iraq
3	Heydar, Zishan ⁴²⁵	November 1, 2014	Samarra, Iraq
4	Hossein, Baqer ⁴²⁶	November 22, 2014	Syria
5	Name unknown ⁴²⁷	November 22, 2014	Syria
6	Name unknown ⁴²⁸	November 22, 2014	Syria
7	Hossein, Adel ⁴²⁹	February 6, 2015	Syria
8	Hossein, Jamil ⁴³⁰	April 11, 2015	Syria
9	Ali, Qader ⁴³¹	April 11, 2015	Syria
10	Hossein, Qabel ⁴³²	April 11, 2015	Syria
11	Hossein, Javid ⁴³³	April 11, 2015	Syria
12	Hossein, Baqer ⁴³⁴	April 11, 2015	Syria
13	Hossein, Taher ⁴³⁵	April 25, 2015	Syria
14	Hossein, Hadi ⁴³⁶	April 25, 2015	Syria
15	Darwish, Nowrouz-Ali ⁴³⁷	April 25, 2015	Syria
16	Shah, Razi ⁴³⁸	April 25, 2015	Syria
17	Ali, Shahadat ⁴³⁹	April 25, 2015	Syria
18	Name unknown ⁴⁴⁰	April 25, 2015	Syria
19	Name unknown ⁴⁴¹	April 25, 2015	Syria
20	Hossein, Sajed ⁴⁴²	May 27, 2015	Syria
21	Hassan, Seyyed ⁴⁴³	June 26, 2015	Syria
22	Hossein, Monir ⁴⁴⁴	June 26, 2015	Syria
23	Hossein, Emtiaz ⁴⁴⁵	June 26, 2015	Syria
24	Hossein, Aqid ⁴⁴⁶	June 26, 2015	Syria
25	Hossein, Momtaz ⁴⁴⁷	June 26, 2015	Syria
26	Saqi, Hassan ⁴⁴⁸	June 26, 2015	Syria
27	Khan, Sartaj ⁴⁴⁹	November 12, 2015	Syria
28	Hossein, Navid ⁴⁵⁰	November 12, 2015	Syria
29	Hossein, Seyyed Ershad ⁴⁵¹	November 12, 2015	Syria
30	Hossein, Kamel ⁴⁵²	November 28, 2015	Syria
31	Hossein, Javid ⁴⁵³	November 28, 2015	Syria
32	Ali, Mobin ⁴⁵⁴	November 28, 2015	Syria
33	Hossein, Mottahar ⁴⁵⁵	November 28, 2015	Syria
34	Hossein, Mazaher ⁴⁵⁶	November 28, 2015	Syria
35	Hossein, Shafiq ⁴⁵⁷	November 28, 2015	Syria
36	Hassan, Etezar ⁴⁵⁸	November 28, 2015	Syria

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