

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-03808-RC**

SYRIA JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY CENTRE v.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE et al
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/22/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

**SYRIA JUSTICE AND
ACCOUNTABILITY CENTRE**

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V.

Defendant

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Defendant

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
STATE**

represented by **Anna Davis Walker**
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/22/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10578872) filed by SYRIA JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY CENTRE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons)(Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 12/22/2023)
12/26/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zljn) (Entered: 12/26/2023)
12/26/2023	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to All Defendants, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zljn) (Entered: 12/26/2023)
01/25/2024	<u>3</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Walker, Anna) (Entered: 01/25/2024)
01/25/2024		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and submit a proposed briefing schedule (not 16.3 report) on or before February 8, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 01/25/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 01/25/2024)

02/01/2024	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE served on 1/24/2024 (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 02/01/2024)
02/01/2024	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 1/24/2024 (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 02/01/2024)
02/01/2024	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 01/25/2024. (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 02/01/2024)
02/01/2024	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 1/25/2024. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/24/2024. (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 02/01/2024)
02/08/2024	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 02/08/2024)
02/09/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>8</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before March 8, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 02/09/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 02/09/2024)
02/22/2024	<u>9</u>	ERRATA by SYRIA JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY CENTRE re <u>1</u> Complaint,. (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 02/22/2024)
03/07/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 03/07/2024)
03/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before April 18, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 03/08/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 03/08/2024)
04/18/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 04/18/2024)
04/19/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>11</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before June 5, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 04/19/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 04/19/2024)
06/05/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 06/05/2024)
06/05/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>12</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before July 19, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 06/05/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 06/05/2024)
06/20/2024	<u>13</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal of <i>Defendant United States Department of Defense</i> by SYRIA JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY CENTRE. (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 06/20/2024)
07/19/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 07/19/2024)
07/19/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before September 4, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 07/19/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 07/19/2024)

09/04/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 09/04/2024)
09/05/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 15, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/05/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 09/05/2024)
09/16/2024	<u>16</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear <i>Law Student Appearance</i> by SYRIA JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY CENTRE (Gutman, Jeffrey) Modified event on 9/17/2024 (znmw). (Entered: 09/16/2024)
09/17/2024		NOTICE OF ERROR regarding <u>16</u> Notice (Other). Please note the following: Incorrect event. In the future, please use the event Motion to Appear. (znmw) (Entered: 09/17/2024)
09/17/2024	<u>17</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear student attorney <i>Melis Ulusel</i> by SYRIA JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY CENTRE. (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 09/17/2024)
09/17/2024	<u>18</u>	ORDER granting <u>17</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Student Attorney Melis Ulusel. See document for details. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/17/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 09/17/2024)
09/17/2024	<u>19</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Law Student Certification <i>for Nicholas Kitevski</i> by SYRIA JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY CENTRE. (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 09/17/2024)