

I am very much concerned to know that at least 41 women, 56 children, and two young men were abducted on 4 August and taken as hostages by some of your groups.

I would like to urge the SNC to condemn in the strongest possible terms the taking of civilian hostages in the Latakia governorate

You will be called on to act swiftly to identify the armed groups responsible and the exact locations where they are holding the hostages and to take immediate action to secure their release.

Your prompt attention and action on this very grave issue will be highly appreciated.

Faithfully yours,