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## RANIA ALABBASI AND HER FAMILY Syria

Rania Alabbasi is a successful dentist in Damascus, Syria, and a busy mother of six children: Dima, Entisar, Najah, Alaa, Ahmad and Layan, all aged between 3 and 15. On 9 March 2013, Syrian government agents came to her home and took away her husband. Two days later, they came for her and her children. None of them has been heard of since.

The Syrian authorities have refused to give Rania's relatives any information about what has happened, or where they are now. Her sister Naila can only speculate why they were arrested: "She didn't belong to any opposition party or go to any demonstrations. She was always there to help others."

As the crisis in Syria has escalated, there has been a massive increase in brutality across the country. Thousands of people are missing after



being detained by state forces or captured by armed groups. Torture in custody is rampant and thousands are believed to have died as a result.

The Syrian government has so far ignored a 2014 UN resolution calling for an end to these so-called "enforced disappearances".

Help shame Syria into releasing Rania's six children immediately and unconditionally. Rania must also be released or given a fair trial for whatever she is alleged to have done.





## Write to President Assad of Syria

Call for Rania Alabbasi to be released or tried fairly for an internationally recognized offence. Insist that Syria releases Rania's six children immediately and unconditionally.

President Bashar al-Assad c/o His Excellency Bashar Ja'afari, Ph.D. Syria UN Permanent Representative 820 Second Avenue, 15th Floor New York, NY 10017, USA

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## Send a message of support

Send your message to us or directly to the UN Syria Permanent Representative at the address above. Asking him to forward it to the family is a powerful way to highlight that we do not know where the family is.

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