

Annual Report

2014

About Omran

- Began in November 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- An independent think-tank that publishes studies and policy briefs regarding Syrian and regional affairs in the areas of politics, economic development, and local administration.
- Conducts round-table discussions, seminars and workshops that promote a more systematic and methodical culture of decision making among future leaders of Syria.

Our Vision

An **independent** think tank and **policy center** focusing on presenting an objective understanding of Syria and the region to become a reference for **public policies impacting the region**.

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Objectives

- Support decision-making mechanism and presenting strategies on Syrian Affairs.
- Provide practical solutions and **policy recommendations** to **decision-makers**.
- Publish policy studies that identify challenges within the Syrian context and the region, and foresee scenarios and alternatives solutions.
- Publish papers in **Arabic, English and Turkish** and interact with other policy centers.
- Contribute in the **accumulation of knowledge** that best serves the Syrian issue.

Tracks



Politics and International Relations



Economics and Development



Local Administration & Promotion of Democracy

How We Work

- Conducts up-to-date analysis of political and social developments in Syria and the region using a dynamic and objective methodology based on direct access to information on-the-ground and abroad.
- Widely circulates its publications to key opinion leaders and networks more than 40 sites re-publish Omran products with over 30,000 readers.
- Provides a bridge building platform for Syrian policy makers, human rights activists, local council members, and thinkers to exchange and develop new ideas and solutions for challenges faced by Syrians.
- Issues original products in **Arabic**, **Turkish**, and **English**.

Omran's Output 2014





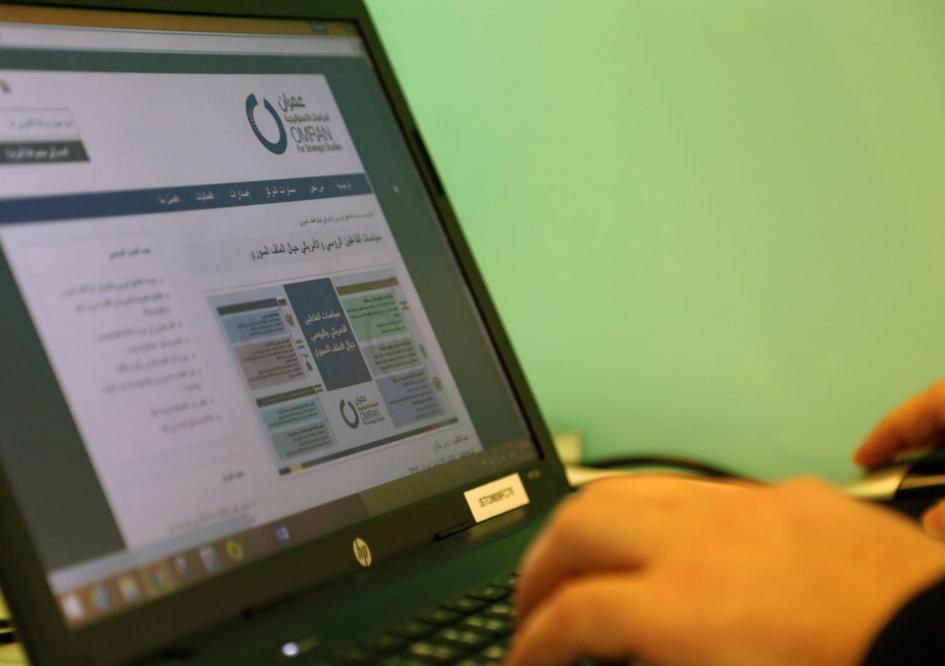








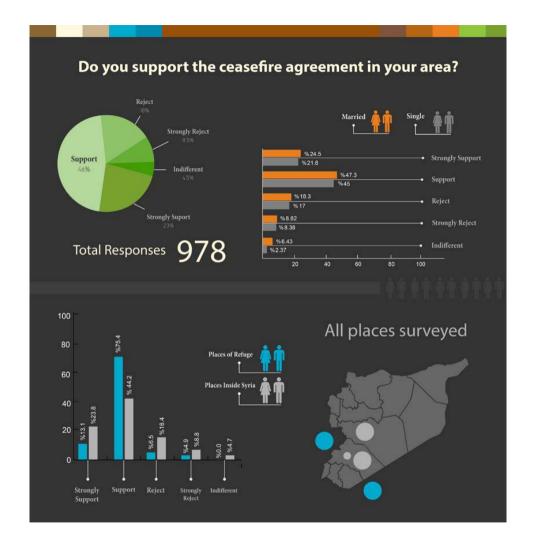




Cease Fire Agreements Poll

- Omran published a first study of its kind in this regard entitled "Cease Fire Agreements (CFA) in Syria: Reality and Horizons", issued on 25 February 2014. The increasing number of cease fire agreements that were reached in Rural Damascus, prompted Omran to undertake a more in-depth analytical study on CFA's based on a field survey. The poll was conducted in coordination with the Syrian Center for Research and Statistics and collected from 1,026 randomly selected individuals over 5 weeks during July and August 2014. The survey questions focused on three main tracks to analyze CFA's from a political, economic, social, and legal aspects.
- Omran published **three analytical studies** on the results of the poll concluding that CFA's **do not present a sustainable and comprehensive solution** to the crisis, but rather a **"band aid"** temporary last resort for residents.

Sample of the poll results



"Major Shifts in the Levant" by Dr. Mazen Hashem



Events Aattended by Omran



International Affairs and Its Impact on The Future of Human Rights

Conference

Syracuse, Italy



Conference on The International and Regional Impact on Politics and Economics

Doha, Qatar



The State and Society
Convention
Istanbul, Turkey



The Continuously Changing Middle East Conference Istanbul, Turkey



The Syrian Revolution Challenges Scientists Center for Strategic Studies Istanbul, Turkey

Information Unit

- Provides **information support services** to SF institutions.
- Specializes in the monitoring, collection, initial analysis, summarization and archiving of relevant data in various languages.
- Produces **highly accessible** and **timely** info-graphs and reports.

Information Unit's Output 2014



256 Special Reports (Arabic)



217 Special Reports (English)



Over 50 daily reports on the international strikes in Syria



Over **260** daily news monitoring reports









