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Since the Arab uprising in 2011, many governments have seen turmoil in the Middle East. None of them remained peaceful, but the Syrian civil war has seen- the deadliest of the crisis. Multi-parties are involved in the crisis, but the astonishing thing to look into is the human rights violations of the Assad regime. The unfortunate and surprising fact is that the Assad regime is involved in many criminal activities against their people which are several violations of the fundamental human rights.

 **Criminal activities of the Assad regime**

According to the Rome Statute of the International court, ‘depriving anyone of his right to live peacefully and killing the unarmed is a violation of the human rights(Arsanjani, 1999). Many innocent civilians have been executed to date, and many are living on the verge of collapse. The Assad regime, which is an ally of the Russian government, in the conflict have remained involved in the indiscriminate bombing of the civilian. They have bombed residential areas, schools,hospitals, and community areas, where they thought, their enemies should be resting (Weiss, 2014). Both the Syrian government led by President Assad and the Russian government on the other side have used cluster ammunition and barrel bombs. Such use of indiscriminate bombing is criminal activity by all the International norms and a swear violation of the fundamental human rights.

**Type of Crime**

The targeting of the unarmed and the use of violence indiscriminately comes under the violation of human rights and is a crime against humanity. The article seven, clause one of the Rome statue mentions it as the crime against humanity(Arsanjani, 1999), whereas the article eight, clause two calls it a war crime(Arsanjani, 1999). Therefore, the actions of the Syrian government against its unarmed civilians are both acts against humanity and the war crimes also.

**Justification by the Assad regime -raison d'etat**

An analysis of the Syrian civil war explains that many parties are in a fight against one another, in Syria. Many of them have committed a severe crime against unarmed civilians. But, the Assad government has remained involved in the killing of the many. They have been highlighted much because they have used massive power that killed their people. The Syrian authorities claim that they have been doing this to retain the International law in Syria(Kassab, 2018). They also claim that they are facing rebellion and their acts justify that they are not working against humanity(Kassab, 2018).

The killing of unarmed Syrian people by their government presents a perfect case study of criminal activities by any government. Such acts have never been observed in history and therefore needs remodeling of the international law.

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