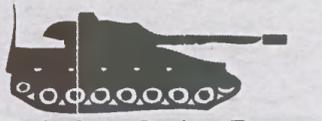


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Rebel vs. Syrian Forces
116,000 vs. 337,500



Syrian Armed Forces
178,000



General Security Directorate
8,000



Shabiha militiamen
10,000



National Defense Force
80,000



al-Abbas brigade
10,000



Jaysh al-Sha'bi
50,000



Hezbollah
1,500



Free Syrian Army
50,000



Syrian Islamic Liberation Front
37,000



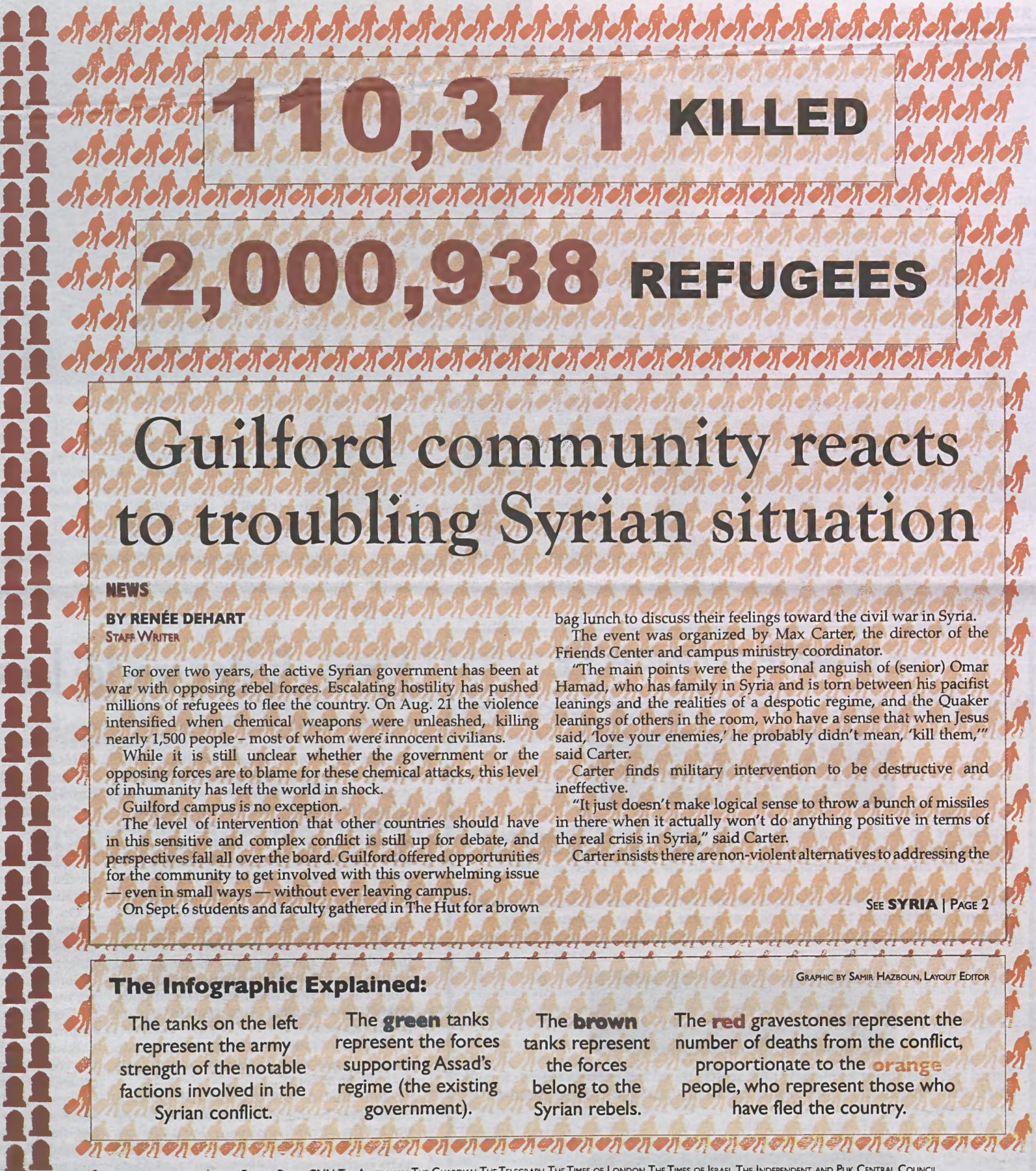
Syrian Islamic Front
13,000



Al-Nusra Front
6,000



Foreign Mujahideen
10,000



NEWS

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For over two years, the active Syrian government has been at war with opposing rebel forces. Escalating hostility has pushed millions of refugees to flee the country. On Aug. 21 the violence intensified when chemical weapons were unleashed, killing nearly 1,500 people — most of whom were innocent civilians.

While it is still unclear whether the government or the opposing forces are to blame for these chemical attacks, this level of inhumanity has left the world in shock.

Guilford campus is no exception.

The level of intervention that other countries should have in this sensitive and complex conflict is still up for debate, and perspectives fall all over the board. Guilford offered opportunities for the community to get involved with this overwhelming issue — even in small ways — without ever leaving campus.

On Sept. 6 students and faculty gathered in The Hut for a brown

bag lunch to discuss their feelings toward the civil war in Syria.

The event was organized by Max Carter, the director of the Friends Center and campus ministry coordinator.

“The main points were the personal anguish of (senior) Omar Hamad, who has family in Syria and is torn between his pacifist leanings and the realities of a despotic regime, and the Quaker leanings of others in the room, who have a sense that when Jesus said, ‘love your enemies,’ he probably didn’t mean, ‘kill them,’” said Carter.

Carter finds military intervention to be destructive and ineffective.

“It just doesn’t make logical sense to throw a bunch of missiles in there when it actually won’t do anything positive in terms of the real crisis in Syria,” said Carter.

Carter insists there are non-violent alternatives to addressing the

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The Infographic Explained:

The **tanks** on the left represent the army strength of the notable factions involved in the Syrian conflict.

The **green** tanks represent the forces supporting Assad’s regime (the existing government).

The **brown** tanks represent the forces belong to the Syrian rebels.

The **red** gravestones represent the number of deaths from the conflict, proportionate to the **orange** people, who represent those who have fled the country.

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